The Licentiate in Canon Law degree (JCL) at Saint Paul University is an ecclesiastical program governed by the apostolic constitution Veritatis gaudium and other norms of the Holy See. The degree consists of 75 course credits, 66 of which are from compulsory courses. The JCL degree enables clergy, religious, and lay persons to hold a variety of roles in tribunals and diocesan curias. It also prepares them to serve as key leaders and advisors in dioceses, religious institutes, societies of apostolic life, and various Catholic organizations.

WHY CHOOSE SAINT PAUL UNIVERSITY?

- Intimate classes and low student-teacher ratio
- Safe, secure, and friendly campus with personalized services
- Bilingual setting in the heart of Ottawa, Canada’s National Capital
- Diverse student population and international vision
- Solid reputation, history and Catholic tradition
- Generous admission scholarships for those who qualify

WHY OBTAIN A LICENTIATE IN CANON LAW FROM SAINT PAUL UNIVERSITY?

- SPU is the only university in Canada offering a JCL.
- SPU is the only university that provides a variety of program delivery options, including distance education.
- SPU is the only university in North America offering Canon Law studies both in English and in French.
- SPU is the only establishment fostering a theoretical and practical pastoral approach to Canon Law that includes practical courses, internships, seminars and workshops.

- SPU’s Faculty of Canon Law is composed of international teaching personnel, actively involved in serving the Church beyond the walls of the University by their publications and expert advice to the Holy See, to bishops and religious superiors, as well as to clergy and laity alike.
- SPU houses the Centre for Canonical Services, offering canonical consultative support to religious institutes and diocesan authorities.
- SPU offers a convenient and cost-effective means to pursue canon law studies.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Students admitted to the program have 3 options to complete the requirements of the JCL:

A. CAMPUS OPTION
Students achieve the JCL in 6 semesters on campus (fall, winter, and spring) spanning 2 calendar years.

B. DISTANCE-CAMPUS OPTION:
3 SPRING SESSIONS ON CAMPUS
Students take distance education courses over 4 fall and winter sessions, and campus courses for 4 intensive spring sessions.

C. DISTANCE-CAMPUS OPTION:
LAST 4 SESSIONS ON CAMPUS
Students take distance education courses over 3 fall and winter sessions, followed by 4 consecutive sessions on campus: spring, fall, winter, spring.

SIMULTANEOUS CIVIL DIPLOMAS

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