

MEDIA RELEASE

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A COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY DIPLOMA IN FOUR YEARS: IT'S POSSIBLE!

AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN SAINT PAUL UNIVERSITY, LA CITÉ AND COLLÈGE BORÉAL

Ottawa, February 1, 2017 – To help college students make the transition to university studies, Saint Paul University, La Cité and Collège Boréal today signed a new framework agreement formalizing the systematic granting of university credits to graduates of programs offered at La Cité and Collège Boréal.

Thanks to this new agreement, which affects four Saint Paul University programs (*B.A. in Social Communication, B.A. in Conflict Studies, B.A. in Public Ethics, and B.A. in Human Relations and Spirituality*), graduates of La Cité and Collège Boréal can take advantage of 32 new agreements leading to university studies. Furthermore, 4 existing agreements will be enriched.

In this way, college and university students will now have access to a wide array of additional options to complete their “2 + 2” academic journey: a college diploma and a B.A. in four years.

For example, graduates of La Cité in *Techniques de réadaptation et de justice pénale* will receive up to 60 credits if they decide to do a *B.A. in Human Relations and Spirituality* at Saint Paul University. Graduates of Collège Boréal in *Études sur la paix et les conflits* can now receive up to 60 credits if they choose to do a *B.A. in Conflict Studies* at Saint Paul University.

Detailed explanations of the new and modified agreements are attached to this media release (see appendix 1 and appendix 2).

The Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT) is working with the 44 post-secondary educational institutions funded by the provincial government to improve education pathways for students and to reduce the obstacles for those seeking to transfer credits.

To find out more about the recognition of credits in Ontario, visit www.ONTransfer.ca.

Quotes

“Students are looking for the possibility of getting good jobs quickly and having a promising career path. Employers are looking for people who have both practical and theoretical knowledge, who are able to work and reflect on their work. That is what this double degree offers, by ensuring the formation of a highly qualified workforce.”

Chantal Beauvais, rector, Saint Paul University

“La Cité is very excited to be continuing its collaboration with Saint Paul University to give our students greater mobility. The 20 new agreements being added to the 13 that are already in place are a sign of the success of the partnership between our two institutions. I am thrilled that these agreements promote access to a greater number of complementary programs for our students who want to complete their training at the university level. I would like to thank the various stakeholders for the work accomplished over the past few years.”

Lise Bourgeois, president, La Cité

“Collège Boréal is committed to increasing student mobility, and we are especially proud of our agreements with other French-language institutions. The bilateral transfer path of the *Études sur la paix et les conflits* (Collège Boréal) and Conflict Studies (Saint Paul University) programs promotes student transferability for both institutions, which can only benefit the francophone community in Ontario!”

Daniel Giroux, president, Collège Boréal



From left to right : Daniel Giroux, president, Collège Boréal, Lise Bourgeois, president, La Cité, and Chantal Beauvais, rector, Saint Paul University.

In brief

About Saint Paul University

Saint Paul University is the founding college of the University of Ottawa (1848), with which it has been federated since 1965. Bilingual and on a human scale, it offers programs in canon law, conflict studies, counselling and psychotherapy, human relations, philosophy, public ethics, social communication, and theology. In 2017, it will officially launch its school of social innovation.

About La Cité

As a flagship for French-language college education in Ontario, La Cité, the college of applied arts and technology, makes student success a priority by offering students state-of-the-art facilities and a learning environment based on modern, hands-on practices that are aimed towards the future. Graduates of La Cité are recognized as being competent, engaged and creative, able to contribute to economic, social and economic development throughout Ontario, Canada and internationally.

About Collège Boréal

Founded in 1995, Collège Boréal is a post-secondary French-language training and educational institution that works for the sustainable development of the francophone community in Ontario. Collège Boréal offers a unique one-stop service on 7 campuses and at 36 access centres in 25 communities. More than 70 articulation agreements have been established between Collège Boréal and other post-secondary institutions. Of all the colleges in the province, Boréal has the highest rate of student satisfaction, the highest rate of diploma completion, the highest rate of satisfaction by its graduates, and the highest rate of obtaining employment.

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