

Studies in Canon Law

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Why study canon law at Saint Paul University?

- For its excellent reputation, its experience, its history and its Catholic tradition
- For its small classes and its low student/professor ratio
- For its diverse student population, which brings an international perspective

The international teaching personnel of the Faculty of Canon Law is 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.

Twice a year, the Faculty publishes the journal *Studia canonica*. This publication is the only canon law journal in Canada and it enjoys a solid international reputation.

SPU is empowered by the Holy See to offer three ecclesiastical degrees: the Baccalaureate in Canon Law (JCB), the Licentiate in Canon Law (JCL), and the Doctorate in Canon Law (JCD).

In conjunction with the University of Ottawa, SPU also offers simultaneously two civil degrees: the Master in Canon Law (MCL) and the Doctor of Philosophy in Canon Law (PhD).

Students may also opt for three civil graduate diplomas:

- Graduate Diploma in Canon Law;
- Graduate Diploma in Canonical Practice; and
- Graduate Diploma in Ecclesiastical Administration.



Canon Law – What is it?

Canon law is the law which governs the Catholic Church. Pope John Paul II promulgated the Code of Canon Law (for the Latin Catholic Church) in 1983, and the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches (for the several Eastern Catholic Churches) in 1990. These books provide general norms to govern the world-wide Catholic Church. The program between Saint Paul University (SPU) and The Australian Institute of Theological Education (BBI) provides a thorough understanding of the 1983 Latin Code, and presents the fundamentals of the 1990 Eastern Code.

In 2002, the Holy See promulgated new norms for the teaching of canon law. These required a complete revision and expansion of the programs offered at SPU, effective 2004–2005. The programs and description of courses at SPU reflect the application of the new norms.

Licentiate in Canon Law (JCL)

The Licentiate in Canon Law [Latin: *Juris Canonici Licentia* (JCL)] is the title of an advanced graduate degree with canonical effects in the Roman Catholic Church, offered by Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Canada.

Students pursuing the ecclesiastical JCL will be concurrently enrolled in and complete the civil Master of Canon Law (MCL) during their course of studies. The JCL is conferred by SPU. The MCL is granted jointly by SPU and the University of Ottawa, which is federated with Saint Paul University.

The JCL curriculum covers all the canons of the Latin Code, together with appropriate study of the Eastern Code.

Canon Law is considered a key ecclesiastical framework for the Church's pastoral practice, governance and for understanding the rights and responsibilities of Church membership.

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.

Graduates of the JCL curriculum will bring significant value to their organisations and most importantly, will be formed to understand Canon Law accurately and to apply it soundly in concrete, pastoral settings. The SPU Faculty of Canon Law is committed to canonical formation which is both profoundly scholarly and pastorally practical.

Pre-requisites for the JCL can be found on the BBI website, under Higher Education, Studies in Canon Law or use the QR code below.



Graduate Diplomas in Canon Law

The Faculty of Canon Law at Saint Paul University, offers three graduate diplomas to provide a specialisation in canon law in accordance with education and career needs.

- Graduate Diploma in Canon Law (GDCL)
- Graduate Diploma in Canonical Practice (GDGP)
- Graduate Diploma in Ecclesiastical Administration (GDEA)

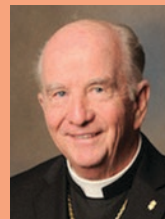
The Graduate Diplomas are granted jointly by Saint Paul University and the University of Ottawa, under the terms of the federation agreement between them.

Graduate Diplomas may be pursued online, though there may be on-campus intensive components from time to time which will be held in Sydney.

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“By establishing order in the Church, the Code of Canon Law becomes a central instrument of the Church’s life and vitality, placing special emphasis on the centrality of faith, grace and the charisms. Canon law therefore has a vital responsibility of strengthening and integrating the life of the Church in accordance with the spirit of the Gospel.”



**Most Reverend
Robert M McGuckin**
*Chairman for the Bishops
Commission for Canon Law
Australian Catholic Bishops
Conference*



Flexible online study, from the comfort of your own hemisphere!

The partnership between BBI and SPU provides many benefits for students throughout Australia, New Zealand, and the entire Asia-Pacific region. These include the convenience of studying from home, the flexibility to work and study and the reduction in loss of productivity and income during the duration of the degree. In addition, it removes the need to travel and live overseas for several weeks each year, over multiple years, which would require relocation costs, flights, accommodation and international health insurance. Students from New Zealand and Asia-Pacific will enjoy reduced travel distance and costs, coming to Australia. Affordable accommodation is available within a ten-minute walk of the BBI campus, during annual residentials.

Benefit from blended mode study

Students will study online through SPU and on the BBI campus – an experience that will enhance the integration of canonical formation through interaction with professors and other students. The BBI campus components will be taught at BBI's premises in Pennant Hills, Sydney, where the library will also be made available for students. Once enrolled, students have access to a vast collection of online library resources. SPU delivers course content, assesses coursework, and grades students in all courses. Visiting professors from SPU (or other SPU-approved lecturers) will teach at the BBI campus.

The partnership between BBI and SPU is the first international one of its kind. It allows Australians and New Zealanders to obtain a dual degree in Canon Law, a pontifical degree from SPU and a civil one from the University of Ottawa without the need to travel and live overseas.



Sr Maria Casey,
President of
the Canon
Law Society of
Australia and
New Zealand

Who should apply?

- Bishops and Auxiliary Bishops
- Vicars General, Vicars Forane, Episcopal Vicars
- Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors
- Priests, Religious, and Permanent Deacons
- Diocesan and Religious Institute Financial and Business Administrators
- Tribunal Workers
- Parish Leaders
- Church Agency Leaders
- Heads of Mission
- Civil Lawyers or other professional persons working for, consulting to, or assisting dioceses, religious institutes, ecclesiastical organisations and Catholic agencies
- Members, Directors, Trustees and Officers of Public Juridic Persons/ Ministerial Juridic Persons
- Members of other Governing Church Boards or Committees, including Trustees

Join the Asia-Pacific student cohort to study Canon Law in Australia

Semester one starts in **September each year** with online coursework. You will receive all information by email, including a detailed program outline, login and instructions.

The BBI campus course is scheduled for August each year, set in the leafy suburb of Pennant Hills, in Sydney's north. The on-campus course will run for two weeks. There will be one campus course per annum for three years, and two campus courses in the fourth year. BBI Student Services will be able to assist students with flights, accommodation and dietary requirements during the residential seminars.

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To Enrol

To enrol in the JCL or any of the Graduate Diplomas through SPU-BBI, please begin by completing the Expression of Interest form (EOI). This will allow us to organise the Asia-Pacific cohort, to hold your place for the BBI campus course, and to contact you at the appropriate time to make travel and accommodation arrangements. *The EOI is not the Application Form*, it does not commit you to the program, and it does not require a deposit. The application for admission to the program must be made directly to SPU Admission.

Expression of Interest Form

PERSONAL DETAILS

• Please print clearly. • The name and organisation provided will appear on your documentation, including name tags for the residential seminars. • Confirmation of your Expression of Interest will be sent to the email nominated. • Please provide your phone numbers in case we need to contact you.

Title	
First Name	
Surname	
Organisation	
Diocese	
Preferred mailing address	
Suburb	
State	Postcode
Email (please print)	
Mobile	Landline Ph

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

- I am interested in applying for the following program commencing at the next available intake. Please have Saint Paul University contact me with the application information.
- Licentiate in Canon Law Graduate Diploma in Canonical Practice (GDGP)
- Graduate Diploma of Canon Law (GDCL) Graduate Diploma in Ecclesiastical Administration (GDEA)
- Please hold my place in the BBI campus course to commence in August, each year.
- I may require assistance with travel and accommodation arrangements for the residential program.

For Multiple Expressions of Interest from the same organisation please photocopy this form and complete all Personal Details for all delegates.

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