

# General Information

## Characteristics

Bishop's is a predominantly residential university whose primary concern is offering to undergraduate students a quality education in arts, sciences, business administration, and education. Its academic programs are broadly based and stress the interrelationships of disciplines rather than their specializations. The residential aspect and small size of the University encourage an informal atmosphere in academic and social situations. Emphasis is placed on personal contact between faculty and students through small classes and frequent use of seminars, laboratories and tutorials. Self-directed study is encouraged with student research projects and special independent study programs. Approximately 2,260 full-time and part-time students were enrolled in Bishop's courses in 2008-09.

## Location

Bishop's University is attractively situated in the Sherbrooke borough of Lennoxville, amid the rolling hills of the Eastern Townships of southern Quebec. The campus occupies a 500-acre tract at the junction of the St. Francis and Massawippi rivers, bordered on the west by Lennoxville and on the east by open countryside. Several lakes, bike trails, and numerous ski resorts within short driving distances supplement the recreational facilities on the campus.

## Origin and Development

The University was founded as Bishop's College in 1843 under the sponsorship of the Right Reverend G. J. Mountain, third Anglican Bishop of Quebec, with the assistance of a group of clergy and laymen of the Eastern Townships. According to the intention of its founders, Bishop's was to have two functions: "to offer to the country at large the blessing of a sound and liberal education" and to provide training for the clergy. Ten years later, in 1853, the College received a royal charter granting it the right to confer degrees.

The early development of Bishop's was gradual. Its original grant of land, forty acres, was donated by Lieutenant-Colonel William Morris. On this site, the first building, consisting of the five central bays of what is now McGreer Hall, was erected and occupied in 1846. The chapel was consecrated in 1857, an Arts Building in 1861 (destroyed by fire in 1891), a New Arts Building (now the Johnson Building) and Divinity House in 1892. The first degrees granted by Bishop's, in 1854, were in Arts and Divinity. In 1871, a medical faculty was established in Montreal, which functioned until 1905 when it was merged with the Medical Faculty of McGill University. A small Faculty of Law awarded 15 degrees between 1881 and 1888. Specialized programs in Professional Education and in the Natural Sciences were introduced in the 1920's.

The administration of Bishop's remained under the aegis of the Church of England until 1947 when the Corporation of the University was reconstituted as a nondenominational body.

In 1949, an extensive development program was initiated with public support. Most of the present facilities have been constructed since that time: Norton Hall and Pollack Hall residences, the Memorial Gymnasium (now Memorial House, part of the students' centre) and the central heating plant in 1949-50; the John Bassett Memorial Library, Mackinnon Hall residence and several faculty houses in 1958-59; the W.B. Scott Memorial Rink in 1961; the Jasper H. Nicolls Arts Building, the John Hamilton Administration Building and Bishop Mountain House students' centre in 1962-63; Abbott Hall, Kuehner Hall and Munster Hall residences in 1964-66; a new wing to the Andrew S. Johnson Science Building in 1966; the Centennial Theatre in 1967; an addition to the John Bassett Memorial Library in 1970; a new football stadium in 1971; the John H. Price Sports and Recreation Centre in 1975; Marjorie Donald House, a new wing of the students' centre, in 1977. The Molson Fine Arts Building and an extension to the library were added in 1990. The Centennial Theatre was renovated and expanded to include an Art Gallery in 1991. In 1998, improvements were made to Memorial House and Marjorie Donald House, which now form part of the University Centre. An apartment-style residence, Paterson Hall, was opened in the fall of 2003.

Since 1949, the student body and faculty have more than trebled in size. Many new programs have been introduced, including a Bachelor's degree program in Business Administration, numerous specialization options, and a variety of inter-disciplinary programs. In 1970, following the institution of colleges of general and vocational education (CEGEPs) at the preuniversity level in Quebec, Bishop's, along with other universities in the Province, reorganized its undergraduate programs to lead to the Bachelor's degree in three years of study beyond the collegial level.

Thus, Bishop's University had its beginnings more than a century and a half ago as a private college supported by the Church of England. During its early development, a strong humanistic tradition was established in its programs and teaching. Since 1949, the University has evolved rapidly as part of a provincially-supported system of higher education. Bishop's assumes a distinctive role in this system as a relatively small and residential university with broadly-based programs. Bishop's aims to offer a well-rounded liberal education adapted to the needs and opportunities of the day.

## **Academic Organization**

Bishop's has integrated its academic resources into a single faculty to facilitate communication in academic affairs within the University and to provide maximum flexibility in the design of programs. Academic disciplines (e.g. history, geography, biology) are represented by departments which are grouped into three areas — Arts and Science (including the Divisions of Humanities, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social Sciences), the Williams School of Business, and the School of Education.

## **Programs**

Bishop's undergraduate programs lead to Bachelor's degrees in arts, science, business and science, education and business administration. Subjects offered for Honours or Major specialization in arts include biology, business administration, classical studies, drama, economics, education, English, environmental studies and geography, Études françaises et québécoises, fine arts, German studies, hispanic studies, history, liberal arts, modern languages, mathematics, music, philosophy, political economy, political studies, psychology, religion, sociology and gender studies. In science, the major subjects are biochemistry, biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, physics and psychology (neuroscience). Interdisciplinary concentrations or minor specializations are also possible in many areas, including a unique Liberal Arts-Engineering program offered in collaboration with the Université de Sherbrooke.

Students may design their programs within a broad framework of options. A student may opt to major in a single subject — e.g. English, psychology, or chemistry; in a group of subjects represented by a division of the University — e.g. humanities, natural sciences, or social sciences; or in some combination of subjects from more than one division — e.g. geography and history, or mathematics and music. Honours programs are offered in many subjects. Major or honours and minor specializations may be combined in a program.

In addition to offering undergraduate programs leading to the B.Ed. degree, the School of Education prepares graduates for the Master of Arts in Education, and the Master of Education.

## **Part-Time Studies**

Bishop's University is dedicated to fulfilling the lifelong learning needs of community part-time students, and offers courses in Knowlton and St. Lambert as well as on the Lennoxville campus. Its mission is to assure accessibility within the Eastern Townships to high quality educational programs for adult learners pursuing part-time degree and certificate studies and those seeking personal and professional development. A variety of degree courses are offered year round in the Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer sessions.

## **Undergraduate Scholarship Program**

The Bishop's University Scholarship program includes both Entrance and Second/Third Year Scholarships. All scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic standing only, with no consideration of financial need, and are available to students currently studying in Canada and the United States.

The Entrance program offers scholarships to CEGEP and high school students enrolling for the first time at Bishop's. These scholarships may be held for their full University program by qualified students.

The Second/Third year program offers scholarships each year to qualified students who did not receive Entrance Scholarships. These awards are based on their academic standing at the end of their first or second year at Bishop's, and are also renewable for the remainder of their University program by students who maintain a first class standing.

For more detailed information on these and other awards, please refer to the Scholarships section or contact

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### **Association with Champlain Regional College**

Champlain Regional College is part of the provincial system of colleges of general and vocational education (CEGEPs). One of its three sites has been on the campus of Bishop's University since 1971. While Champlain's administrative offices and some classrooms are located in the College's own building, virtually all other campus facilities are shared with Bishop's. A spirit of mutual cooperation between the two institutions and student bodies has allowed this arrangement, unique in the province, to succeed.

Please note that particular application and course registration deadlines for each institution must be observed. It is advisable to contact the Admissions Office for further information.

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### **Affiliation with the Thomas More Institute for Adult Education**

Qualified graduates of the Thomas More Institute for Adult Education, 3405 Atwater Avenue, Montreal, Quebec, may be granted the Bachelor of Arts degree by Bishop's University, by an affiliation agreement concluded by the two institutions in 1974. The degree program of the Thomas More Institute is designed for mature adults, normally over 23 years of age, and offers to such persons a special opportunity to continue their formal education in the liberal arts tradition. For information: 514-935-9585.

### **Cours spéciaux pour étudiants francophones**

Institution anglophone située au coeur des Cantons-de-l'Est, l'Université Bishop's est l'endroit idéal pour l'étudiant non-anglophone qui désire apprendre ou perfectionner la langue anglaise.

Afin de permettre aux étudiants d'élargir et d'approfondir leur connaissance de l'anglais, le département d'éducation permanente a mis sur pied des cours spéciaux, la plupart étant non-crédités et d'autres (les niveaux avancés) applicables à un grade. Ces cours ont lieu surtout le soir, pendant l'année scolaire régulière, de septembre à avril, et aussi durant les sessions d'été, soit du mois de mai au mois de juillet.

Le programme comporte une succession de cours généraux d'anglais langue seconde axés sur la conversation (six niveaux), d'anglais à des fins particulières (tels les affaires, les médias, la grammaire avancée, la phonétique ainsi que la lecture et rédaction efficace) et des cours de littérature offerts par le département d'anglais.

Ces cours d'anglais langue seconde sont accessibles tant aux étudiants réguliers qu'aux étudiants à temps partiel, mais le nombre de places est restreint. Ainsi, afin de pouvoir suivre ce programme, les étudiants à temps plein devront obtenir la permission du coordonnateur de l'Éducation permanente.

De plus, durant les mois de mai, juin, juillet et août, l'Éducation permanente offre des programs intensifs d'immersion en anglais — l'École d'été le langue anglaise I et II — des programs de Bourses subventionnés par le Conseil des Ministres et Patrimoine Canada. L'horaire quotidien comprend des cours, clubs de conversation, laboratoire de langue informatisé, des ateliers de théâtre, musique, art oratoire avec débat parlementaire, journal, création littéraire, narration et laboratoire de langues informatisé et des activités socioculturelles. De plus, l'étudiant a la possibilité d'assister comme auditeur libre aux cours du soir réguliers dans divers domaines. Ainsi, l'École d'été de langue anglaise offre une excellente préparation pour les études éventuelles en anglais.

### **Anglais langue seconde — Études de premier cycle**

Ce programme intensif de jour est destiné aux étudiants universitaires qui ont déjà atteint un niveau intermédiaire de compétence en anglais. Le programme a comme objectif de développer l'habileté de fonctionner avec aisance dans des milieux académiques et professionnels. Tous les professeurs, hautement qualifiés, possèdent une Maîtrise et un Certificat d'enseignement d'une langue seconde.

Le nombre d'étudiants à ces cours de langue anglaise étant limité, chacun peut profiter d'une attention plus personnelle de la part de professeurs chevronnés.

L'Université porte un intérêt tout spécial au progrès des étudiants inscrits à ces cours d'anglais langue seconde et a à coeur de les aider à satisfaire leurs intérêts et leurs besoins.

La vie en résidence est une autre des caractéristiques de l'Université Bishop's, et près de 30% des étudiants y logent. Chaque année, de nombreux étudiants francophones disent trouver enrichissante cette forme de vie communautaire. De plus, le contact quotidien avec des étudiants anglophones les aide à maîtriser plus rapidement la langue anglaise tout en élargissant leurs horizons sur le plan culturel.

Enfin, l'Université étant consciente des difficultés inhérentes aux études universitaires dans une autre langue, il est souvent permis à l'étudiant, avec l'accord de son instructeur, de soumettre ses travaux et d'écrire ses examens en français. Cette pratique est très appréciée des étudiants francophones, particulièrement au cours des premiers mois d'adaptation à l'Université. (Voir l'avis « Language of Instruction » dans la section « University Regulations »).

Rappelons que l'Université Bishop's offre des possibilités uniques aux étudiants francophones qui désirent y poursuivre leurs études universitaires. En plus d'une gamme variée et étendue de cours dans toutes les disciplines et des cours d'anglais adaptés aux étudiants nonanglophones, l'Université bénéficie d'excellentes installations sportives et récréatives, d'un terrain magnifique de 500 acres sur lequel sont situées les résidences, et d'une qualité de vie exceptionnelle. L'Université Bishop's constitue vraiment l'endroit rêvé pour faire des études universitaires.

Pour plus de renseignements concernant les conditions d'admissions à l'Université Bishop's, veuillez vous adresser au :

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