

Sessional Dates 2019–2020

Fall 2019		
Tuesday	August 27, 2019	All classes begin for Education students enrolled in a practicum (EDU 227/228/229, 328/329, 428/429)
Monday	September 2, 2019	Labour Day Monday (<i>University Closed</i>)
Wednesday	September 4, 2019	Classes begin for all Day and Evening courses
Tuesday	September 17, 2019	Last day to add / drop courses for all Fall and full year courses
Monday	October 14, 2019	Thanksgiving Monday (<i>University Closed</i>)
Tuesday	October 22, 2019	Last day to Withdraw with Permission from Fall courses
Tuesday	November 5, 2019	Study Day
Tuesday	November 26, 2019	Last day of regular classes
Wednesday	November 27, 2019	Make-up day for Thanksgiving Monday (M only, MW, MWF, MF classes)
Thursday	November 28, 2019	Make up day for Study Day Tuesday (TU only, TUTH classes)
Monday	December 2, 2019	Fall semester examinations begin
Friday	December 13, 2019	Fall semester examinations end
Tuesday	December 17, 2019	NOON: Deadline for instructors/professors to submit Fall semester grades
	December 23 - January 3, 2020	<i>University Closed</i>
Winter 2020		
Monday	January 6, 2020	All classes begin for Education students enrolled in a practicum (EDU 227/228/229/328/329/428/429)
Wednesday	January 8, 2020	Classes begin for all Day and Evening courses
Tuesday	January 21, 2020	Last day to add/drop or for all Winter semester courses; Last day to Withdraw with Permission from all Full year courses
Tuesday	February 25, 2020	Last day to Withdraw with Permission from all Winter courses
	March 2 –March 6	Reading Week
Tuesday	April 7, 2020	Last day of regular classes
Friday	April 10, 2020	Good Friday (<i>University Closed</i>)
Monday	April 13, 2020	Easter Monday (<i>University Closed</i>)
Tuesday	April 14, 2020	Winter semester examinations begin
Sunday	April 26, 2020	Winter semester examinations end
Thursday	April 30, 2020	NOON: Deadline for instructors to submit Winter semester and Full year grades
Saturday	June 6, 2020	Convocation

Spring I 2020		
Monday	May 4, 2020	Spring I semester classes begin
Tuesday	May 12, 2020	Last day to add/drop Spring I semester courses
Monday	May 18, 2020	National Patriot's Day (Victoria Day) (<i>University Closed</i>)
Monday	May 25, 2020	Last day to Withdraw with Permission from Spring I Semester courses
Thursday	June 18, 2020	Last day of regular classes
Friday	June 19, 2020	Make-up day National Patriot's Day
	June 22 – 23, 2020	Spring I Semester Day & Evening examinations
Monday	June 29, 2020	NOON: Deadline for instructors to submit Spring I semester grades
Spring II 2020		
Monday	July 6, 2020	Spring II semester classes begin
Monday	July 13, 2020	Last day to add/drop Spring II semester courses
Wednesday	July 22, 2020	Last day to withdraw with permission from Spring II Semester courses
Thursday	August 13, 2020	Last day of regular classes
	August 24 – 25, 2020	Spring II Semester Day & Evening examinations
Friday	August 28, 2020	NOON: Deadline for instructors to submit Spring II semester grades
Summer 2020		
Monday	May 4, 2020	Classes begin for all day and evening courses
Tuesday	May 12, 2020	Last day to add/drop courses
Monday	May 18, 2020	National Patriot's Day (Victoria Day) (<i>University Closed</i>)
Wednesday	June 24, 2020	St. Jean Baptiste Day (<i>University Closed</i>)
Wednesday	July 1, 2020	Canada Day (<i>University Closed</i>)
Monday	July 27, 2020	Last day of regular classes
Wednesday	July 29, 2020	Make up day for St. Jean Baptiste Day
Friday	July 31, 2020	Make up day for Canada Day
Monday	August 3, 2020	Summer semester examinations begin
Friday	August 7, 2020	Summer semester examinations end
Wednesday	August 12, 2020	NOON: Deadline for instructors to submit Summer semester grades

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 2,900 full-time and part-time students were enrolled in Bishop's courses in 2018-19.

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 the borough of 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 1920s.

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 Student

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 Student 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. In 2008 a Field Turf surface was installed on Coulter Field. The Johnson Science Labs underwent an extensive renovation in 2009, and were re-opened in early 2010. Thanks to public support the John H. Price Sports and Recreation Centre underwent extensive renovations which included a second double gymnasium and the Jane and Eric Molson Arena in 2015.

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 pre-university 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 175 years 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, Environmental Studies and 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, Education and Business Administration. Subjects offered for Honours or Major specialization in Arts include Classical Studies, Drama, Economics, English, Environment and Geography, Études françaises et québécoises, Fine Arts, History, Liberal Arts, Modern Languages, Music, Philosophy, Political Economy, Political and International Studies, Psychology, Religion, Sports, Studies, Sociology. In Science, the major subjects are Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics and Astronomy, and Psychology (Neuroscience). Interdisciplinary Concentrations or Minor specializations are also possible in many areas.

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; 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 and the Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language.

The University also offers a Master of Science in Computer Science or Physics, a Graduate Certificate in Brewing Science, Graduate certificate in Management and a Graduate -level micro-program in Climate Change.

Part-Time Studies

Bishop's University is dedicated to fulfilling the lifelong learning needs of community part-time students. 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 and Spring semesters.

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.