

King's University College

Get Connected, Make a Difference

On March 25, 1954, Bishop Cody chaired a meeting at the Hotel London and announced that the Diocese of London would establish an arts college, called Christ the King College, which was to be affiliated with Western. The name changed in 1966 to King's College and again, in 2004, to King's University College. King's started as a small men's college with 46 students and expanded over its 58 year history.

Today, King's University College is the Catholic co-educational university college affiliated with Western University. Recognized as an internationally renowned centre of teaching excellence, it is known for its programs in Arts, Social Science, Childhood and Social Institutions, Management and Organizational Studies, Social Justice and Peace Studies, and Social Work.

King's affiliation with Western affords it the benefits of a large-scale university within a small academic community setting. In a recent alumni survey, the top reason for attending King's was the class size: the average first-year class has 50 to 60 students. Sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of London, King's welcomes students of all faiths and traditions. The goal is to provide arts and social sciences education that will contribute to an informed, active citizenship. It also offers students the option to pursue religious studies such as World Religions or Catholic Studies, and engage in an education which focuses on the spirit and body as well as the mind.

Mission

King's is a Catholic University College committed to the ongoing creation of a vital academic community animated by a Christian love of learning and the pursuit of truth. The College strives to foster an environment based on open inquiry, Christian values and service to the larger community.

Degree Programs

King's graduates are granted degrees by Western University in the following programs:

Arts

Catholic Studies, Catholic Studies for Teachers, English, French, Islamic Studies, Jewish Studies, Philosophy, Religious Studies and World Religions

Social Science

Canadian Studies, Criminology, Economics, Finance, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and Thanatology (Grief and Bereavement Studies; Loss, Change and Transition)

Childhood and Social Institutions

Social Justice and Peace Studies

Management and Organizational Studies

Accounting, Finance and Administration, Global and Commerce and Organizational and Human Resources

Social Work (Honours and Masters)

Note: King's is the first university in the region to offer a part-time Masters of Social Work program.

Faculty and Staff

King's employs 89 full-time faculty, 124 part-time faculty, and 118 administrative employees.

Campus Ministry

The Campus Ministry supports the parish life of the Roman Catholic community at King's University College. The team, comprised of Father Michael Béchar, and

Sister Susan Glaab CSJ, Annette Donovan Panchaud, Janet Loo, Maija Chalut-Wilson and Andrea Fraser, seeks to create an environment where all people of faith and good will can grow in holiness, peace and justice.

Students

In the 2011/2012 academic year, King's welcomed 3,270 full-time and 550 part-time undergraduate students as well as 60 graduate students. For the 2011-2012 year we welcomed 314 international students which represented approximately 10% of our student population.

Student Living

King's University College provides on-campus housing for approximately 350 students. Residence provides the convenience of living next door to the facilities at King's, including the dining hall, the library, classes, the Student Council sports area, and bus service to Western and the City of London. King's residences are located along the Thames River which is part of London's walking and biking trail system.

King's residence is committed to the values of diversity, respect and academic achievement. The goal of on-campus living is to create a safe, welcoming and accepting community where all cultures and differences are valued.

Student Services

The students are supported in their academic endeavours by a full range of student development and personal counselling services, including:

- Academic, financial, personal and spiritual counselling
- Academic accommodation
- Varsity athletics
- Campus ministry
- Cardinal Carter Library
- Career counselling
- Clubs
- Effective writing program, The Write Place
- Free tutoring and learning skills
- Peer Guide Program
- King's University College Students' Council (KUCSC)
- Health services
- Volunteer bureau
- IT support (email, Wi-Fi, Residence internet access, etc.)

International Exchange

King's University College is a leader at Western in its commitment to internationalization and its encouragement of all students to become intercultural learners.

Through exchange experiences, students are able to learn about their position in the global community and dynamics between the developed and developing world. Through programs linked to King's University College, students have worked, volunteered or studied in China, Mexico, the UK, France, Ghana, Ukraine, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Ecuador, Honduras, Nicaragua, India, El Salvador, Guatemala, South Korea, Brazil, Costa Rica and Jamaica.

Centres at King's

In keeping with King's commitment to creating a vital academic community, the College is home to four centres of study:

- the Centre for Jewish – Catholic – Muslim Learning
- the Centre for Continental Philosophy
- the Centre for Creativity
- the Centre for Education about Grief and Bereavement
- the Centre for Social Concern.

The Cardinal Carter Library

The library is named in honour of the late G. Emmett Cardinal Carter (1912-2003). As Bishop of London (1964-1978) and throughout his life, Cardinal Carter demonstrated great leadership in the area of Catholic Education. In addition to extensive research resources, the library includes the Eaton Special Collections Room named in honour of the Eaton Foundation, whose generous donation helped make possible the construction of the Cardinal Carter Library, which opened in September 1995. The Eaton Room houses rare and archival material, including over 750 volumes dating from late 14th through 18th centuries.

Alumni

The first alumni graduated in 1957. Since then, our alumni numbers have grown greatly to over 16,000 in Canada and around the world. Alumni are encouraged to stay connected through King's annual homecoming events, *The Herald* alumni magazine, e-newsletters, chapter events across Ontario and Canada, and social media (including Facebook and Twitter). In addition, each year King's recognizes one of its alumni with an Alumni Award of Distinction.

Partners in Education

King's shares partnerships with a range of educational groups: Catholic School Boards within Ontario, 18 international universities, as well as seven national and international educational organizations. These partners are critical to the realization of King's missions and goals.

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