# Learning about The United Church of Canada Theological Schools

## Emmanuel College

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### Open houses or events people can attend in the coming year (virtually or in person)

[Explore Emmanuel](https://bit.ly/exploremmanuel)

Emmanuel Encounter: November 16, 2022 – in person

Day with Emmanuel (Open House): March 4, 2022 – in person

Virtual Vocations Fair: January 26, 2023 – online (possibly hybrid)

Christian Worship (on most Wednesdays): see [Community Worship Information](https://emmanuel.utoronto.ca/about-emmanuel/community-worship-information/)

### How does the coming school year look different from usual?

Emmanuel is returning to predominately in-person learning this academic year after over two years of exclusively online remote delivery. Pedagogical and technological developments that were implemented during the pandemic have been assessed, and our expert in instructional design continues to explore options for flexible online and hybrid courses and programs. Many courses are available to [auditors](https://www.emmanuel.utoronto.ca/current-students/audit-information/) for registration. See our course schedule for more details: [Course and Registration Information](https://emmanuel.utoronto.ca/current-students/course-and-registration-information/)

### What programs do you offer?

Basic Degree Programs:

* Master of Divinity (MDiv) (30 credits)
* Master of Sacred Music (MSMus) (20 credits)
* Master of Pastoral Studies (MPS) (20 credits)
* Master of Theological Studies (MTS) (20 credits)
* MTS: Theology, Spirituality and the Arts Stream (20 credits)

Post-Baccalaureate Certificates

* Certificate in Theological Studies (7 credits)
* Certificate in Theology and Interreligious Engagement (7 credits)

Graduate Programs:

* Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MA)
* Doctor of Ministry (DMin)
* Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

### Can people study by distance?

There is no option to complete any of our programs by distance, however since returning to predominately in-person learning, some courses have remained online, and many courses are hybrid at the professor’s discretion.

### What financial support does your school offer students?

The [John W. Billes Grant](https://www.emmanuel.utoronto.ca/current-students/awards/john-w-billies-grant/) provides 100% tuition support to all full-time students registered in the Master of Divinity (MDiv) program who are engaged with the [Candidacy Pathway](https://united-church.ca/leadership/entering-ministry/processes-entering-ordered-ministry/candidacy-pathway) process in The United Church of Canada’s ordination process. The [Entering Theological Education Grant](https://www.emmanuel.utoronto.ca/current-students/awards/entering-theological-education-grant/) is available to all other students studying full-time in their first year and provides 50% tuition coverage. Other scholarships and bursaries are also available.

### Can people take Centre for Christian Studies or Designated Lay Ministry externals with you?

Yes, upon approval by the student’s program director.

### What is your approach to equipping people preparing for ministry leadership?

Emmanuel College takes a holistic approach to forming ministry leaders: heart, mind, and body. Members of the Emmanuel community gain substantial knowledge of the academic disciplines relevant for diverse ministries; explore their vocation and sense of call; and gain facility with the skills, gifts, and practices of ministry appropriate for leadership in communities of faith. The Emmanuel College faculty and curricula place special emphasis on the intercultural and contextual issues bearing upon ministry and leadership in diverse communities. Emmanuel College also offers unique opportunities for interreligious learning and experiences, in which “students become more deeply rooted in their own religious or spiritual traditions while engaging the beliefs and practices of people of other traditions.” See [Emmanuel’s Vision, Mission, and Values](https://www.emmanuel.utoronto.ca/about-emmanuel/strategic-plan-mission-and-vision/).

### Do you have an affiliation with an undergraduate school?

As one of the sister colleges of Victoria University in the University of Toronto, Emmanuel College shares a campus and student services with Victoria College. Emmanuel also houses classes and activities from the larger University of Toronto.

### What makes your school unique?

Established in 1928, following the union that formed the denomination, Emmanuel College is the largest theological school of The United Church of Canada. Our outstanding faculty support the formation of candidates for congregational, music, and teaching ministries. Students who study at Emmanuel College have access to the faculty and courses in the Toronto School of Theology, an ecumenical consortium that offers masters-level and doctoral-level degrees through the University of Toronto. Our unique urban, ecumenical, and multifaith context prepares students to lead amid the challenges and opportunities of our changing and dynamic world.

### Anything else people should know?

Emmanuel College is on the leading edge of multireligious theological education. Students from a range of religious traditions can draw upon the wider resources of the university for their course of study. Our Master of Pastoral Studies program offers foci in Christian, Muslim, and Buddhist spiritual care, and each of these communities engages in worship and spiritual practices on campus. In our experience, United Church of Canada students become more deeply rooted in the denomination’s religious and spiritual traditions while engaging the beliefs and practices of people of other traditions.