# Learning about The United Church of Canada Theological Schools

# The United Theological College/Le Séminaire Uni

## School

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## Open houses or events people can attend

Visitors are welcome anytime during the school year, especially on Wednesdays during term when students gather for worship and a simple meal from 11:40 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visitors are also welcome at our Community Evenings, held once a month usually on the first Tuesday of the month.

## What programs do you offer?

* Master of Divinity
* One-year Diploma in Ministry for students with a prior theological degree from an accredited institution
* Certificate in Bilingual Ministry for students who attain an established level of functionality in their non-dominant language of English or French
* Online courses, workshops, and intensives at the M.Div. level
* *Cours pour formation continue et pour la formation des laïques*

## Can people study at a distance?

There are options in the final year for distance education, which include a requirement of three residential days per month. Classes are concentrated within three days a week to accommodate commuting students. *En plus, il est possible de prendre notre programme pour célébrants et célébrantes laïques en ligne.*

## What financial support does your school offer students?

UTC offers generous bursaries and scholarships for qualified applicants, up to the full cost of tuition over three years. *Du soutien financier est aussi disponible pour le programme de célébrants et célébrantes laïques.*

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

UTC strongly encourages CCS or DLM students to take our online courses or residential intensives. We also offer a Cuba study tour in January of each year that is suitable for fulfilling the Global Perspectives Experience of CCS.

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

Students choosing to study at the United Theological College/Le Séminaire Uni will discover an educational environment that focuses on the whole person; welcomes sexual, racial, and ethnic diversity; and balances strong academic emphasis with an action‒reflection model of learning and ministry preparation. The M.Div. program consists of a two-year Bachelor of Theology taken at McGill’s School of Religious Studies and a third “In Ministry Year” that combines supervised field placements with classroom sessions at the college and the Montreal School of Theology. Students with a prior degree in theology who complete the In Ministry Year earn a Diploma in Ministry and qualify for a United Church of Canada testamur. UTC places a high value on mission and justice in ministry and is especially attentive to the pluralistic, multilingual culture of Quebec. We support our students to advance their competency in bilingual ministry.

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

UTC is affiliated with McGill University. M.Div. students are required to complete the B.Th program at McGill’s School of Religious Studies.

## What makes your school unique?

UTC walks the talk of diversity and inclusiveness. Speaking and learning in French is an integral part of college life. We were the first affirming theological college of The United Church of Canada. UTC is experimenting with emerging models of ministry, and studying and developing effective approaches to intercultural dialogue and ministry. We are located in the heart of Montreal, the “cultural capital” of Canada, accessible to eastern provinces and an easy commute by train from Ottawa or Kingston. Montreal was ranked as the top North American city for students in 2019 and sixth among international student cities, following London, Tokyo, Melbourne, Munich, and Berlin.