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Welcome



William Danaher is Dean of the Faculty of Theology. He received his Ph.D. from Yale University, his M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary, and his BA from Brown University. An ordained priest in The Episcopal Church, he serves in the Anglican Church of Canada. For more about our talented faculty, go to www.huronuc.ca/theology.

Thank you for your interest in the Faculty of Theology. We are a dynamic, diverse and welcoming community of learning and faith, and we are honoured that you are considering theological education at Huron.

Three words – Imagine, Transform, Engage – help me briefly sum up our programs in religious leadership.

Imagination is crucial, because we need to keep in mind the “big picture” of where we are regarding God’s love and action in the world in order to be effective religious leaders.

Transformation is necessary, because we need to develop the kind of character that can bring about the changes we seek in the world around us by showing what living according to God’s love and action looks like.

Engagement is key, because words alone are not enough – we are called to be followers of the God whose love makes actions from words.

As you learn about our programs and meet our students and alumni, I hope that you will discover the diverse ways these words come to life at the Faculty of Theology.

Most importantly, I hope these words come true for you whatever you choose and wherever you go. Please know that, if you have any questions, we are ready to speak with you about the ways you can join us.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to educate, form and empower leaders to serve God, the church, the university and the world – faithfully, critically and imaginatively.



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ABOUT HURON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Huron University College was founded in 1863 by Bishop Benjamin Cronyn as a theological college dedicated to preparing candidates to serve in the priesthood of the Anglican Communion, especially the local diocese of Huron. To be part of Huron is to be part of one of the oldest university communities in Canada.

In our Faculty of Theology, you will find a school with nearly 150 years experience providing theological education for those entering ordained ministry through the Master of Divinity degree. You'll also find a Master of Theological Studies, a Master of Arts in Theology and a Bachelor of Theology to equip lay people for service and leadership in the church, the community, the academy and beyond.

Since our founding, Huron has evolved into a dynamic liberal arts university and theological college with a tradition of academic excellence. Huron has grown to become one of Canada's leading universities, one where students are encouraged to grow intellectually as well as personally in a supportive and challenging community environment known for its small, intimate learning experience.

The study of theology at Huron occurs within the context of the church and other faith traditions, as well as the secular university, making Huron a unique meeting place for exploring questions of faith and intellect.

Huron is the founding college of The University of Western Ontario, one of Canada's most highly regarded research-intensive universities. Huron students enjoy all the benefits of also being Western students, including access to a city bus pass, libraries, health services, athletic facilities and over 200 student clubs and organizations.



WHY HURON?

- A warm and inclusive Anglican and ecumenical community welcoming to students of all backgrounds and faith traditions
- Affordable tuition and generous financial aid
- Flexibility in program design and structure for both full- and part-time students
- Innovative curriculum including opportunities for independent study and Community-Based Learning
- Small classes and individual attention from faculty dedicated to student success
- Huron students enjoy access to the resources and facilities of The University of Western Ontario – all just across the street

ACCREDITATION

- Master's-level degrees accredited by the Association of Theological Schools and all degrees conferred by The University of Western Ontario
- Affiliate member of the Toronto School of Theology, the largest ecumenical consortium in North America
- Recognized by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada for the training of ordinands

DEGREE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF DIVINITY (M.Div.)

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) is a professional degree that prepares students for Christian ministry in congregations and other settings. Committed to the Anglican tradition, the M.Div. program also welcomes students from any denomination or background seeking theological education and formation.

AS AN M.DIV. STUDENT, YOU WILL ACQUIRE:

- Knowledge of the Bible and its interpretation using contemporary methods of criticism
- Understanding of Christian doctrines and the historical, methodological and philosophical approaches to the study of theology
- Skills in ministerial leadership: preaching, pastoral care, personal and public prayer, worship planning, and management and administration
- Ability to provide diverse forms of public leadership and service
- Cultural sensitivity and awareness for living in an ecumenical and multi-faith context

ACADEMIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

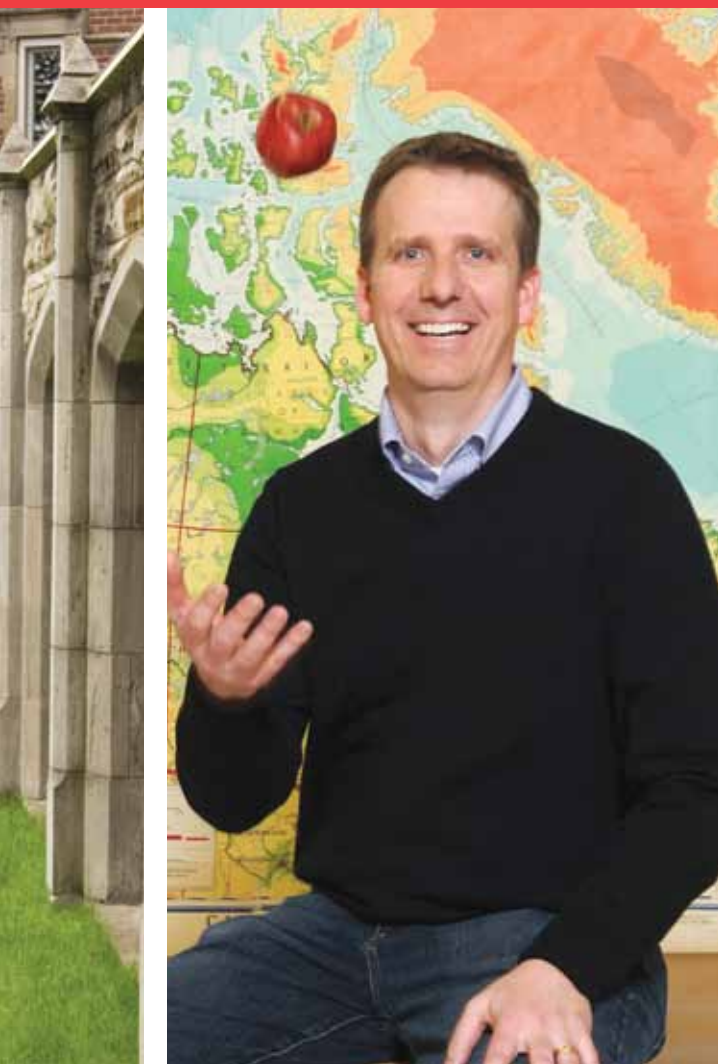
- Bachelor's degree from a recognized university
- Limited competitive, discretionary admissions may be available to those without an undergraduate degree
- Previous theological studies not required

PROGRAM LENGTH

- 3 years (full-time or part-time equivalent)

Leadership

“The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart.” Dorothy Day (1897-1980)



Michael DeKay

Teacher, Thames Valley District School Board,
MTS (Huron), M.Div. student

My academic relationship with Huron goes back to the 1990s. After pecking away at it year after year, demonstrating an interest in lifelong learning and a passion for theology and the church, I received my MTS in 2007. I decided to pursue the M.Div. and have made considerable progress in the program while working full-time as an elementary school teacher. I hope to pursue full-time parish ministry once I retire.

Huron's Faculty of Theology and its professors have been very flexible. They have been gracious and generous with their time, enabling me to take independent study courses as well as courses offered in the late afternoon or evening.

Theology has made me a better teacher because of the strong emphasis on homiletics and preaching. I think I'm a better teacher and communicator and more conversant with the kids because I care about language; I care about communication, academically, practically and experientially.

M.DIV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Area	Number
Biblical Studies	7
Theological Studies	5
Historical Studies	3
Public Leadership and Ministry Studies	6
Contextual and Formational Studies	3
Comparative and Cultural Studies	2
General Electives	4
Total Half-Courses Required	30

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS (no course credit)

Students in the M.Div. program complete an approved Transcultural Learning Experience.

For students interested in ordained ministry, a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education is normally required by ordaining bodies.

M.DIV. APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply directly to the Faculty of Theology (www.huronuc.ca)
- Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted by May 31 to ensure consideration for financial aid
- Three letters of reference – Pastoral, Academic, Personal
- 400-word Autobiographic/Religious statement
- Original transcripts of all previous post-secondary studies
- Interview with the Dean of Theology

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Marjorie Reid

Lay Certificate in Theology, MTS, M.Div. (Huron),
Deacon, St. Alban the Martyr Church, London

The path to Huron was a winding journey over many years. I wanted to be a Deaconess, but it was an expense my family could not afford. I chose Teachers' College and taught in Toronto before my husband and I went to Zululand in South Africa as missionaries. Thirty-five years later and now living in Woodstock, I was attracted to a brochure outlining the Lay Certificate courses being offered at Huron.

As a mature student, learning in community has been an enriching experience that helped me to respect and affirm the multitude of gifts each person can offer. Huron has prepared me to live each day to its fullest. Retirement has proven to be the most exciting, soul-satisfying period of my life.

Theology is not a subject. It is not simply knowledge. It is becoming more as a human being, if one is willing to have faith that someone is journeying with you.



DEGREE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (MTS)

The Master of Theological Studies prepares students for theological engagement and leadership in a variety of settings. Students develop a solid academic grounding in the theological disciplines as well as knowledge and skills within a particular academic or practical concentration.

AS AN MTS STUDENT, YOU WILL ACQUIRE:

- Informed knowledge and interpretive skill in the theological disciplines
- Ability to reflect critically and theologically on the church's role in public life
- Knowledge and respect for the diverse religious traditions in Canada and the world
- A broadened and enriched understanding of social justice and community transformation
- Ability to collaborate across denominational and religious boundaries

ACADEMIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree from a recognized university
- Limited competitive, discretionary admissions may be available for those without an undergraduate degree
- Previous theological studies not required

PROGRAM LENGTH

- 2 years (full-time or part-time equivalent)

Community

“My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together.” Desmond Tutu (1931-)



Olivia Tang

BA Philosophy (Huron),
MTS student

I completed an undergraduate degree in philosophy at Huron and was interested in exploring the relationship between philosophy and theology for my Master's. Not being a Christian, I wanted a small faculty that would welcome students of diverse backgrounds without sacrificing the quality of academic study.

Studying theology has given me the confidence to engage with a variety of ideas and a stronger sense of my own beliefs and value systems. Theological discussion helps us understand how constructive or destructive religion can be. Despite relegating religion to the private realm, we continue to live in a profoundly religious society; theology requires us to engage in all the possibilities within religious thought—good and bad.

Huron's MTS program pushes me to use my knowledge in a constructive way through advocacy and engagement with my local community. A theological education calls us to change the way we feel, think and interact with our neighbours and our own thoughts.

GENERAL MTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Area	Number
Biblical Studies	4
Theological Studies	3
Historical Studies	2
Public Leadership and Ministry Studies	1
Contextual and Formational Studies	1
Comparative and Cultural Studies	2
General Program Electives	7
Total Half-Courses Required	20

MTS WITH AREA OF CONCENTRATION

Complete general degree but substitute general program electives with one of the following concentrations:

- Biblical Studies
- Theology and Ethics
- Comparative Religion and Theology
- Congregational Ministry
- Pastoral Counselling
- Public Service

MTS APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply directly to the Faculty of Theology (www.huronuc.ca)
- Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted by May 31 to ensure consideration for financial aid
- Original transcripts of all previous post-secondary studies
- Interview with the admissions committee may be required

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Adam Bahm

BA Philosophy and Religious Studies (University of Ottawa),
MTS (Huron), Sergeant in the Canadian Forces Reserves

Although I looked at other programs, I felt that Huron would provide the most balanced education in theology, especially when considering the diversity of courses offered here. Another large factor in choosing Huron was that my mom also took theology here.

Through my Community-Based Learning project at N'Amerind Friendship Centre—a community centre for urban natives in the London area—I am able to draw on the many resources found at Huron, from professors, to visiting clergy, to other students. As a Sergeant in the Canadian Forces Reserves, theology challenges me to reflect on the world around me in new and surprising ways, because it does not belong to a single narrative or tradition.

As a field of study, theology is challenging because it questions our most fundamental beliefs. Theology is not the regurgitation of dogma but the critical investigation of how we arrive at, and explain, our beliefs.



DEGREE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF THEOLOGY (MA)

The Master of Arts in Theology is an interdisciplinary graduate research degree offered by The University of Western Ontario. The MA offers excellent preparation for doctoral studies in Theology and select areas of Religious Studies. It is also a superior degree for those wishing to approach another field such as education, counselling, journalism or public policy from a perspective enriched by theological study.

AS AN MA STUDENT, YOU WILL:

- Develop analytical and critical thinking skills in a rigorous research-based academic program
- Acquire detailed knowledge of the major primary and secondary sources in classical and contemporary religious thought
- Construct informed responses to the arguments encountered in the relevant literature
- Explore ways in which theology as an academic discipline is informed by and can inform other branches of scholarship

ACADEMIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

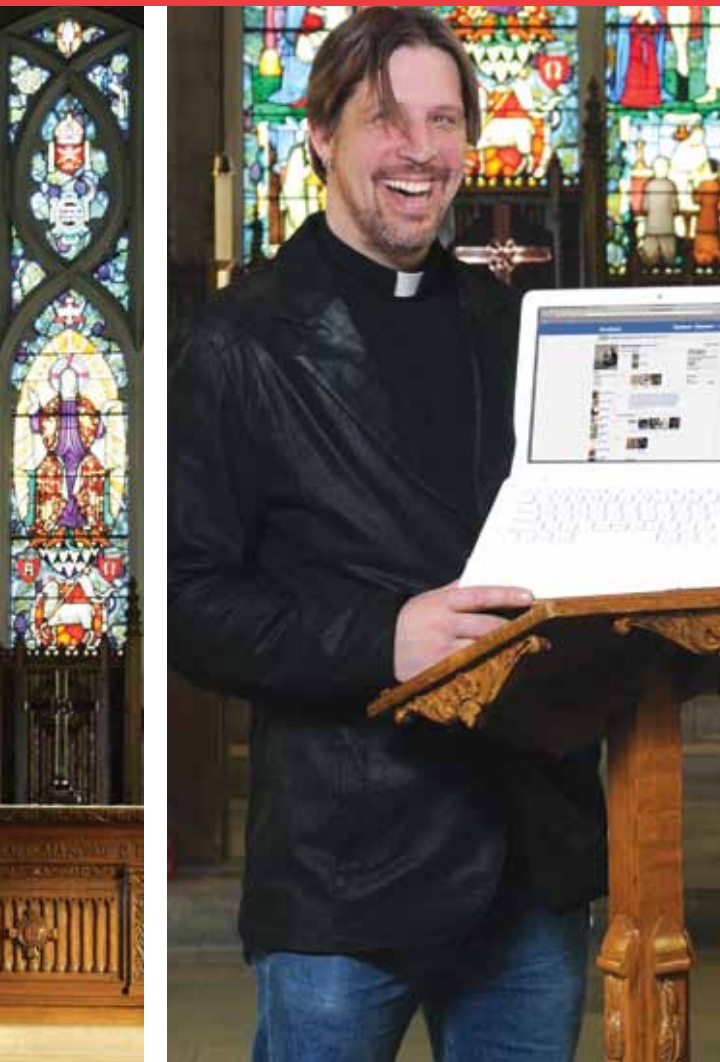
- 4-year Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in Theology or
- Bachelor's degree, followed by an M.Div. or MTS degree or
- 4-year Bachelor's degree without a theological grounding plus one year of MTS

PROGRAM LENGTH

- 2 years (full-time, six continuous terms)
- Part-time study available

Knowledge

“The higher your structure is to be, the deeper must be its foundation.” Augustine of Hippo (354-430)



Marty Levesque

BA (Carleton University), M.Div. (Huron),
MA in Theology student, Rector, St. Andrew Memorial Church, London
Chaplain to Youth, Diocese of Huron and Blogger Extraordinaire

After a troubled youth that saw me leave home at 15, I began university as a mature student in Ottawa. As my bachelor's career was coming to a close, I began to investigate my options for theological education.

Huron offered not only a high quality education but also a distinctly Anglican formation process from chapel, to community, to classroom experience. In the end, there was no other school that could offer the kind of intimate experience and world class education that Huron does.

Through theology I have come to a deeper understanding of our shared humanity and commonalities. My theological education has prepared me to see the interconnectedness of society; that politics is not separate from economy, which is not separate from science.

The focus of my ministry and studies has become increasingly centred on the church and its place in modern society. I am also interested in social media, marketing and church growth.

MA DEGREE REQUIREMENTS*

SIX COURSES:

3 Interdisciplinary courses:

- Theology and Practice
- Theology and Interpretation
- Theology in the Global Context

1 Research methods course

2 Electives: choose from seminars in Systematic

- Theology, Moral and Political Theology, Biblical Studies and Church History

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT:

demonstrate reading proficiency in an ancient or modern language relevant to the program of theological research by passing a university-level course or a special written exam

THESIS: 25,000 words

MA APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) for September, or in exceptional circumstances, January admission
- Two academic letters of reference
- Original transcripts of all previous post-secondary studies
- See the Faculty of Graduate Studies website for application deadlines and more information: www.grad.uwo.ca.

* See website for new flexible program requirements (pending approval)

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Janet Anstead

BA, M.Div. (Huron),
MA in Theology student, Pastor, Disciples of Christ
President, Inter-Church Council of Canada

After years in a career in family law, I discerned a call to ministry, but the denomination to which I belong, the Disciples of Christ, had no seminaries in Canada. Due to its proximity, its openness to non-Anglican students, and my positive experience at Huron in my bachelor's, I applied to Huron for my M.Div.

In the MA program, we re-examine our own theology in the context of a diverse world. The question then becomes what unique and vibrant contribution does my voice bring to this rich diversity? How can a truly public sphere be created wherein all voices are heard and honoured?

The professors at Huron have always been extremely accommodating when helping me to balance the obligations of my parish with the demands of my academic studies. When sharing some of these challenges with my professors, they have also been very pastoral in their concern for my well-being.



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NON-DEGREE PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Ask for our annual brochure or check current offerings online at www.huronuc.ca/theology.

Lay Certificate

The Faculty offers a wide variety of non-university, short-term courses for lay people. Taught by qualified instructors from a range of backgrounds, these courses address issues that lie on the cutting edge of the life and witness of the church today. Courses can be taken individually or, with successful completion of a project at the end of each course, towards the Lay Certificate in Theology. The Advanced Lay Certificate is also offered.

Continuing Education for Clergy and Professionals

Huron believes that education is a life-long journey and provides continuing education opportunities for those in positions of pastoral leadership. A variety of non-credit and university-level courses, seminars and lectures are offered each year to clergy and other lay professionals.

Service

“God loves human beings. God loves the world. Not an ideal human, but human beings as they are; not an ideal world, but the real world.” Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)



Meghan Nicholls

Ask & Imagine alumna, BA (Renison College), M.Div. (Huron), Rector, St. John's, Otterville and St. Alban the Martyr, Delhi

As a young woman, I sensed a calling to the Priesthood. One of the ways I explored my call was at Ask & Imagine, Huron's leadership and theology program for youth. After the program, I knew this was where I wanted to go to seminary.

Huron offered an education that encouraged me to grow intellectually and spiritually in a challenging environment. I had the opportunity to study abroad and worked as a prison, hospital and school chaplain while I lived in Trinidad and Tobago for a term. This was an opportunity of a lifetime, and one that will stay with me forever.

Huron is a place where everyone wants to see you succeed. I was inspired by living examples of Christian love and discipleship. Without the support of the faculty and staff at Huron, I wouldn't be where I am today. They helped me understand myself and my ministry in ways that I couldn't previously imagine.

Centre for Abrahamic Religions

The Centre for Abrahamic Religions offers workshops, lectures, educational programs and local initiatives to enrich the understanding of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The primary work of the Centre is to coordinate safe and collegial interfaith conversations about the Tanakh (Hebrew Bible), the New Testament (Christian Bible) and the Qu'ran through a method known as Scriptural Reasoning.

The Centre for Public Theology

The Centre for Public Theology is a non-partisan research centre whose mandate is to bring into conversation academics, NGOs, media, government and the public on issues of public policy with particular attention to the role of religion in Canadian life. Visit the website at www.publictheology.org.

Ask & Imagine Youth Theology Program

Ask & Imagine offers ten-day programs in theology, community and leadership for Anglican and Lutheran youth from across Canada. The May program welcomes young adults from the ages of 18-26, while high school students attend in August. The program is sustained, in part, by a substantial grant from the Lilly Endowment. Application information can be found at www.askandimagine.org.

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Malith Kur

Bachelor of Theology (Huron), M.Div. student,
Ordained in Nairobi, Kenya, Chaplain to Sudanese Congregation, London

I am from Sudan. I was a refugee in Kenya for many years and was ordained shortly before coming to Canada. My ordination came as a surprise when I met the bishop who had baptized me as a child. He asked me to help continue the work of ministry in South Sudan. It was not a planned process, but it was a turning point in my faith journey.

I came to Canada ten years ago and was looking for an institution with Anglican and ecumenical roots. Huron was the best choice for me. My knowledge of the Christian faith has deepened immensely. Class discussions and the intimate atmosphere have further developed my social and communication skills.

My theological education at Huron encouraged the exchange of ideas with people outside my own Anglican tradition. As people of faith, we must collectively deal with a range of issues including poverty, hunger, the environment and social justice.



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