

4. Student Life

4.1: Introduction

The quality of life for each student is an important concern at Master's and is taken into consideration when planning formal school activities such as classes, chapel services, outreach, social events, and sports. However, it does not stop there. We endeavour to exercise positive influence on the total development of our students. Many of the formal lessons learned find practical application through the informal interaction between faculty, staff, and students.

While Christian students are responsible primarily to God, they are also responsible to one another. In coming to Master's, they join a special type of community where accountability to the family of God is essential for the welfare of the whole community. Therefore, for the sake of order and harmony, some rules are required and clearly indicated in the Student Life Guidelines (supplied on registration day). The rules are kept to a minimum. They have the goal of developing Christian submission, self-discipline, tolerance, moderation, and consideration in the body of Christ in general, and the school body in particular.

Every member of the faculty and staff is concerned with the life development of students, but the main responsibility in this area comes under the portfolio of the Director of Student Development.

Since the Intercultural students are very much part of the MCS community, they are accountable to its well-being and are expected to follow the rules indicated in the Student Life Guidelines, which are sent to students upon their admission to Master's. Realizing the absolute necessity to help students already in ministry to develop inter-personal and intercultural relationships, the college is committed to providing opportunities for students to socialize, minister and worship together.

4.2: Spiritual Life

The emphasis on spiritual life and development is a large part of the preparation for ministry offered at Master's. Not only Student Development personnel, but each member of the faculty at Master's is actively involved in giving spiritual direction on both a formal and an informal basis.

Under the direction of the President and the Director of Student Development, Master's provides one chapel per week at the Main Campus. As well, special days of spiritual emphasis are planned each semester.

Master's provides various prayer meetings throughout the semester in which all students are encouraged to participate.

4.3: Orientation for Students at the Main Campus

Each September during Orientation Days at the Main Campus, new students are introduced to the various aspects of life at Master's. During these orientation sessions, students are provided with the information needed to help them as they make their transition to postsecondary studies.

4.4: Conduct Standards for Master's Students

To ensure an effective witness, all members of Master's College and Seminary are expected to abide by the following Conduct Code. As a member of Master's College and Seminary students will:

1. maintain Christ-like attitudes of humility, thoughtfulness, and kindness toward others, consistent with being part of a Christian community (Philippians 2: 4);
2. respect the authorities which God has established (Romans 13: 1-7);

3. maintain a high standard of sexual morality, refraining from immoral behaviour including, but not limited to, pre-marital sexual activity, adultery, homosexuality, incest, involvement with pornography (I Corinthians 6: 9-10, Romans 1: 26-27);
4. maintain ethical standards consistent with Biblical principles, including integrity in relationships, refraining from improper behaviour including, but not limited to, gossip, cheating, stealing, vulgarity, profanity, and all forms of harassment (Ephesians 4: 25-32);
5. maintain evidence of a separated lifestyle, refraining from alcohol, tobacco, the abuse of drugs, gambling, involvement with the occult, and any activity that would be offensive to the Christian community (Romans 14: 13, I Corinthians 8: 9-13, Ephesians 5: 3-18);
6. refrain from improper involvement with the print, electronic and broadcast media and other forms of entertainment that are detrimental to spiritual growth in oneself and others (Matthew 12:35, Romans 12: 1, 2 and Philippians 4: 8);
7. maintain Christ-like attitudes and behaviour in relationships with the wider community, including courtesy, humility, respect, and caring (Ephesians 5: 15-17, Colossians 4: 5-6).

Any behaviour, either on campus or off, which indicates that a student has little desire to live a life honouring God, or which gives evidence of disregard for Master's College and Seminary's standards, is sufficient reason for dismissal. Students, by virtue of their enrolment, agree to live within the framework of this Conduct Code. While some may not have personal convictions in accord with these standards, agreeing to them obligates the individual to follow them while they are attending Master's, including Christmas and summer breaks. Deviations from these standards may be considered as grounds for dismissal or denial of re-admission to Master's. If an internship is terminated because of a breach of this Conduct Code the student may be required to appear before the Disciplinary Committee.

By accepting an offer of admission, students agree to abide by the rules and regulations of Master's College and Seminary as outlined in this Conduct Code as well as in the Student Handbooks of Master's. While enrolled as a student they agree to conduct themselves honourably at all times. They also understand that Master's operates under the Statement of Faith of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

4.5: Housing

4.5.1: Places of Residence/Apartments – Students should acquaint themselves with the regulations governing rental agreement, damage deposit, official notice of vacation, guest privileges, and rules set out by the owners of your dwelling place. Students who board with a family need to discuss and clarify house rules prior to making their final decision.

4.5.2: Guest Privileges – It is the recommendation of Master's that students should not visit or entertain members of the opposite sex alone in an apartment or place of residence. Such visits should include the company of other adults and should conclude at 12:00 midnight on week nights and 1:00 am on week-ends.

4.5.3: Co-ed Habitation – Any co-ed habitation of dwellings by unmarried individuals (excluding siblings) is prohibited. Any known breach may result in disciplinary action. This applies to both Main Campus students and Distance Education students.

4.6: School Organizations

In addition to academic pursuits and spiritual development, numerous opportunities are available to those who wish to have further organized involvement in life at Master's. The Students' Council, Sports Committee and Student Missions Fellowship are some of the organizations that form an integral part of student life and growth at Master's.

4.6.1: Athletics

Athletics exists for personal relaxation and enjoyment as well as to encourage the physical and social well-being of students. Competition within an environment of good-will and Christian values is a healthy supplement to academic pursuit.

The *intervarsity* or inter-college program exists to provide gifted athletes an opportunity to further develop their abilities in sports such as volleyball. Inter-college tournaments provide opportunities for competition and excellence in a given sport as well as the development of healthy confidence and interaction with students from other colleges. A minimum GPA of 2.00 is required for participation.

4.6.2: Social Life

As at most colleges, friendship plays an important role in the life of the student at Master's. Lifelong relationships are formed and nurtured during the years spent here. Some of the interaction is as casual as a chat over coffee or a game of fosse ball in the student lounge. Other, more structured "memory making" occasions include such events as the Christmas Program and Graduation Banquet and various retreats.

4.7: Student Services

4.7.1: Library

A library collection of over 45,000 volumes and more than 300 periodical subscriptions is available for students and faculty. The library's holdings are accessible on-line and through a link to the library on the College's web page (www.mcs.edu). Additional automated resources are available including Religion Index on CD-ROM, Dead Sea Scrolls, Pathways through Jerusalem, and The Bible in English. Microfiche readers and a reader/printer as well as other audio-visual equipment are available for use in the library. The library is open Monday through Saturday during the school year as well as on a slightly modified schedule during the summer months. It offers various services designed to assist students and faculty in study and research. A library handbook, further describing library collections and services, is available on request. Our Librarian and staff are always willing to lend a helpful hand. The library is an invaluable asset to the College since the theological student will spend considerable time using library resources.

4.7.2: Bookstore

Master's bookstore is a convenient and friendly place for students and visitors alike to purchase required texts, crested clothing, school supplies, and memorabilia at reasonable prices.

4.7.3: Medical Insurance

Hospital and medical care are not included in the cost of fees. No one should come to Ontario without arranging for adequate medical insurance.

Ontario students should ensure their coverage through the Ontario Health Insurance Plan. Out-of-province students should ensure their coverage through the plan in their home province (with the exception of Quebec students who should contact the local Ontario Health Office).

Students from outside of Canada are responsible to obtain medical coverage either in their country of origin or through a private insurance company. This should be done prior to their arrival in Canada so coverage is in effect at the time of their arrival. Proof of health insurance is required prior to enrollment. If the student is married with dependants, the dependants will need medical coverage as well.

4.7.4: Group Accident Student Insurance

All students taking nine credit hours or more per semester are covered by group accident insurance. The charge is included as a separate fee. This covers accidental death or the following expenses if they result from an accident: medical, excess hospitalization, dental, ambulance, tutorial, and repatriation. Claim forms are available from the Finance Office.

4.7.5: Alumni Association

The Alumni Association plays an active role in the life of the school and readily welcomes former students to its ranks.