McMaster and Mohawk joint venture

New part-time programs available for advanced technology degree

The McMaster University Faculty of Engineering and the Mohawk College School of Engineering Technology have established a partnership to offer a new and expanded set of degree completion programs leading to a Bachelor of Technology degree from McMaster.

The B.Tech. degree can be obtained through one of two routes and is structured to accommodate either part-time or full-time studies.

Two-year degree-completion programs are available to college graduates with a three-year technology diploma and to internationally trained professionals who require Canadian credentials and experience. It is being offered in civil engineering infrastructure technology, computing and information technology, and manufacturing technology. Four-year integrated programs will begin in September 2007, for students entering directly from high school. Programs will be offered in automotive and vehicle technology, and biotechnology. A 4-year process automation program is already underway from the Mohawk College campus.

Both the two-year and four-year programs feature co-op placements to provide “hands-on” experience.

A major thrust of all the programs is the inclusion of a significant component (7 one-term courses) of management education in order to ensure that graduates are able to take on supervisory and management responsibilities as they advance in their technical careers. The programs will help close a gap between management and technology to address supervisory shortages in technology-intensive enterprises.

The program includes advanced technology courses designed to enhance professional career opportunities. For those who wish to pursue registration as a professional engineer with PEO, the number of required examinations is reduced significantly.

Instruction will be provided by McMaster and Mohawk faculty as well as by expert guest lecturers from industry. The mode of delivery will be comprised of lectures, tutorials and laboratories. Courses are offered on evenings and weekends in order to facilitate the participation of part-time students who wish to pursue the program while continuing to work in industry.

The new programs build on a very successful Bachelor of Technology program in Manufacturing Technology offered jointly by both institutions since 1997, which is being folded into the new Bachelor of Technology degree program.

“I wanted to earn a university degree and this program allowed me to without starting from scratch,” said Stephen Hamilton, a technical specialist with Babcock and Wilcox Canada in Cambridge, who has just completed the manufacturing program he started in 2001. “I was able to work at my own pace taking courses part-time. The material has been challenging but relevant and helpful to the work I’m doing.”

Information on these programs and how to apply can be found at: http://btech.mcmastermohawk.ca. Applications are now being considered for those wishing to begin study in January or May 2007. Inquiries about admission to these programs may be e-mailed to prog.admin@mcmastermohawk.ca, or by calling (905) 525-9140, extension 27013.
University Governance
Senate and UPC need student reps

In October, undergraduate students will elect new representatives on important university decision-making bodies.

One representative will be elected from each Business, Engineering, Health Sciences, Humanities, and Social Sciences to serve on the University’s Senate. In addition, one student will be elected to serve on both the University Planning Committee and University Budget Committee. All positions are for two-year terms, except the Senate seat for Engineering, which is a by-election for a one-year term.

These students represent both part-time and full-time undergraduate students in their roles. Decisions on the allocation of resources by the University (by the Board of Governors) and academic programs (Senate) are critical to the quality of the educational experience. The student voice at the Planning and Budget Committees is also crucial to ensure that the student perspective is heard as recommendations are prepared for the Board and Senate.

Both part-time and full-time undergraduate students are eligible to vote. Polls will be granted on October 26 for Senate elections, and an on-line election will be held October 26-27 for UPC. For further information, contact the University Secretariat in person at Gilmour Hall 210, by e-mail at univsec@mcmaster.ca, or visit their website at www.mcmaster.ca/univsec.

FREE WORKSHOPS

In response to requests received from part-time students, MAPS will be offering a new series of workshops this year. To register, e-mail maps@mcmaster.ca and indicate the session(s) for which you are registering.

ESSAY RESEARCH
Monday October 30, 2006
10:30 am–12:00 pm, MUSC 224
5:30 pm–7:00 pm, MUSC 224
Tuesday October 31, 2006
10:30 am–12:00 pm
MUSC 206/207
6:30 pm–8:00 pm, MUSC 206/207
Wednesday November 1, 2006
10:30 am–12:00 pm, MUSC 230
Thursday November 2, 2006
5:30 pm–7:00 pm, MUSC 224
Saturday November 4, 2006
1:30 pm–3:00 pm, MUSC 224

ESSAY WRITING
Monday November 6, 2006
10:30 am–12:00 pm
MUSC 206/207
5:30 pm–7:00 pm, MUSC 230
Tuesday November 7, 2006
10:30 am–12:00 pm, MUSC 224
6:30 pm–8:00 pm, MUSC 224
Wednesday November 8, 2006
10:30 am–12:00 pm, MUSC 224
6:30 pm–8:00 pm, MUSC 224
Thursday November 9, 2006
5:30 pm–7:00 pm, MUSC 224
Saturday November 11, 2006
1:30 pm–3:00 pm, MUSC 224

More accessible information for students

Accompanying this issue of The Link, members of MAPS are also receiving the Association’s 2006-2007 calendar-handbook. Just as the newsletter underwent a makeover last winter, the handbook has also been the focus of change. This new edition, published on the 20th anniversary of the first, has been reorganized and expanded to gather key information for part-time students in one place.

With the internet increasingly the information source of choice, the MAPS web site has also been upgraded over the last few months. It is now easier to navigate to quickly find the information MAPS members need. Descriptions of what MAPS has to offer have been enhanced and helpful links added to take browsers to other campus resources. In addition, sections devoted to MAPS’ governance have been expanded as part of a commitment to transparency and accountability in organizational structure and decision-making.

During the fall term, MAPS will sponsor workshops on topics such as researching papers and writing essays (see box below).

As a new term is underway, MAPS will continue its program of service and advocacy on behalf of its members. Students with specific issues are asked to drop by the office (MUSC 234) and share their concerns with members of MAPS’ staff.

McNutt named acting provost

Dr. Robert McNutt was named acting provost effective October 15, following the resignation of Dr. Ken Norrie.

McNutt was dean of science at McMaster from 1989 to 1995, principal of the University of Toronto at Mississauga from 1995 to 2002, and was acting dean of Humanities at the time of his appointment.

Monthly parking rates increase this fall

All central campus parking is now one price: the rate for zones 1, 2, 3, 3NX, and Ward Avenue is $66 per month. The rate for zones 4, 5, and on the north loop of Mitchell Crescent in the gravel lots is $44 per month. Permit holders for zones 6 and 7, disabled parking and evening-only and weekend-only parking pay $28 per month.

In addition, a new $10 per month levy is being added to help finance the cost of a parking garage beneath the Ronald V. Joyce Stadium. Both the 340-space garage and the stadium are to be completed in September 2007.
On-line Registration now available at CCE

The Centre for Continuing Education (CCE) has recently rolled out a new on-line registration system that allows CCE students to sign up and pay for courses 24/7. Following are some of the system’s functionality highlights that will assist users:

**Highlights:**
- Register/Pay for courses on-line (5 easy steps to register on-line)
- Automated confirmation letters by e-mail
- Resource Centre - quick links to important information (policies, procedures, withdrawal form, directions to CCE, etc.)
- Message Centre - view all electronic communications sent by CCE

**Coming Soon:**
- Completed CCE courses list
- Personalized Learning Plan - what courses students require to complete their certificate/diploma

**Login Process: (3 ways to login)**

1. Returning CCE Student - I have previously taken a certificate/diploma course through CCE. Active Mac ID and password is required.
2. Mac Employee, new to CCE - I am a McMaster Employee but have never taken a certificate/diploma course through CCE. Employee number is required.
3. Public, new to CCE - I have never taken any certificate/diploma courses through CCE and I am not a McMaster employee.

**Update Personal Information**

To update any of your personal contact information, please log into MUGSI and make the appropriate changes - https://adweb.cis.mcmaster.ca/cis/ahtml/login.htm.

It is very important that we have your updated e-mail address, as course confirmations and other important communication will be coming by e-mail.

**New Programs at CCE**

Within the Diploma in Management Studies, CCE now offers four concentrations in

- Project Management
- IT Project Management
- Business Analysis
- Sourcing Management

In addition to taking the 5 Core Management Studies Courses, students will take the concentration courses through our partner Nexient Learning (formerly CDI/Polar Bear).

Visit the CCE website to register for an upcoming course www.mcmastercce.com.

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**EXAMINATION WARNING**

McMaster student photo ID cards are required at all examinations

If you are found writing without your ID card, you may be forced to withdraw from your exam without completing it.

If you arrive without your ID card, temporary cards are available in the Ivor Wynne Centre, Room B120 or the Michael DeGroote Centre for Learning and Discovery, Room 1016. A $30 charge will be applied to your account and you will not be allowed extra time during the exam to compensate for any delay.

**Cards are available now in Gilmour Hall, Room 108.**

Please remember to bring your McMaster photo ID to all exams!

Office of the Registrar
(Examinations)

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**Are you graduating in 2007?**

To be included in grad photo composites and the 2007 McMaster yearbook, degree students must have their photos taken in the fall term. Check with your departmental office for appointment sign-up sheets or contact Jostens at (905) 525-9140, ext. 26222.

For information about your Graduation Portraits and to book your appointment, go to: www.jostens4mcmaster.com
Membership transferability delayed

Membership transferability between the McMaster Association of Part-Time Students (MAPS) and the McMaster Students Union (MSU) has been delayed until at least September 2007.

“It’s frustrating to have invested so much time on this agreement, only to find that it won’t be implemented this year,” said MAPS president Dave Moore. “Course load would continue to be the main determinant for membership in the two student governments, but there are some circumstances where there is a compelling case for transferability.”

A draft agreement was approved in principle by both the MAPS board of directors and the MSU’s Student Representative Assembly in March 2006. A decision was made not to proceed in 2006-07 after University officials said they were not prepared to administer the fee adjustments related to membership transfers.

“We’re disappointed that transferability won’t proceed this fall, but there are issues to be resolved before the agreement is implemented,” said MSU president John Popham.

“There are logistical aspects where the University has a role, including the impact of fee changes on OSAP assessments and the accuracy of fee receipts issued for tax purposes, as well as administration of the HSR bus pass.”

Given the outstanding issues, the MSU decided not to proceed without the University as a full participant in a tripartite agreement. Under the proposed protocol, transferability would have been permitted only under limited circumstances.

Membership in the two student governments, which is based on a MAPS-MSU agreement that has been in place since 1986, is based on course load. Students enrolled in 1-17 units are members of MAPS. Students enrolled in 18 or more units are members of the MSU.

All students taking courses through the Centre for Continuing Education are members of MAPS and are not affected under the transferability proposal.

A key principle of the agreement is that students transferring would pay all fees payable by members of the receiving student government. For a student transferring from MAPS to the MSU, this would involve more than $500 in fees above those paid as a member of MAPS. Students transferring from MSU to MAPS would receive a refund, net of fees payable as a member of MAPS.

MAPS and the MSU will continue discussions with the University in pursuit of an agreement in which McMaster would be a party to a membership transfer protocol.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Martin W. Johns Award recognizes exceptional commitment to advancing the interests of part-time students through service such as:

- Teaching or administration; this may include increasing the accessibility of faculty or staff to part-time students;
- Service in university and/or student association governance;
- Promoting the interests of part-time studies with the community at large.

Part-time students (degree and certificate), alumni, faculty, instructors, and staff are eligible to be nominated.

Deadline – October 31, 2006

For further information:
http://www.mcmaster.ca/maps/awards.htm