

COMMUNITY LIFE

Emmanuel College Student Society

The Emmanuel College Student Society (ECSS) is an organization of the basic degree students. Its primary function is to oversee student activities within the College. It also seeks to provide an atmosphere that will promote Christian fellowship among students, students' families, faculty, and staff and to act as a liaison between students and faculty. The ECSS is represented on the TST Basic Degree Council and the Emmanuel College Council. The ECSS office is located in Emmanuel, Room 015, telephone 416-585-4535.

The Mission of the ECSS is to provide leadership for the community and to help the community to put its faith into action.

The ECSS is a great way for students to become involved in the community. Although most executive positions for the following year are filled at the March General Meeting before the end of winter session, there are some positions left open for incoming students: the Vice Chair of the ECSS and the position of First Year Representative. Nominations for these and any other available positions are accepted throughout the first couple weeks of classes and can be made right up until the elections at the September General Meeting.

Although executive positions are limited, there are many other ways to become involved with the ECSS. Participation in various committees, both long-standing committees and special committees, is always welcome.

Committees

Joint committees of faculty and students plan many aspects of life at Emmanuel College. These committees include the Worship and Community Life committees. Various other committees are formed throughout the year to plan and organize special events. Interested participants are always welcome!

The Community Life Committee is active throughout the year, organizing parties, receptions, lunches, Café Noel, the Emmanuel Annual and other traditional activities. These activities are a great way to get to know students who may not be in your classes, as well as a chance to relax and enjoy the Emmanuel community without the pressures of class. All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to participate.

Wednesday Worship

Most Wednesdays, except on days when there is a special program planned, the Emmanuel College community gathers for a worship service in the Chapel at 1:30. This is the one regular opportunity during the week for the faculty, staff and students of the College to gather together. Not only is this a time of worship, but this is also the main means of making announcements and informing the community of upcoming events and opportunities. The worship services are often special services, including but not limited to traditional and Taizé style services, special affirming services, faculty and/or student-led services and special music services. As this is the main gathering of the student body each week, all students and faculty are strongly encouraged to attend.

Coffee Lounge

The third floor coffee lounge is the focus of much of the informal student life of the College. It provides a comfortable place to have lunch and to chat with other students. A microwave, fridge and an assortment of tableware are available for student use. **Students are responsible for cleaning anything they use.** Coffee and tea in the lounge are maintained by students and matters of supply, quality, etc. should be brought to the attention of the ECSS rather than the Emmanuel office. The vending machines in the lounge are managed by Plant Services. Any problems with the vending machines, including issues of supply and/or money loss, should be reported to the Vic Print Shop.

Computers

There are computer terminals in the Emmanuel College library. In addition, there are a number of computer work stations and terminals in the Pratt library and the Robarts library. Laptop computers with word processing software and wireless internet may be signed out from the Emmanuel College library.

Lockers

Application for the assignment of a locker in the basement of Emmanuel College should be made through the Print Shop in the basement of old Victoria College. Students are encouraged to protect their personal property by using these lockers. These are especially helpful for students with many classes on the same day who do not wish to be burdened by carrying around all of their books.

Security of Personal Property

Emmanuel is located in the centre of a major city and, regrettably, the realities of big city life apply at the College. Each year there are a number of thefts of personal property that was left unattended in the public areas of the building. Please take the standard precautions to protect your belongings, being particularly vigilant in the library and coffee room. Do not leave valuables in your briefcase or knapsack while you collect material from the stacks, and keep your wallet on your person at all times!

Photocopy Facilities

There is a coin and TCard operated photocopy machine in the library. Students can avoid the hassle of carrying coins by placing money on their TCards using the machine that is located near the entrance of the library. The cards can then be inserted into the photocopier which will debit the number of copies made from the balance of the card. The print shop in the basement of Victoria College is also available for photocopying and produces high-quality copies at a reasonable charge per page.

Room Bookings

The Emmanuel College Chapel and classrooms may be booked by contacting the main office.

Inclusivity

Emmanuel College is intentionally inclusive, welcoming people regardless of ethnic or racial origin, faith expression, gender, age, or sexual orientation. The current community of faculty, staff and students is composed of a variety of people who come together for the common purpose of theological study in Canadian, North American and global contexts.

SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Accessibility Services

Emmanuel College is governed by the policies and procedures of Accessibility Services of the University of Toronto, and Emmanuel students are eligible to use the services provided. Accessibility Services facilitates the inclusion of students with disabilities in all aspects of university life. The focus is on skills development, especially in the areas of self-advocacy and academic skills. Services are provided to students with a documented disability (whether physical or sensory), a learning disability, or a mental health condition. Students with temporary disabilities due to injuries (e.g., broken arm) are also eligible. The Accessibility Services office is located in Robarts Library, 130 St. George Street, at the north end of main floor. For more information call 416-978-8060 or visit the Accessibility Services web site at www.accessibility.utoronto.ca

The Athletic Centre

The compulsory athletic incidental fees paid by Emmanuel basic degree students entitle them to use the recreation, instruction, and fitness facilities of the Athletic Centre of the University of Toronto (Harbord Street between Huron and Spadina). A small additional fee may, however, be charged for special classes. Spousal memberships are also available. Instruction is available in more than twenty-four different sports and activities. Co-ed fitness classes are also offered.

Facilities include:

- two swimming pools
- a strength and conditioning centre
- a 200m indoor track
- ten squash courts
- eight gymnasia
- indoor tennis courts
- a dance studio fencing sale, golf cages and more

There are also playing fields on front and back campus. Further information is available from the administrative office in the main lobby, telephone 416-978-3437 or online at www.athletics.utoronto.ca/.

Career Centre

Basic degree students, through their compulsory fees, have access to the University of Toronto Career Centre. The professional career counsellors of the Centre offer advice and assessment on a one-to-one basis by appointment and conduct seminars and workshops throughout the year, which are open to TST students.

The David L. Macintosh Sport Medicine Clinic

The sport medicine clinic of the University of Toronto Department of Athletics and Recreation is located in the Athletic Building, 55 Harbord Street, telephone 416-978-3086.

Downtown Legal Services

A team of law students, under the guidance of two full-time lawyers, staffs this independent service. They will deal with academic/OSAP appeals, landlord-tenant problems, small claims, and some criminal cases, free of charge. It is located at 91 St. George Street, telephone 416-978-6447.

Family Care Office

The Family Care Office provides free confidential information, guidance, referrals and advocacy for students, staff, faculty and their families. You can take advantage of free workshops, support groups and seminars. More information can be found at their website:

<http://www.familycare.utoronto.ca/>.

Hart House

Hart House is the cultural, athletic, and recreational meeting place on campus and is open to all University of Toronto students. Hart House offers a wide range of programs and provides comfortable common rooms, the Justina M. Barnicke Art Gallery, photographic darkrooms, concerts, library evenings and monthly debates. It is possible to register at the program office (416-978-2447) for a variety of club activities from chess to Yoga, or to book an overnight visit to the Hart House Farm in the Caledon Hills.

Open 365 days a year, the fitness wing of Hart House features a pool, indoor track, three squash courts, a dance studio and gymnasium. There is a full range of the latest exercise and weight equipment, as well as spacious and modern locker facilities.

For more information on programs and events at Hart House, please see their website at www.harthouse.utoronto.ca.

Hart House Farm

This 150-acre property nestled in the Caledon Hills provides an idyllic escape from the pace of university life. Visitors can come for day trips and overnight stays. The farm features three swimming ponds, nature trails and a traditional Finnish sauna.

Health and Dental Insurance

Full-time basic and advanced degree students are eligible for the supplementary health and dental insurance provided by the University of Toronto Student Union (UTSU). UTSU fees are compulsory for full-time students. Students with other supplementary health insurance may opt out via the UTSU website, www.utsu.utoronto.ca. Visa students no longer qualify for the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) and are required to participate in the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP).

Health Service

The University of Toronto Health Service provides general medical and family physician care and sponsors a number of programs to promote healthful living. It is open on weekdays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, with the exception of Tuesdays and Wednesdays when it stays open until 7:00 pm. It is located in the Koffler Student Services Centre, 214 College Street, telephone 416-978-8030. Appointments are recommended. Students using the services will be required to present their Ontario Health or UHIP cards and student identification cards. For more information, please see the Health Service website at <http://www.healthservice.utoronto.ca/>.

International Student Centre

The International Student Centre (ISC) provides a place for students from Canada and abroad to meet for organized programs or informal gatherings in a multi-cultural setting. It can provide valuable information about immigration regulations for those entering Canada as students and about obtaining a visa to visit the United States. Basic degree students are entitled to use the ISC services because they pay a compulsory student services fee. Advanced degree students do not pay this fee, but may purchase an ISC membership. The Centre is located at 33 St. George Street, telephone 416-978-2564 and may be found on the Internet at <http://www.isc.utoronto.ca/>.

Psychiatric Services

The Psychiatric Division of the University of Toronto Health Services assists students with psychological and emotional problems including depression, anxiety, disordered eating, attention and concentration difficulties, phobias and problems with sleep. No referral is necessary, and students should telephone or visit in person to make an appointment. This is a fully professional service staffed by experienced counsellors and therapists. All information is completely confidential. It is located in the Koffler Student Services Centre, 214 College Street, telephone 416-978-8070. Students using the services will be required to present their Ontario Health or UHIP cards and student identification cards. For more information, please see their website at <http://www.caps.utoronto.ca/>

Services to Aboriginal Students

The University of Toronto Office of Aboriginal Student Services and Programs and the First Nations House offer a variety of culturally supportive services to aboriginal students. The First Nations House is located at 563 Spadina Avenue, 3rd floor, telephone 416-978-8227.

Varsity Centre

This state-of-the art athletic facility includes:

- Varsity Arena
- A new 5000-seat stadium
- A world-class artificial playing field
- A 400m eight-lane outdoor track
- An air-supported dome in winter

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Email

It is mandatory that ALL students have a UTOR e-mail address as this will be the **ONLY** means that the Emmanuel office, faculty, and Financial Services of the University of Toronto will officially communicate. It is assumed that students will read their messages regularly.

The Portal (www.portal.utoronto.ca)

Important messages from the main office concerning dates, events and community life are posted on the portal. Students login with their UTORid and password. **It is expected that all students will check the Portal regularly**

LIBRARIES AND OTHER RESEARCH RESOURCES



Libraries

Victoria University has two libraries: the Emmanuel College library, with a theological collection of over 75,000 volumes including areas of specialization for advanced degree programs, and the E.J. Pratt library, with a collection of over 175,000 volumes which includes books in theology and cognate fields.

Guides to all of the collections are available, along with leaflets concerning library hours and borrowing privileges. Introductory tours of the libraries are given, as well as instruction in the use of the online catalogue, Internet access, CD-ROM and bibliographic materials. Reference assistance with research is available from the staff.

The Emmanuel College library has special collections, notably of Wesley and Wesleyan texts, hymn books and other sacred song books, and several hundred Bibles in a wide range of languages. ThM and ThD theses are also available. The E.J. Pratt library's special collections of books and manuscripts include theology related materials such as the James Evans, Peter Jones, Northrop Frye and the Disciples of Christ collections. Items from special collections may be used in the library only (advance notice is requested).

Another special collection, of interest to the theological student, is that of the Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, a research collection concentrating on the period from 1450-1650. It is located within the Pratt library.

The John P. Robarts research library has a comprehensive collection of current theological books and these titles, as well as all titles in the Victoria Libraries, appear in UTCAT, the campus online catalogue. Visit the library web site at www.vicu.utoronto.ca

The Centre for Research in Religion

The Centre for Research in Religion was created at Emmanuel College in 1986 with the assistance of a Lilly Endowment faculty development grant to promote and support the work of scholars in various disciplines in the general area of Canadian religious traditions, with a particular focus on the United Church. It has a close working relationship with the United Church Archives. The Centre's mandate has expanded to include international research and scholarship in religion. It continues to provide a setting in which visiting research associates and other interested persons can find stimulation and support for their projects. Through publications, conferences and workshops, the Centre contributes to the informed discussion of important public issues.

The Centre for Asian Theology

The Centre for Asian Theology was established at Emmanuel College in the fall of 1993 to serve as a resource for and provide support to Emmanuel College, the Toronto School of Theology and the Asian United Churches of the greater Toronto area by raising awareness of theological developments in Asia, making available works in Asian theological thought in both English and the various Asian languages, and encouraging scholarship in Asian theology. A significant number of books on Asian theology have been collected and catalogued by the Emmanuel College library. Theological works in Chinese and other Asian languages are also available for browsing in Room 107 of Emmanuel, along with newsletters, pamphlets and materials in English on Asian and Asian-North American theology and ministry. Since its establishment, the Centre has sponsored a number of public lectures and events including the annual Lunar Year luncheon.