



VIEWBOOK 2025

Dawson
— COLLEGE



1 Diverse Programs

With 27 programs, Dawson can meet the diverse interests and career aspirations of our students. Whether your interests lie in the sciences, arts, or social sciences, there's something for everyone.



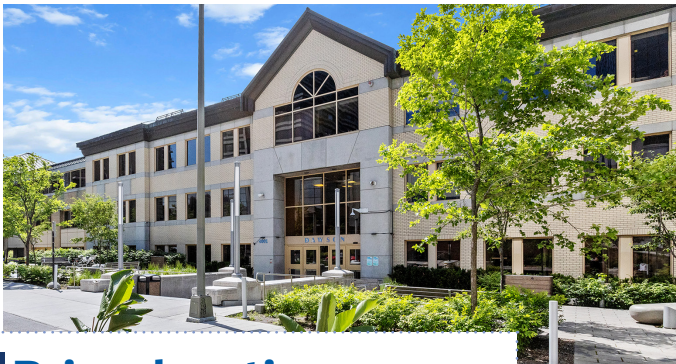
2 Preparation for the future

Dawson's rigorous academic programs and emphasis on critical thinking and analytical skills provide a solid foundation for your future. Whether you plan to apply to university or enter the workforce upon graduation, the knowledge and experiences gained here will position you for success in any path.



3 Supportive services for all students

Students can access free academic guidance, accessibility services, financial aid counselling, and career planning services, with personalized guidance and support available at our First-Year Students' Office to ensure a smooth transition into CEGEP life.



4 Prime location

Situated in the heart of downtown Montreal and conveniently linked to the Atwater Metro station via an underground tunnel, Dawson students enjoy the vibrant atmosphere of the city.

Top Ten Reasons



5 Athletics

With 15 competitive teams, Dawson has one of Quebec's biggest athletics programs. Over the years, our Blues athletes have secured scholarships in Canada and abroad, with some becoming Olympians.



6 Learning beyond the classroom

At Dawson, education extends far beyond the classroom. From publishing research to coding and participating in Model UN debates and design competitions, students have endless learning possibilities.



7 Dynamic student life

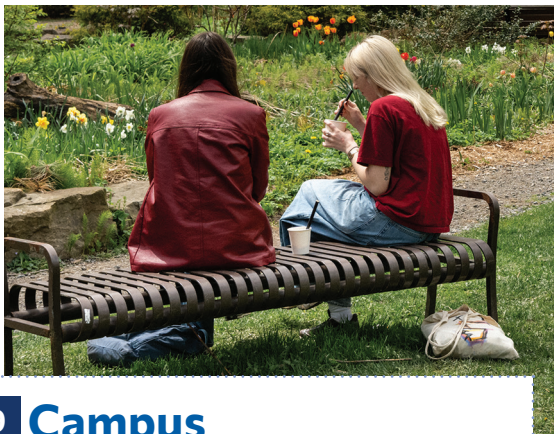
Join our dynamic campus life by joining one (or more) of our many student clubs, such as the Esports Association, the Green Earth Club, or Dawson's student newspaper, The Plant. Our vibrant student club scene provides the opportunity to connect and forge lifelong friendships with like-minded peers.

You'll Love Dawson



8 Inclusive community

Enjoy the rich cultural and academic offerings of a large CEGEP institution, all within the embrace of a tight-knit community. Everyone is welcome here.



9 Campus

The Dawson campus combines its heritage site status with modern upgrades, such as a rock-climbing wall, an ecological Peace Garden, a stunning library, active learning classrooms, and modern labs.



10 Commitment to sustainability

As a Carbon Neutral Forever institution, Dawson takes pride in its award-winning sustainability projects and our commitment to a "Well-being for All" philosophy. By choosing Dawson, you're becoming part of a community devoted to creating a more sustainable future for everyone.

Welcome to Dawson



Welcome to Dawson, where excellence in higher education intersects with a vibrant community committed to developing your highest personal, academic, and professional potential.

Dawson is a large English-language college. Our students, faculty, and staff embody a multitude of backgrounds, identities, and life experiences that are reflective of the multicultural and dynamic character of Montreal itself.

This diversity greatly enriches all our community members by providing a welcoming environment where the focus is on the academic, personal, and social development of the whole person so that students can define their own purpose and realize their potential.



What is a DEC?

A DEC is a college-level diploma specific to Quebec, granted by the Ministry of Education upon successful completion of all requirements in a CEGEP program. DEC stands for *diplôme d'études collégiales*. Despite its English equivalent being “Diploma of College Studies,” it is commonly known and referred to as a DEC.

Pre-university programs prepare you for studies at university and give you an important opportunity to explore your passions and strengths. Dawson has six pre-university programs encompassing 18 different profiles, which means you have many options and can focus on something interesting to you.

A profile is a specific stream of a program. For example, Psychology is a profile of the Social Science program. Although you apply directly to a profile, your graduation diploma indicates the program you completed.

Pre-university Programs

- **Science**
 - Pure and Applied Science
 - Enriched Pure and Applied Science
 - Health and Life Sciences
 - Enriched Health and Life Sciences
- **Science, Computer Science and Mathematics**
- **Liberal Arts**

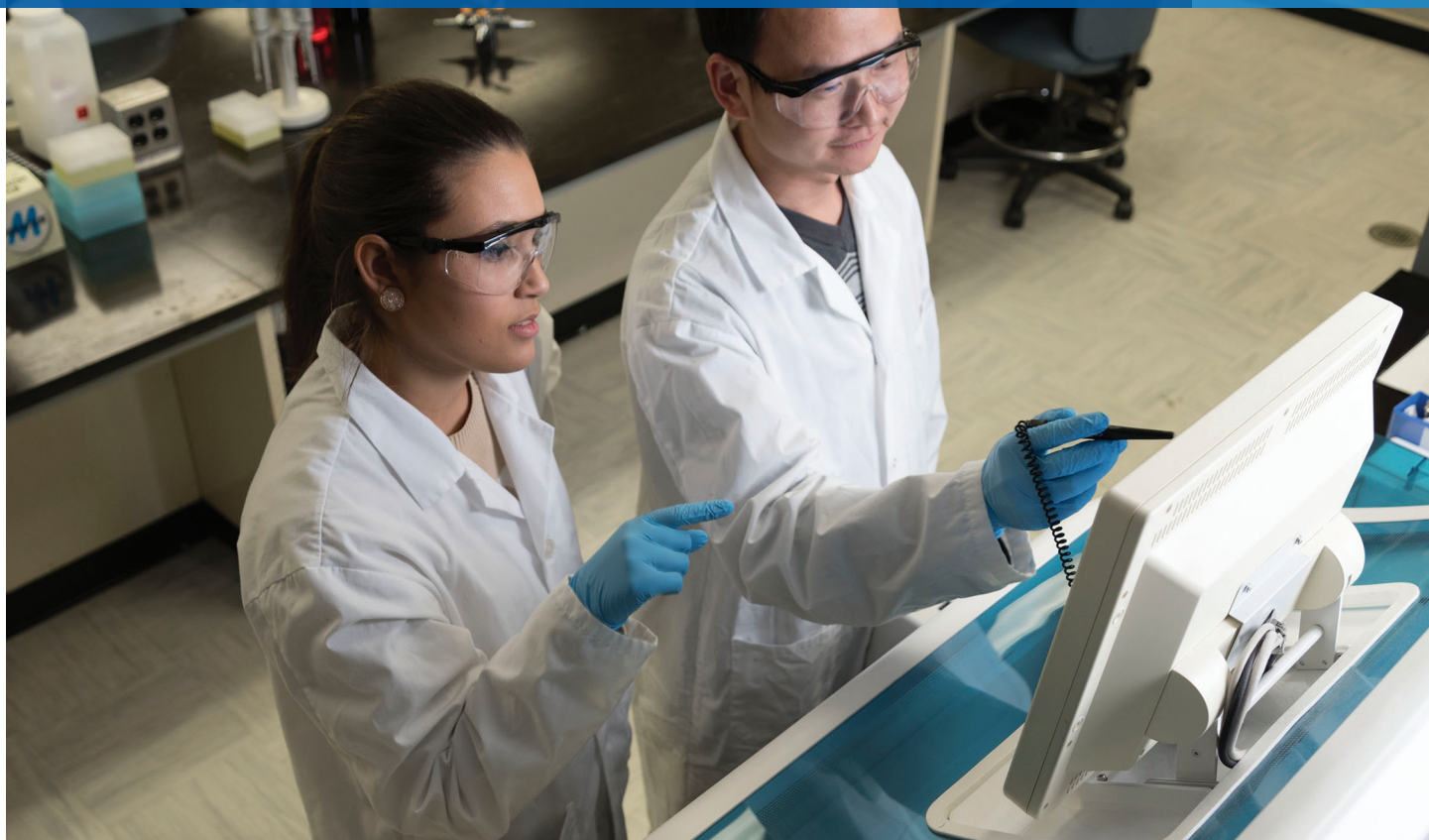
- **Visual Arts**
- **Social Science**
 - Commerce
 - Education, Family and Childhood
 - General Studies
 - International Business Studies
 - Law, Society and Justice
 - Psychology
 - Social Change and Solidarity
 - Society and Technology
- **Arts, Literature and Communication**
 - Arts and Culture
 - Cinema | Communications
 - Interactive Media Arts
 - Languages
 - Literature
 - Studio Arts

Transition Programs (1 year)

These one-year transition pathways prepare students for entry into another program.

- **Journeys:** A First Peoples' College Transition Program
- **Pathways:** Pathways Prerequisites and the Pathways Orientation programs are for students missing high school prerequisites for a Science Program or Technical Program or wanting to explore CEGEP studies.

For admission requirements to each program, please refer to the respective program webpages on our website.



Technical programs will provide you with the skills and practice you will need to launch your career in a specific field or continue your studies at university. These programs often form tight-knit communities of students and may offer work placements for hands-on experience.

Medical

- **Biomedical Laboratory Technology**
- **Diagnostic Imaging Technology**
- **Medical Ultrasound Technology**
- **Nursing***
- **Physiotherapy Technology**
- **Radiation Oncology**

Engineering and Laboratory

- **Civil Engineering Technology***
- **Electrical Engineering Technology***
- **Laboratory Technology (Analytical Chemistry) ***
- **Mechanical Engineering Technology***

Community Service

- **Social Service**
- **Community, Recreation and Leadership Training**

Business and Computer Science

- **Administration and Management Technology**
 - Accounting and Financial Management
 - Marketing and Digital Communication
- **Computer Science Technology***

Arts and Design

- **Professional Theatre (Acting)**
- **Industrial Design**
- **Interior Design**
- **Professional Photography**
- **Graphic Design**
- **Illustration**
- **3D Production and CGI***

*Did you know? Students entering this program qualify for Bourses Perspective scholarships. These \$1,500 scholarships are granted to students after each successful full-time term, for a total of \$9,000 for a three-year program.

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Continuing Education



Evening Science and Social Science DEC Programs

If daytime classes in a DEC program aren't convenient for you, Dawson also offers Science and Social Science DEC programs in the evenings. Classes typically run from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on weeknights and during the day on Saturdays.

Applications open in mid-May for the Fall semester and in mid-November for the Winter semester.

Springboard to a DEC

If you want to :

- Explore CEGEP programs
- Complete prerequisites required for admission to a CEGEP program

- Upgrade your academic record to improve chances of admission or readmission to a CEGEP program
- Upgrade language skills
- Complete a CEGEP program*

... Springboard could be the right option for you. Springboard offers tailored evening courses to meet your needs.

*While graduation from Springboard isn't possible, it serves as an excellent transition to a DEC program. Plus, most Springboard courses count towards your DEC completion.

For more information, visit dawsoncollege.qc.ca/credit

Enhanced learning



Take your learning to the next level with a Dawson certificate

In addition to choosing a program of study, you can also enrol in a certificate. A certificate provides a thematic area of concentration to complement your program choice and can add greater coherence to your General Education and program learning.

Choose from 6 certificates and join a community of students and teachers who share a passion for thinking about and finding solutions to specific contemporary issues.

- Decolonization and Indigenization Studies
- Environment and Sustainability
- Hellenic Studies
- Peace Studies
- SPACE: Arts and Sciences
- Women's/Gender Studies

Learn more at dawson.college/certificates

“ Enrolling in a certificate at Dawson was one of the best choices I ever made. I expanded my knowledge, learned about issues, gained valuable experience, and made several friends!

Become a part of a Learning Community

Learning Communities courses are team-taught, interdisciplinary courses that focus on a complex theme, topic, or contemporary challenge. These courses are designed and co-taught by highly motivated teachers from different disciplines. There is a proven link between learning communities and higher student achievement.

Learn more at dawsoncollege.qc.ca/learning-communities

Join a special area of study

At Dawson, you have the freedom to approach your General Education courses using alternative teaching methods and learning styles.

New School

Imagine having a say in what and how you learn, shaping the content of your own courses. New School has its own unique learning space and offers an alternative way to take your General Education courses.

Reflections

Dedicated to interdisciplinary explorations of seminal works in literature, philosophy, social sciences, and the arts, these courses are given in seminar-style settings where students earn credits in General Education and Social Science courses.

General Education and Complementary Courses



General Education courses are an important part of every pathway to a Diploma of College Studies and provide students with common cultural knowledge, writing and critical thinking skills, and well-roundedness.

All students must take four English, three Humanities, two to five French-language* and three Physical Education courses to meet the graduation requirements of the General Education portion of their college education. Up to two complementary courses (taught in French) are required for graduation.

Because of our large size, Dawson can provide students with a variety of historical, literary, and social themes and new approaches through which students can complete their general education courses. We offer the largest choice of general education courses.

English

Students learn to be effective readers, writers, listeners, and speakers through exposure to significant literary and cultural works from a variety of genres and periods. The four required General Education English courses are Introduction to College English (ICE), Literary Genres, Literary Themes, and, Applied Themes in English.

French

The acquisition of French enables students to participate more fully in the cultural and professional life of Quebec. At Dawson College, some students study French as a second language while others take courses to prepare for the French Exit Exam to graduate.

Students with a Certificate of Eligibility to English-language education will take French as a second language to develop the four aspects of language acquisition – speaking, listening, reading, and writing – with the focus on reading and writing.

Students without a Certificate of Eligibility will take three 45-hour literature courses to prepare for the French Exit Exam.

For more information visit dawsoncollege.qc.ca/french

Humanities

Humanities is a multidisciplinary exploration of human civilization, including its accomplishments, failures, abilities, creations, ideas, beliefs, and values. Humanities courses are intended to promote personal and social development and to give students a foundation that will help them understand their roles in contemporary society.

Physical Education

Our Physical Education offerings include dance, combative sports, individual sports, team sports, fitness activities, outdoor education, and stress management. Students can complete their Physical Education courses by doing multi-day intensive classes that involve exciting field trips. Our facilities include three gyms, an indoor rock-climbing wall, weight rooms, dance and combat rooms, general fitness rooms, and multi-activity areas.

Complementary courses*

Students must select complementary courses from one or two domains accessible to their programs and from disciplines outside those in their fields of concentration:

- Social Sciences
- Science and Technology
- Computer Science
- Modern Languages
- Arts and Aesthetics
- Contemporary Issues

*The number of French and complementary courses you will take depends on your level of French and whether you have a Certificate of Eligibility. For more information, visit dawsoncollege.qc.ca/french

Services for students

Life as a Dawson student is more than just classes and exams. Your time here will be a life-changing experience, where you will make new friends, explore your interests, and grow as a person. When things get challenging or confusing, we're here to help!

The First-Year Students' Office is your go-to place for navigating your transition to CEGEP. We're here to answer any questions you have or to help connect you with the services listed below.

For more information, visit dawsoncollege.qc.ca/first-year

Academic Advising

Receive guidance on educational planning, including program transfers, graduation requirements, and university applications. dawsoncollege.qc.ca/academic-advising

Student Employment

Get help with job searches, CV writing, and interview preparation. We also host on-campus job fairs where you can connect directly with recruiters. dawsoncollege.qc.ca/student-employment

Student Health Services

Access on-campus medical services, including pregnancy and STI testing, contraceptive counselling, and appointments with medical professionals. dawsoncollege.qc.ca/health-services

Student AccessAbility Centre

Work with our Adapted Services Counsellors who support students with physical or learning disabilities, mental health disorders, and issues related to an accident or illness. Our counsellors can identify and organize appropriate accommodations for students. dawsoncollege.qc.ca/student-accessibility

Campus Life Office

Get involved in your new community. Campus Life offers programs to improve the quality of campus life through social, recreational, and leadership activities. dawsoncollege.qc.ca/campus-life-leadership

Counselling

Explore your concerns with a qualified counsellor in a supportive and non-judgmental environment. Whether you're dealing with stress, loss, difficult relationships, or feeling isolated or depressed, contact us for free and confidential counselling with a registered psychologist. dawsoncollege.qc.ca/counselling

Financial Aid

Inform yourself about financial assistance, free snacks, and a food bank for groceries and toiletries. We've got you covered. dawsoncollege.qc.ca/financial-aid

It's my first time studying in English.

I just moved to Montreal and I don't know anyone here.

I'm nervous about starting CEGEP.

I don't know if I can afford to move out.

I've been feeling really stressed out these days.

I have no idea what career I want to pursue.

Career Resource Centre

Explore information on university programs, paid internships, and study-abroad opportunities. This is a great place to start if you're unsure of your career path. dawsoncollege.qc.ca/career-resource-centre

Library

Enjoy a quiet study space, access to books and research materials, and help from our friendly staff in a beautiful former chapel. Many services and extensive research databases are also available online. library.dawsoncollege.qc.ca

CLÉO (Centre de Langue Écrite et Orale)

Take advantage of French language tutoring services and personalized meetings to meet your unique French language development needs. dawsoncollege.qc.ca/cleo

Academic Skills Centre

Improve your learning, studying, reading, and writing skills. You can meet with professionals and peer tutors on an individual basis or in small groups. dawsoncollege.qc.ca/academic-skills-centre

Awards and Scholarships

Inform yourself about the many awards and financial prizes offered to motivated students. Each year, Dawson celebrates excellence with our wide range of over 120 awards, bursaries, and scholarships. dawsoncollege.qc.ca/awards-scholarships

First Peoples' Centre

Visit the Centre which provides comprehensive support for Indigenous students (First Nations, Metis, and Inuit). You will find a culturally sensitive environment where students can learn, study, socialize, and find community. dawsoncollege.qc.ca/first-peoples-initiative

Ombudsperson's Office

Inform yourself about this independent and confidential service which ensures that you receive fair and equitable treatment. We can investigate complaints and help negotiate solutions. dawsoncollege.qc.ca/ombudsperson

Student life



At Dawson, we promote involvement in activities that enhance both your education and your personal growth.

Forge friendships and make the most of CEGEP by taking part in para-academic and extracurricular experiences that extend learning beyond the classroom. Here are some examples:

Dawson College Model UN

Sharpen your debating skills and explore global issues at local and international Model United Nations conferences.

Neuroscience Research Group

Dive into real scientific research alongside experienced mentors from Dawson and local universities.

Coffee 'n Code

Learn programming and Python for AI projects and web development in a supportive community.

Sustainabili-Team

Get hands-on with urban agriculture and gardening, nurturing our on-campus green spaces and award-winning sustainability initiatives.

Blue Ring

Make friends through becoming an ambassador for the College and volunteer. Blue Ringers get a special mention on their transcript.

Events and Lecture series

Enjoy art exhibitions, theater productions, and guest lectures and panels, expanding your horizons outside the classroom.

Get involved with a student club!

Discover a wide range of clubs offered by the Dawson Student Union, catering to various interests and communities. Here are some examples:

Etcetera

Find a supportive and inclusive space within Dawson College's LGBTQIA+ club.

Dawson Debate Union

Hone your oratory skills, refine public speaking, and sharpen critical thinking through engaging debates on personal viewpoints.

The Dawson Esports Association

Connect with fellow gamers, share tips, and enjoy gaming together at Dawson's largest club.

The Plant newspaper

Enhance your writing and reporting skills at The Plant, Dawson's monthly student-run newspaper.

Explore more at dawsonstudentunion.com/student-groups

Athletics



With 15 competitive teams, Dawson has one of Quebec's biggest athletics programs. As a Blues athlete, you'll join a community of driven students pursuing excellence both in sports and academics.

Get access to pro coaching, a gym, academic support, and athletic therapy treatments. Over the years, our athletes have secured scholarships in Canada and abroad, with some becoming Olympians. Elevate your game with Dawson Blues!

Follow the Blues on social media!

[Facebook](#)

@DawsonCollegeBlues

[Instagram](#)

@dcblues_athletics

For more info, visit athletics.dawsoncollege.qc.ca

Dawson Teams

Basketball

- Men's Division 1
- Men's Division 2
- Women's Division 1
- Women's Division 2

Hockey

- Women's Division 1

Soccer

- Men's Division 2
- Women's Division 1

Volleyball

- Men's Division 2
- Women's Division 2

Badminton

- Mixed Division 3

Rugby

- Men's
- Women's

Rowing

- Mixed Team

Baseball

- Men's

Cross Country Running

- Mixed Division 2

Coaches



Our coaches are there for you in sports and in life, offering mentorship to help you reach your full potential. As former professional athletes and even Olympians, some have decades of experience coaching high-level sports.

Certified athletic therapists at Dawson's in-house clinic help our student athletes stay in top shape, treating any acute or chronic injury, on or off the field.



Trevor Williams
D1 Women's Basketball



Wayne Yearwood
D1 Men's Basketball



Rohan Pirali
D1 Women's Soccer



Joey Brandone
D1 Women's Hockey



Paolo Saravia-Canessa
D2 Men's Soccer

Bill 96 (Law 14): What does it mean for you?



All students in Quebec can attend English-language CEGEP. However, whether they hold a Certificate of Eligibility can mean different admission, course, and graduation requirements.

Certificates of Eligibility

A Certificate of Eligibility provides Quebecers with the right to attend publicly funded English language elementary schools or high schools in Quebec. For more information on who has a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) or how to obtain one, visit the Quebec Ministry of Education's website. You must apply for your COE before completing your high school education.

Priority admissions for certificate holders

For programs in which the number of applications for admission is higher than the number of spaces available, priority will be given to certificate holders based on college-determined standards.

French Exit Exam required for non-certificate holders

All CEGEP students in the province must pass either an English Exit Exam or a French Exit Exam to receive their Diploma of College Studies (DEC).

- **Students with a COE** attending an English CEGEP will need to pass the English Exit Exam to graduate
- **Students without a COE** attending an English CEGEP will now need to pass the French Exit Exam.

Courses in French

As of Fall 2024:

- **Students with a COE** will have to take three program courses in French* OR three additional French language courses to improve their French language skills, depending on their level of ability. In both cases, these are in addition to the two French as a second language courses required as part of General Education requirements, for a total of five courses.
- **Students without a COE** will have to take two of their program courses in French. These are in addition to the three French literature courses required as preparatory curriculum for writing the French Exit Exam.

*Program courses that will be taught in French include complementary, specific education, and/or Humanities courses.

More detailed information at [dawson.college/Bill96FAQ](https://www.dawsoncollege.ca/Bill96FAQ)

Admission



This process specifically applies to daytime pre-university and technical programs. For Continuing Education Evening programs, please visit dawsoncollege.qc.ca/credit

1 Choose your program

Decide which program is right for you. Note that some programs, for example, three-year technical programs, only accept applications for the Fall semester.

Need help choosing? Visit dawsoncollege.qc.ca/choose-a-program for guidance.

2 Review requirements

Check the admission requirements for your selected program.

For international or out-of-province students, visit dawsoncollege.qc.ca/admissions/admission-requirements

3 Submit your application

Create an online account, complete your application, upload the required documents and pay the fee at apply.dawsoncollege.qc.ca

Deadlines

- March 1 for the Fall semester
- November 1 for the Winter semester

4 Receive your decision

Keep an eye on your application status in the Application Centre. Processing times can vary from a few weeks to a few months depending on how early you submit your application before the deadline.

5 Confirm your acceptance

If you receive an admission offer, be sure to confirm your acceptance before the deadline.

Review your admissions package thoroughly for instructions on the next steps.

English and French Placement Test

After admission to Dawson College and before beginning their studies, newly admitted students are required to complete an English and/or French Placement Evaluation. This test is used to measure aptitudes in English and/or French so that we may place students in the appropriate English and/or French courses.

For more information, contact

dawsoncollege.qc.ca/admissions/how-to-apply

Tel: 514 933-1234

admissions@dawsoncollege.qc.ca

Dawson College Registrar's Office

Room 2D.6

Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Student fees

Tuition is free for permanent residents of Quebec who are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants and are taking at least four courses or 180 hours per semester. A non-refundable \$30 application fee and about \$200 in student fees per semester are charged.

Canadian non-Quebec resident fees are \$1,833 per semester, while international student fees, depending on the program of study, range between \$7,210 and \$11,174 per term (as of the summer 2024 semester).

Books and supplies cost between \$500 and \$1,000 per year, although supplies for some programs are more costly.

For details, visit dawsoncollege.qc.ca/finance/student-fees



Application deadlines

November 1 for the
Winter semester

March 1 for the
Fall semester

Open House

October 20 and 27, 2024

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