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The Mount Allison Wesleyan College was organized in July, 1862, under a charter obtained from the Legislature of New Brunswick. By virtue of this charter it possesses full University powers. An Act was subsequently passed amending the charter and changing the name of the Corporation to "The University of Mount Allison College."

The College is conducted on strictly non-sectarian principles. The general denominational control under which it is placed furnishes a sufficient guarantee that sceptical license will never be allowed within its walls, but does not imply the existence of a purpose or wish to interfere with the conscientious convictions of any. The fullest recognition, however, is given to the truths and claims of the Christian Religion. The Bible is publicly honored as the Word of God, and no pains are spared that the education imparted may be suitably leavened with religious principle.

Students may enter the College either as regular Undergraduates, having passed the Matriculation Examination; or as Specialists, who do not look forward to a University Degree.

For Undergraduates two complete courses of study are provided, viz.:

1. The Regular Arts Course for the B. A. Degree.

2. The Special Course for those who prefer to substitute Modern Languages for Greek and Latin, and who may desire a greater number of elective studies than the Arts Course permits. The degree of Bachelor of Philosophy (Ph. B.) will be conferred on students who have completed this course.

There are also Honor Courses in Classics, Mathematics, Science, Philosophy, and Modern Languages and Literature.

Special Students are admitted to any class or course of Lectures for which, in the judgment of the Faculty, after due examination, they are deemed prepared; and upon leaving the College, they will be entitled to receive Certificates bearing the College Seal, and specifying the particular branches of study in which they have received instruction and passed satisfactory examinations.