Malaspina University-College is legally incorporated as an independent degree-granting institution under the College and Institute Act of British Columbia, as the result of a change in provincial legislation enacted in 1995.

Malaspina University-College was founded in 1969 and has been offering undergraduate university degrees since 1989.

In October 2000, Malaspina University-College became a member of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC).

Coat-of-Arms

The Malaspina Coat-of-Arms was granted to the University-College in 1995 by the Chief Herald of Canada and consists of five elements: the shield, crest, supporters, compartment, and motto.

The motto Discoveries in Education was adopted in 1969, when the institution was inaugurated, and also provides a link with one of Captain Alexandro Malaspina's ships—Descubierta—which means Discovery.

The Coat-of-Arms does not replace the existing University-College logo; its use is restricted to official documents such as degree parchments.

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Welcome from the President

All of us at Malaspina are here to foster exploration, to share ideas, and to create an environment that excites and ignites learning. Students come here to live up to their potential, supported by dedicated faculty and staff, and make important life changes in the pleasant surroundings of one of the West Coast's most beautiful campuses.

At the intellectual heart of every good university campus is the Library. To ensure that Malaspina's Library is able to facilitate learning in the 21st Century, we are embarking on a new $10-million Library expansion and renovation that will double the size of the present structure, making it virtually new. The New Library—slated for completion in September 2004—will be a gateway to the future. Included in the development is a Library Commons that will be open evenings and weekends and feature computer stations and scanners, CD burners, and advanced software.

Wireless technology will provide rapid Internet access from anywhere in the building, using laptop computers available from the Loan Desk. The book collection will be expanded from 160,000 to 230,000 volumes. The new Media Commons will have a preview room and stand-alone listening/viewing rooms, and study space will double. There will also be a journals reading room, special collections room, video/sound editing room, student project rooms, Writing Centre, booths for team projects, coffee shop, and much more.

In addition to the new Library expansion, we recently completed the new five-storey Applied Science, Technology & Education Centre, a new Heavy-Duty/Carpentry shop and a new Facilities building, and plan to open a new $4-million Centre for International Education, this summer. All this new development, change and growth at Malaspina University-College will help make us a better place for students to achieve success in their chosen fields.

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff at Malaspina, I wish you all the best in your educational endeavours.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Johnston
President, Malaspina University-College
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