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## Reinventing Surveying & Geomatics Education in Canada since 1907

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## The next 15 minutes…

- About Laval University
- Evolution of the Surveying programs at Laval U.
- The renewed curricula
- Why new programs?
- The Dept. of Geomatics Sc.
- The challenges
- An invitation…

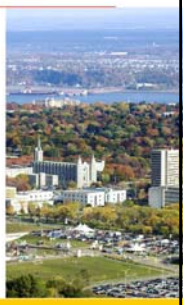
## The cradle of French civilization in North America


## A Remarkable History

Université Laval is the oldest French-language university in North America, with a history going back over 340 years.

## Université Laval at a glance

- 17 faculties
- 400 programs in all major fields
- 38,000 students, including 3,500 foreign students
- 2,000 professors and lecturers
- 4,000 support and research staff
- One of Canada's ten leading research universities
- A vast campus with a city vibe



## The Québec education system

| Level | Number of years of full-time study |
|---|---|
| Preschool | 1–2 years (optional) |
| Elementary | 6 years |
| Secondary | 5 years |
| College | 2 years **(preuniversity)**<br>3 years (technical) |
| University:<br>Bachelor's Degree<br>Master's Degree<br>Ph.D. | <br>3 or **4 years**<br>2 years<br>3 to 5 years |

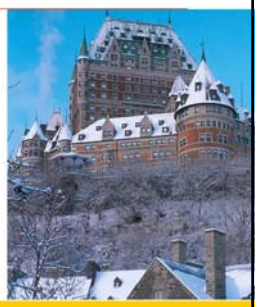
## Teaching Surveying since 1907

1907: Foundation of the first School of Surveying in North America

1965: Implementation of Graduate programs: M.Sc. - Ph.D.

1986: Bachelor's Degree in Geomatics A new approach – 2 profiles

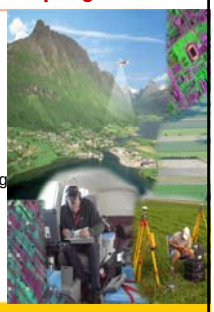
2006: A new generation of programs



## A new generation of undergraduate programs

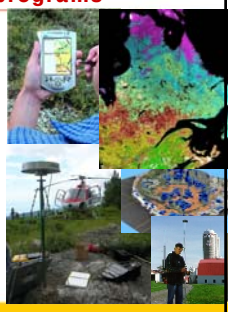
**2 undergraduate programs – 4 years**

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree in Geomatics Sciences
  - – to train Land Surveyors
- ✓ Bachelor's Degree in Geomatics Engineering
  - – to train Geomatics Engineers



## A new generation of graduate programs

- ✓ 1 year short program in Geomatics
- ✓ Master's Degree in Geomatics Sciences
  - -Research Degree
  - -Professionnal Degree
    - -GeoInformatics
    - -Land administration
    - -Applied Geomatics
- ✓ M.B.A. in Geomatics Management
- ✓ Ph.D. Degree in Geomatics Sciences



## A wide variety of adapted programs

- More **open** to other disciplines
- More oriented towards **international** students and society's needs

## Evolution of the industry and society's needs

- From static data acquisition
  towards dynamic and realtime acquisition
- From data acquisition
  towards data management and dissemination
- From black boxes
  towards professionnal services
- From local applications
  towards distributed standardized networks
- From expensive and specialized data/techn.
  towards free and easy-to-use data/techn.
- From surveying
  towards land right protection infrastructure

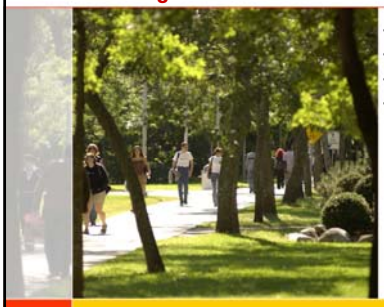
## Evolution of education and students

- From local education towards on-line education
- From local students and programs towards international supply & demand
- From a local increasing demography towards a local decreasing demography
- From a few generic programs towards many specialized programs
- From an homogeneous profile of students towards a variety of "shopping " students

## The Department of Geomatics Sciences in 2006

- 20 Faculty members
  - Experts of various disciplines
- 200 students
  - 140 undergraduate
  - 60 graduate
  - 100% of employment
- An exceptional research environment
  - A Center for Research in Geomatics
  - Research and Industrial Chairs
  - Host of the Canadian Network of Center of Excellence GEOIDE
  - Facilities and infrastructure

## Challenges…



- Recruitment!
- E-Learning
- Continuing Education
- Balance between
  - Surveying and Geomatics
  - knowledge and know-how (ability-based programs)
  - program accreditation and society's needs
  - local and international needs
  - Training and Research

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