Congratulations on your acceptance to McGill!

We know you probably have questions and may not know where to begin looking. Start by confirming your offer of admission by the deadline indicated in your letter! This FAQ sheet is to help you navigate the infinite resources available to you at McGill.

Campus Life & Engagement

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CL&E is where you, as a new student, can go with all of your questions, especially when you don't know where to start. Everyone in CL&E is here to help you throughout your years at McGill, but there are two positions on the team that you should be aware of as you begin your studies at McGill.

Leslie Copeland, First-Year Coordinator
Responsible for overseeing the coordination & implementation of orientation and support programming for new students.

Manon Lemelin, Assistant for New Francophone Students
Provides support to all new Francophone students at McGill, in particular, those students studying in English for the first time.

Where and When

Tuesday, January 3, 2017 from 2:30 - 5:30 PM
Shatner University Centre, 3480 McTavish Street
www.mcgill.ca/firstyear/undergraduate/orientation-week/winter

Watch for your email invitation in early December from Campus Life & Engagement.

International Students should also attend International Student Services’ orientation earlier in the day from 10:00 - 2:00 pm at New Residence Hall

What should I attend?

Discover McGill Orientation

Schedule of Events

2:30 - 3:30 pm: Student Panel: What I Wish I'd Known Starting University
3:30 - 4:30 pm: Discover McGill Services Fair
4:30 - 5:30 pm: Discover McGill Academic Expectations Workshop
6:00 - 8:30 pm: COMUnity Social Event: Winter Wonderland

What should I take note of?

Documents

Legal Documents
www.mcgill.ca/legaldocuments
You will have to submit legal documentation to the University to determine your legal & tuition status. The Legal Documents website lets you know exactly what is required.
Submit all legal documents including immigration documents to Service Point! Submit them as early as possible so your status can be updated!

Housing

Residences
If you are beginning your studies in January, please contact the Residence Admissions Office at (514) 398-6368 or by email at housing.residences@mcgill.ca to request a spot in Residence. To get a better idea of housing options, take a look at the pictures on the downtown undergraduate housing website: www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/res-options/downtown-undergrad
If you are planning on living in Residence on the Macdonald campus, call 514-398-7716 or e-mail residences.macdonald@mcgill.ca to request your spot.
Visit the Macdonald Campus Residences website for more information.

Health Insurance

Canadian Students
All Canadian students starting their studies in January who would like to be covered by their respective Students’ Society’s Health and Dental Plan must opt in online. The opt-in period is from January 1st until the 31st, 2017. The cost of these plans is on the Student Accounts website.

International Students
International students must enroll in the International Students’ Health Insurance Plan. Students must confirm their coverage, at the latest, by December 15 and after they have registered for at least one course. They can do this on Minerva > Student > International Student > Health Insurance Coverage Form. Upon doing so, students can pick up their health insurance cards from Service Point when they arrive at McGill University in January.
You can get more information about the International Health Insurance Plan including coverage, exemptions, adding dependents, and claims on the International Students’ website at www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/health.
Read through the Handbook and the section on how to make a claim.

Undergraduate Edition

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What academic questions should I be asking?

Are you U0 or U1? This depends on your previous academic background. CEGEP, IB and French Baccalaureate students are typically U1. Students with other high school backgrounds are U0 students. You may be in between U0 and U1 depending on AP exams and/or A-levels and previous university experience. Verify the credits you could potentially receive on the Transfer Credits website: [www.mcgill.ca/students/transfercredit](http://www.mcgill.ca/students/transfercredit).

What classes to register for?
Check out your Faculty information on the Registration & Advising Website: [www.mcgill.ca/accepted/preparing-register/registration-advising](http://www.mcgill.ca/accepted/preparing-register/registration-advising).

How to register using Minerva?
Check out the helpful information on McGill 101’s “Registration” and “All About Courses” sections found on myCourses. These presentations will help you learn to use Minerva like a pro!

Transfer credits?
You can verify the grades you need and subsequently for which classes they give you credit and/or exemption on the Transfer Credit website: [www.mcgill.ca/students/transfercredit/prospective](http://www.mcgill.ca/students/transfercredit/prospective). You should speak to an advisor at your Faculty Student Affairs/Advising Office to confirm the credits.

Advising?
Advising? Your Faculty Student Affairs/Advising Office will have academic advising available for you. To get more information on their location visit their website: [www.mcgill.ca/accepted/preparing-register/registration-advising](http://www.mcgill.ca/accepted/preparing-register/registration-advising).

Working on Campus

Work Study Program
Work Study Program is for students with demonstrated financial need. Work study applications are assessed on a rolling basis until Spring 2017. Apply on Minerva under the “Financial Aid” menu. Find more information at [www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/work-study](http://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/work-study).

Career Planning Service (CaPS)
The Career Planning Service (CaPS) has a database for jobs. It also has information on internships and off-campus jobs: [www.mcgill.ca/caps](http://www.mcgill.ca/caps). Log into myFuture to access their job postings database. Here you will also find tools and resources for resume and cover writing, as well as job interviews.

Montreal Essentials
Visit the Montreal Essentials page of Campus Life & Engagement’s first-year website: [www.mcgill.ca/firstyear/montreal](http://www.mcgill.ca/firstyear/montreal) to get more information on everything from restaurants to banking, cell phone providers, insurance and much more!

International students might want to open a Canadian bank account and get a local cell phone number. Most banks offer student banking and most of the big banks can be found right along Sherbrooke Street. All of the cell phone providers have stalls/shops in the nearby malls as well!

McGILL 101
McGILL 101 is an online hub for all new McGill students with videos, quizzes and checklists. With information on everything from registration to courses and getting involved, McGill 101 is a valuable resource to kick start the whole of your McGill career! You can easily access McGill 101 from your myCourses homepage!

Student Matching Programs

Student Life Ambassador

International Buddy Program
The International Student Services’ Buddy Program pairs senior and new international students to help them navigate their first year of study at McGill: [www.issbuddy.ca/new_students/new](http://www.issbuddy.ca/new_students/new).

Key Websites

Campus Life & Engagement’s Website for First-Year Students
[www.mcgill.ca/firstyear](http://www.mcgill.ca/firstyear)
Visit the following sections:
- Checklist
- Orientation Week
- Getting Involved

McGill Entering Class of 2016/2017 Facebook Group
facebook.com/groups/mcgill1617

New Students Websites
[www.mcgill.ca/accepted](http://www.mcgill.ca/accepted)
- “Accepting Your Offer” section for Important Academic Dates
- “Preparing to Register” section for Registration & Advising Information

Students’ Society of McGill University (SSMU)
[www.ssmu.mcgill.ca](http://www.ssmu.mcgill.ca)

Service Point
[www.mcgill.ca/students/servicepoint](http://www.mcgill.ca/students/servicepoint)
- 3415 McTavish Street
- Submit legal & immigration documents
- All admissions inquiries
- Tuition & Student Accounts

Student Accounts

Minerva
[www.mcgill.ca/minerva](http://www.mcgill.ca/minerva)
- Confirm your admission acceptance
- Confirm your Residence offer
- Register for courses
- Apply for Work Study (if you qualify for it and plan to work on campus)

Still have questions? The CL&E office is here to answer any questions you may have through out your time at McGill. Send us an e-mail, follow us on social media, or visit [mcgill.ca/cle](http://mcgill.ca/cle) to stay informed!