WHAT ACADEMIC QUESTIONS SHOULD I BE ASKING?

How to be a TA?
If you are required to be a teaching assistant as part of your funding package, or if you choose to be a TA, see the information, advice, resources, and workshops on learning to teach on the SKILLSETS website: www.mcgill.ca/skillsets/.
Check out SKILLSETS’ workshops and conferences designed for students who are new to teaching. https://www.mcgill.ca/skillsets/offering.

What classes should I register for?
Check with your department to find out which classes you should register for. Your department may invite you to an orientation/advising session or may have prepared a list of courses that are required for your program.

HOW TO I REGISTER USING MINERVA?
Check out the videos under the Registering for courses section of the Enrolment Services website: www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/add.

How do I get a supervisor?
Every department at McGill has different admissions procedures regarding the selection of a supervisor, make sure you read them carefully. For more general information on how to select a supervisor, refer to the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) website on supervision: https://www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/research-supervision/connecting-supervisor.

Whom should I contact for information about my graduate program?
Graduate program requirements vary between departments. When you have specific questions regarding your program, browse the list of Graduate Program Directors/Coordinators, and other administration listed by Faculty and academic unit on the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies contact website: www.mcgill.ca/gps/about/contacts/.

WHAT ARE THE KEY ACADEMIC DATES FOR WINTER 2020?
January 6: Deadline for all new students to register in at least one course to avoid a late registration penalty
January 6: Classes begin for most programs (Medicine, Dentistry, Physical & Occupational Therapy – check your faculty website for more details)
January 21: Add/Drop deadline
January 28: Deadline for course withdrawal with full refund
March 2 - 6: Study Break
March 10: Deadline for course withdrawal without refund
April 14: Classes end
April 15 & 16: Study Day
April 17 – 30: Final Exam period

WHAT EVENTS SHOULD I ATTEND MY FIRST MONTH?
Discover McGill January Orientation: Monday, January 6; 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Discover McGill January Orientation Social: Friday, January 10; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Life Beyond McGill Residences: Saturday, January 18; 1 - 5 p.m.

ARE YOU A FRANCOPHONE STUDENT IN NEED OF SUPPORT?
Email cle@mcgill.ca to be put in touch with the First-Year Assistant for Francophone Students.

WHAT Mcgill FIRST-YEAR GRADUATE STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW?
Congratulations on your acceptance to McGill!
Have questions? Aren’t sure where to begin? This FAQ sheet will guide you through our many resources!

Campus Life & Engagement (CL&E)
As part of a dynamic team of services and support units, CL&E is the one office dedicated to serving all new McGill students. We want to help make the start of your academic and social careers at McGill as positive and as fun as we can. Contact us whenever you have a question and don’t know where to go for the answer.

WHAT IF I NEED SUPPORT?
If you are a student in need of support, please reach out to your student support unit. There are designated support units in each school, college, and department. Visit https://www.mcgill.ca/accepted to find your student support unit.

WHEN DO I REGISTER FOR COURSES?
How do I register for courses?

For winter 2020, graduate students can register in at least one course to avoid a late registration penalty. The specific registration dates are:
- January 6: Register on MyCourses to register in at least one course by 5 p.m. (Add/Drop deadline)
- January 21: Register on MyCourses for the remaining courses by 5 p.m.

For postdoctoral fellows, refer to the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies website on registration and fee deadlines: https://www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/funding.

WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION ON FUNDING?
Many departments will offer graduate student funding packages. To view them, refer to the following website: www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/funding.

The Career Planning Service (CaPS) has a database for on-campus jobs and internships: www.mcgill.ca/caps/. Funding and off-campus jobs and internships: www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/work-study.

Where else can I find information about my graduate program?
Graduate program requirements vary between departments. When you have specific questions regarding your program, browse the list of Graduate Program Directors/Coordinators, and other administration listed by Faculty and academic unit on the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies contact website: www.mcgill.ca/gps/about/contacts/.

What does orientation involve?
GraduatesthatarenewtoMcGillwillreceiveanorientationinvitationemailfromCampusLife&Engagement!

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WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Documentation
Legal Documents: www.mcgill.ca/legaldocuments
You have to submit legal documentation to the University, via Service Point, to determine your legal and tuition status. The earlier you submit, the earlier your fees will be adjusted!

Immigration Documents:
www.mcgill.ca/international/students/pre-arrival/immigration-documents
• CAQ : Quebec Acceptance Certificate
• Study Permit

Living Essentials
On Campus
Visit https://www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/residence-options/downtown-graduate to find out about on-campus housing.

Off Campus
Visit www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/off-campus for help finding a place to live.

Join the Off-Campus Student Facebook Group at www.facebook.com/groups/mcgilloffcampus

HOW CAN I CONNECT WITH OTHERS?

Student Matching Programs
The International Buddy Program pairs senior and new international students to help you navigate your first year at McGill.
www.mcgill.ca/international/students/once-here/buddy

WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION ABOUT WORKING WHILE STUDYING?

The Work Study Program exists for students with demonstrated financial need. Applications open on July 1, 2019 and are accepted on a rolling basis for Fall 2019/Winter 2020. Visit Minerva > Financial Aid to apply.
www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/work-study

The Career Planning Service (CaPS) has a database for on- and off-campus jobs and internships: www.mcgill.ca/caps/.

Many departments will offer graduate student funding packages. Review both external and internal funding sources via your academic unit or on the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies webpage:
https://www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/funding

Health & Wellness Info
McGill offers health and wellness services, including the Student Wellness Hub (for physical and mental health concerns), the McGill Sports Medicine Clinic, the McGill Dental Clinic and more. Services are available to students who have paid the Student Services fee and are registered in the current term.

Health Insurance
Canadian students starting in the winter semester can choose to enrol in their respective student society’s health and dental plan (PGSS) during the Change-of-Coverage & Opt-Out Period from January 17 to 31. Coverage is provided by Studentcare and costs and other information are detailed on their website: www.studentcare.ca. Students are encouraged to review the plan and compare it to their current coverage.

International students are automatically enrolled in the International Students’ Health Insurance Plan. Go to Minerva > Student > International Student > Health Insurance Coverage Form to confirm your coverage starting December 1. All information is available at www.mcgill.ca/international/students/health.

Dental coverage is automatically provided by PGSS for all graduate international students. You may opt out by visiting www.studentcare.ca.

WHAT IF I NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

GradLife Orientation is an online hub for all new McGill students with videos, quizzes, and checklists, created by students for students. Log in to your MyCourses homepage to access GradLife Orientation!

Campus Life & Engagement’s Montreal Essentials page is your resource for everything from banking to cell phones and more!
www.mcgill.ca/firstyear/montreal
The following websites also have plenty of info at your disposal:
First-Year Website: www.mcgill.ca/firstyear
Minerva: www.mcgill.ca/minerva
McGill Accepted Website: www.mcgill.ca/accepted
Service Point: www.mcgill.ca/students/servicepoint
Post-Graduate Students’ Society: www.pgss.mcgill.ca/en/home

And remember, Campus Life & Engagement is here to help and support you! Find us at www.mcgill.ca/cle, or on social media:

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