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 (CL&E)
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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, First-Year Assistant for Francophone Students
Provides support to all new Francophone students at McGill, in particular, those students studying in English for the first time.

What should I attend?

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 and your fees adjusted.

Immigration Documents
https://www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/pre-arrival/immigration-documents

• CAQ: Quebec Acceptance Certificate
• Expired documents
• Permanent Residence

Housing

Residences
http://www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/prospective/downtown-undergrad

If your acceptance comes with a Residence offer, you have until June 4 to accept the offer, make your $1500 deposit and rank your preference for Residences by completing the questionnaire. McGill uses a lottery system to assign students to a residence, so to increase your chances of getting into the type of residence you prefer, rank these higher on your list. Take a virtual tour on the Residences website to get a better idea.

Off-Campus
If you missed the Residences application deadline or decide to live off-campus, know that McGill has many great resources to help you! Start by visiting www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/offcampus/ for extensive information to help you find the perfect apartment.

Don’t forget to join the McGill Off-Campus Student Facebook Group by visiting www.facebook.com/groups/mcguilloffcampus/.

What should I take note of?

Health Insurance

Canadian Students

All Canadian students registered in a fall semester are automatically covered by their respective Students’ Society’s Health and Dental Plan (MCSS: Macdonald Campus; SSMU: Downtown Campus). The cost of these plans is on the student accounts website at https://www.mcgill.ca/student-accounts/. For what the coverage entails please visit the Studentcare website at https://www.studentcare.ca. The site also has information on making claims.

Students can choose to opt out of the coverage if they feel their insurance from home gives them sufficient coverage. However, to receive an exemption, proof of adequate insurance must be provided.

International Students

International students must enroll in the International Students’ Health Insurance Plan. Students must confirm their coverage, at the latest, by August 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.

You can get more information about the International Health Insurance Plan including coverage, exemptions, adding dependents, and claims at www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/health. Read through the Handbook and the section on how to make a claim.

Dental Coverage

Undergraduate international students are automatically covered by the SSMU Dental Plan or, for students enrolled in a program at the Macdonald Campus, the MCSS Dental Plan. Students wishing to opt out of the dental plan may do so on the following website: https://www.studentcare.ca. International Student Services is not involved in the administration of Student Societies’ dental plans.
What academic questions should I be asking?

Am I 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 credit website at [www.mcgill.ca/students/transfercredit](http://www.mcgill.ca/students/transfercredit).

What classes should I register for?
Check out your Faculty-specific information and links on the Registration & Advising website at [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. These presentations will help you learn to use Minerva like a pro! (See below for info on accessing McGill 101.)

How can I verify my 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.

How can I speak to an advisor?
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)

What can I engage in?

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 July 2018. Apply on [www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/work-study](http://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/work-study)

Career Planning Service
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 letter 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!

What resources can I use?

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

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

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)

Student Accounts

Key Academic Dates – Fall 2018

August 14
Deadline for new students to register for at least one course to avoid a late registration penalty

September 4
Classes begin (except for Dentistry and Medicine students)

September 18
Deadline for withdrawal from Fall term courses with full refund

September 25
Add/Drop deadline

October 30
Deadline for withdrawal from Fall term courses without refund

December 4
Classes end

December 6 - 20
Final exam period

For additional important dates and legal holidays (University closures), please visit the Important Dates website at [https://www.mcgill.ca/importantdates/key-dates](https://www.mcgill.ca/importantdates/key-dates)

Still have questions? The CL&E office is here to answer any questions you may have throughout 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!

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