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 of acceptance! This FAQ sheet is to help you navigate the infinite resources available to you at McGill.

**Campus Life & Engagement (CL&E)**

514-398-6913 • firstyear@mcgill.ca • 1010 Sherbrooke Street W, Suite 203 (entrance off Metcalfe)

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**

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

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### What should I attend?

**DISCOVER McGill**

**January Orientation**

Monday, January 7, 2019
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Leacock 26

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### What should I take note of?

#### Documents

**Legal Documents**

[mcgill.ca/legaldocuments](http://mgcill.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 accordingly.

**Immigration Documents**

[mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/immigration-documents](http://mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/immigration-documents)

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

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#### Health Insurance

**Canadian Students**

New Students starting in Winter Term are not automatically covered by the Plan, but can enrol themselves for Winter Term (Jan. 1- Aug. 31) by completing an enrolment process and paying the applicable fee during the January Change-of-Coverage and Opt-Out Period between January 17 - 31, 2019.

For more information on how to opt-in, and what the coverage entails, please visit: [studentcare.ca/rte/en/McGillUniversityundergraduatestudentsSSMU_Home](http://studentcare.ca/rte/en/McGillUniversityundergraduatestudentsSSMU_Home)

**International Students**

McGill requires all International students participate in the compulsory McGill International Health Insurance Plan (IHI).

For more information, please visit: [mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/health](http://mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/health)

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#### Housing

**Residences**

[mcgill.ca/students/housing/residence-options](http://mcgill.ca/students/housing/residence-options)

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/residence-options/downtown-undergrad](http://www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/residence-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: [www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/residence-options/macdonald](http://www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/residence-options/macdonald)

**Off-Campus**

If you missed the Residences Application or you decide to get your own apartment, know that McGill has lots of great resources to help you! Start by visiting the Off-Campus Housing website at: [www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/offcampus](http://www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/offcampus/). It has extensive information to help you find the perfect apartment. In their Apartment Listings section, you can browse their online database once you sign in.

Don’t forget to join the Off-Campus and Commuter Student Support Facebook group to find out about events and programming specifically for Off-Campus Students! [www.facebook.com/communityconnectors/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel](http://www.facebook.com/communityconnectors/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel)
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 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: mcgill.ca/students/transfercredit.

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: mcgill.ca/students/transfercredit/prospective. You should speak to an advisor at your Faculty Student Affairs/Advising Office to confirm.

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/nextsteps/register.

What classes should I register for?
Check out your Faculty-specific information and links at www.mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/register.

How do I 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!

What can I engage in...

Montreal Essentials
Visit the Montreal Essentials page of Campus Life & Engagement’s first-year website: www.mcgill.ca/firstyear/montreal to get more information on everything from restaurants to banking, cell phone providers, insurance and 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 a checklist. 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 home page.

Career Planning Services (CaPS)
The Career Planning Services has a database for on-campus jobs, off-campus jobs, and internships.

Find more at www.mcgill.ca/caps/
Login to myFuture to access the job postings database. Here you will also find tools and resources for cover letter and CV writing, as well as interviews.

Working on Campus

The Work Study Program
The Work Study Program is for students with demonstrated financial need. Work Study applications are assessed on a rolling basis until July 2019.

Apply on Minerva under the “Financial Aid” menu. Find out more at: www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/work-study

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McGill App
Access events, calendars, contacts, maps and more. Stay organized with your classes and assignments through the timetable. The McGill App puts McGill services at your fingertips and enables you to connect with your classmates and friends.

Download the app for iOS or Android: mcgill.campusapp.com

International Buddy Program
The International Student Buddy Program pairs new and senior international students to help new students navigate their first year! www.issbuddy.ca/new_students/new

Key Academic Dates – Winter 2019
Classes begin Monday, January 7
Deadline to register without penalty: Monday, January 7
Add/Drop deadline: Tuesday, January 22
Deadline for withdrawal from Winter term courses with refund: Tuesday, January 29
Deadline for withdrawal from Winter term courses without refund Tuesday, March 12
Study Break (exceptions for Dentistry and Medicine students): March 4-8
Classes end: Friday, April 12
Study Days: Week end, April 13-14
Final Exam Period: April 15-30
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For additional important dates and legal holidays (University closures), please visit mcgill.ca/importantdates.

Key Websites

CL&E’s First-Year Website: www.mcgill.ca/firstyear for checklists, information on Orientation Week, and more!

Minerva: www.mcgill.ca/minerva to confirm your offer of admission, confirm residency, register for courses, and apply to qualify for workstudy.

Student Accounts: www.mcgill.ca/student-accounts

Service Point: www.mcgill.ca/students/servicepoint to submit legal & immigration documents, all admissions inquiries, and tuition & student accounts

New Student Websites
www.mcgill.ca/accepted/ for important dates, registration, and advising info!
Students Society of McGill University (SSMU): www.ssmu.mcgill.ca

McGill Entering Class of 2018-2019 Facebook:
www.facebook.com/groups/mcgill1819

Send us an e-mail, follow us on social media, or visit mcgill.ca/cle to stay informed!

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