The First Year Guide

The First Year Guide is a wonderful source written to answer many of your questions as a newly admitted Arts student. It will help you prepare for your first year, whether you are U0 or U1, [https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/files/oasis/first_year_guide_2018.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/files/oasis/first_year_guide_2018.pdf).

Degree Planning

The Degree Planning information on the OASIS website is also a useful tool for mapping out your B.A. degree, [https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning](https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning).

Advanced Standing (Less than 24 Credits) / Freshman Program

Granted less than 24 credits of Advanced Standing? You will be placed in U0 and will need to complete your Freshman Program requirements [https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/freshman-u0](https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/freshman-u0). Exception: International Baccalaureate students granted 20 advanced standing credits will be placed in U1 but still need to fulfill their Freshman Program requirements. Your course selection must be chosen from the Approved Freshman Courses list, [https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/freshman-u0/approved-freshman-courses](https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/freshman-u0/approved-freshman-courses).

Don't forget to use the [Freshman Program Planner](https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/freshman-u0/approved-freshman-courses) to help you plan your U0 course selection and meet your Freshman Program requirements! Feel free to print your copy, complete it, and bring it along to Arts OASIS over the summer or in early fall and our staff will be glad to review your selection with you and offer advice.

Advanced Standing (More than 24 Credits) / Program Advising

Arriving with more than 24 credits? Here’s information for incoming U1 students, [https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/incoming-u1](https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/incoming-u1). You can declare your programs once registration opens.

Have questions about specific Arts programs you are selecting/thinking of selecting, program requirements, or need info about courses offered by these programs, refer to the departmental website links via the first column here, [https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/advising/departmental-advising-information](https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/advising/departmental-advising-information). For further questions, click on the links in the middle column to obtain advising information and coordinates of program advisers so that you may reach them directly.

Advanced Standing Video

And…here’s a very informative video on everything you need to know about Advanced Standing credits and how they can work towards your B.A. degree. Just go to the New Student
section of our website, https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new, scroll down the page, and there it is!

**Confused Whether You Are U0 or U1?**

This is a common concern but no need to worry! Your advanced standing credits will be received, assessed, and processed by Service Point and you will see them indicated on your record sometime over the summer months. This is how your advanced standing credits will be confirmed to you.

In the meantime, we suggest you check out McGill’s page on “Transfer Credits & Advanced Standing” (https://www.mcgill.ca/students/transfercredit/prospective) and register for courses based on what Advanced Standing credits you are EXPECTING to receive.

Rest assured that you’ll have plenty of time to adjust your schedule and make changes to your course selection right up until the add/drop deadline (September 18, 2018 for Fall courses; January 22, 2018 for Winter courses).

**Freshman Program Webinars**

In preparation for registration, stay tuned to the OASIS website www.mcgill.ca/oasis for more details on how to log into our upcoming webinars designed for newly admitted Freshman students. Webinar dates will be June 15, 18 and 19 at noon p.m. Hope you will tune in!

**Registration Dates / Other Important Dates**

Need clarification on registration dates? What other important dates should you know about? Refer to the OASIS “Important Dates” page, https://mcgill.ca/oasis/resources/important-dates.

**Service Point**

What’s Service Point all about? This is where you go to inquire about admission-related issues (including the processing of advanced standing credits), ID cards, OPUS cards, International Health Insurance Card, tuition and student accounts, legal documents, or registration issues on Minerva, https://www.mcgill.ca/students/servicepoint/.

Still Have Further Questions? Drop By or Contact OASIS!

Visit the OASIS “Frequently Asked Questions for New Students” (FAQs) page, https://mcgill.ca/oasis/resources/faqs. Still have further questions? If in Montreal, drop in to see us, OASIS Information Counter, Dawson Hall, main floor. No appointment needed! Our advising staff will be glad to assist you! Not in Montreal? Reach us by phone at 514-398-1029, or send your question to our ASAPs (Arts Students Advising Program) by live chat. All OASIS services are available Monday through Friday, between the hours of 10 and 4, all summer long! You will find all the information on the services we offer here, https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/.