

**PRE-
REGISTRATION
ORIENTATION**

**Bachelor of
Arts &
Science**





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TOOLS

The McGill E-Mail Account



Is the official email account that Faculty and Staff use to correspond with students



Can still be your email address after you graduate



Is configured as:
firstname.lastname@mail.mcgill.ca



Should be checked regularly for important information from the University



Is the main source of contact between you and your advisor



Service Desk: 514 398-3398



Student Advising Transcript - Unofficial

2 A diamond appears beside a course number to indicate a multi-term course.

* An asterisk appears next to the credit value of courses not counted in the total credits earned.

Remarks column:

I - Course is included in credits and included in the GPA.

E - Course is excluded from credits and excluded from the GPA.

A - Course is excluded from credits and included in the GPA.

Please click [help](#) for more transcript information.

Student Name:

McGill ID:

Permanent Code

Email Address:

Advisor(s): Haggo, Iania

Subject	Number	Title	Cr. / C.E.U.	Gr
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PREVIOUS EDUCATION

Quebec CEGEP/IB

Credits Required for B Arts and Science - 120 credits

Fall 2018

Bachelor of Arts and Science

Full-time Year 1

Interfaculty Program Cognitive Science

Minor Environment

Credits/Exemptions

From: College Jean-de-Brebeuf - 30 credits

MATH 203

BASC 201	001	Arts & Sci Integrative Topics	3	A
COMP 202	001	Foundations of Programming	3	B+
ENVR 200	001	The Global Environment	3	A-
LING 260	001	Meaning in Language	3	B

TERM GPA: 3.50	Advanced Standing & Transfer Credits: 30.00	TERM TOTALS: 12.00	Att Cr 12.00	Earned Cr 12.00	GPA Cr 12.00	Points 42.00
CUM GPA: 3.50	TOTAL CREDITS: 42.00	CUM TOTALS: 12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	42.00

myCourses



Used in approximately 1500 courses per term by thousands of students.



Course sections are automatically created for all courses offered at McGill.



Students automatically have access to the courses in which they are formally enrolled.



May include online discussion forums

The McGill Library System



Use the Library

Library account

Article scan service

Interlibrary loan (ILL)

Questions? Ask Us!

Find a librarian

Hours

Room booking

Computers & software

uPrint: scan, print, copy

Borrowing books, etc

Workshops

Find

Databases A-Z

E-journals A-Z

Course reserves

Course guides

Citation guides

Reference materials

Theses & dissertations

Newspapers

Maps & geospatial data

Government information

Audio/visual materials

Subject guides

Agriculture & environmental sciences

Art, architecture & urban planning

Education

Engineering

Health & biological sciences

Humanities

Law

Management & business

Music

Physical sciences

Social sciences

www.mcgill.ca/library/

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ADVISING

What is SOUSA?

Science
Office for
Undergraduate
Student
Advising

- Faculty level academic advising
- All BA & Sc students are assigned to me (Tania Raggo)
- Main information and referral source for anything related to your academics.

www.mcgill.ca/science/undergraduate/advice/sousa

What is Degree Advising for?

- To help you to develop meaningful educational goals that are consistent with your personal interests, values and abilities
- To help you make the most of your time at McGill
- Not sure who to ask? Ask your advisor!

What do Degree Advisors do?

- They help you with:
 - program and course selection
 - course registration
 - deadlines
 - credit load
 - research opportunities
 - internship opportunities
 - study away and exchange opportunities
 - career and graduate school options
 - managing academic situations during difficult periods.
- They provide referrals to the many other offices dedicated to assisting students at McGill.

Your SOUSA team!

- Nicole Allard (Director)
- Peter Barry (Chief Advisor)
- Vanessa Hansen (Academic Advisor)
- Paul Olio (Academic Advisor)
- Ryan Bouma (Interdisciplinary Programs Advisor)
- Jane Hawes (Student Adviser, Assistant to Director)
- Mary Gauthier (Student Advisor, Assistant to Chief)
- Joan Kaylor (Administrative coordinator)
- Marina Saunders (Administrative coordinator)
- Victor Chisholm (Student Affairs Administrator)
- Tania Raggio (BA&Sc advisor)

www.mcgill.ca/science/undergraduate/advice/sousa

Program Advising

- You will also have a program (or departmental) adviser.
- Once you declare a program, you must consult with the program adviser for approval of your course selection.
- Program advisers also assist students in realistic and meaningful program planning.
- Program advisers are responsible for the programs administered by their departments.

How Your Advisers Can Help You?

- Your SOUSA adviser can help you choose a program that suits your academic goals, based on your interests, abilities, and plans for your future.
- Your Program Adviser can help you to understand your Interfaculty/major/honours or minor program requirements, and to select the best courses for your particular interests.
- Both types of adviser can help you complement your classroom activities by helping you to get involved in research, internships, field studies, and other related activities at McGill
- Your SOUSA advisor can also help you explore alternatives as your interests evolve and perhaps change.

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DEGREE STRUCTURE

Bachelor of Arts and Science: Two options for program types

1. Multi-Track System

Two Major Concentrations (one Science + one Arts) or Two Joint Honours (one Science+ one Arts)

2. Interfaculty Program

One IFP + one Minor (Arts or Science)

You **must** also take: **BASC 201** *Arts & Science Integrative Topics*
Required for your degree!
Recommended that you take this in U1

Bachelor of Arts and Science: Multi-track Programs

36 credit Science Program + 36 credit Arts Program
Major Concentration Arts + Major Concentration Science
Joint Honours component Arts + Joint Honours
component Science (only PSYC and MATH in Science)

BASC 201 *Arts & Science Integrative Topics*
Required for your degree!
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May only register for programs listed in the BA&Sc section of
the Undergraduate Calendar

Faculty of Science

The Science major concentrations available to B.A. & Sc. students are listed here.

Faculty of Science Major Concentrations
Biology – Cell/Molecular Option – Bachelor of Arts and Science (B.A. & Sc.) - Major Concentration Biology - Cell/Molecular (36 credits)
Biology – Organismal Option – Bachelor of Arts and Science (B.A. & Sc.) - Major Concentration Biology - Organismal (37 credits)
Chemistry – Bachelor of Arts and Science (B.A. & Sc.) - Major Concentration Chemistry (36 credits)
Computer Science – Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) - Major Concentration Computer Science (36 credits)
Geography – Physical Geography Option – Bachelor of Arts and Science (B.A. & Sc.) - Major Concentration Geography - Physical Geography (36 credits)
Mathematics – Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) - Major Concentration Mathematics (36 credits)
Physics – Bachelor of Arts and Science (B.A. & Sc.) - Major Concentration Physics (36 credits)
Psychology – Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) - Major Concentration Psychology (36 credits)
Software Engineering – Bachelor of Arts and Science (B.A. & Sc.) - Major Concentration Software Engineering (37 credits)

Programs, Courses and University Regulations—2020-2021 (last updated Feb. 17, 2020) ([disclaimer](#))

Bachelor of Arts & Science—2020-2021 (last updated Feb. 17, 2020) ([disclaimer](#))

Bachelor of Arts and Science: Interfaculty Programs

**54 credit program which combine courses from both Arts
and Science**

Environment

Cognitive Science

Sustainability, Science and Society

60-credit Honours programs are also available

18 to 24 credit minor in either Arts or Science
(from approved list only)

BASC 201 *Arts & Science Integrative Topics*

Required for your degree!

Recommended that you take this in U1

Must have **21 credits or Arts courses and 21 credits of
Science courses** within the Interfaculty or Honours and
Minor programs.

What if you change your mind?

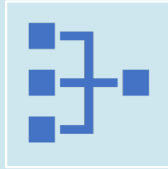
- Your adviser can help you determine if your current program suits your academic needs based on your interests, abilities, and future goals.
- Your adviser will ask you questions about your experience at McGill and work with you to determine whether or not you have to change your plan.



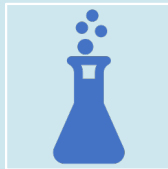
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FRESHMAN PROGRAM

Your Freshman Program



Has two components:



Science

2 MATH courses
3 Science
courses



Arts

3 Arts courses in
2 areas:
Humanities
Social Sciences
Languages

mcgill.ca/study/2020-2021/faculties/basc/undergraduate/programs/bachelor-arts-and-science-ba-sc-freshman-program

Your Freshman Program

Math course options:

- MATH 133 Linear Algebra and Geometry
- MATH 134 Enriched Linear Algebra and Geometry
- MATH 139 Calculus
- MATH 140 Calculus 1
- MATH 150 Calculus A
- MATH 141 Calculus 2
- MATH 151 Calculus B

Your Freshman Program

Foundational Science course options: (at least one of these)

- BIOL 111 Organismal Biology
- BIOL 112 Cell and Molecular Biology
- CHEM 110 General Chemistry 1
- CHEM 120 General Chemistry 2

- PHYS 101 Intro Physics – Mechanics
- PHYS 131 Mechanics and Waves

- PHYS 102 Intro Physics – Electromagnetism
- PHYS 142 Electromagnetism and Optics

Your Freshman Program

**Complementary Science course options:
(up to two of these)**

- COMP 202 Intro to Computing 1
- ESYS 104 The Earth System
- PSYC 100 Intro to Psychology

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Can I choose NOT to declare my advanced standing or transfer credits?

- NO.
- At McGill, you are required to report all of your advanced standing credits.
- Reason : Equity.

However, this year an exception will be made if you do not feel prepared.

— Will I receive transfer credits for advanced courses, exams or curriculum even if alternative assessments are used and/or some material was not covered? Will I be able to retake courses if I do not feel academically prepared?

Our transfer credit policy will remain unchanged for students admitted in 2020. Details regarding the University's advanced standing and transfer credit policy can be found at mcgill.ca/transfercredit/prospective.

Students who do not feel academically prepared to be exempt from freshman-level math and science courses, we are ready to support you. Assessment tools and tutorials will be made available to you to help you evaluate your academic readiness; you will also be able to request to have the exemption removed to allow you to repeat any course for which you receive an exemption if you are concerned about your academic preparedness.

Transfer credits for newly-admitted students are processed after you have accepted your offer and we have received your final, official document(s), usually during the summer. Although the grades you submitted when you applied will be considered final for meeting your offer condition, we do require final official documents for the purpose of granting advanced standing and exemption credits.

ADVANCED STANDING

- Credits granted due to previous education
 - International Baccalaureate (IB)
 - French Baccalaureate
 - European Baccalaureate
 - Advanced Level Exams (A-Levels)
 - Advanced Placement Exams (APs)
- Appear on your transcript
- Count towards your 120 credits
- Can satisfy prerequisites and Freshman Program requirements
- If you have advanced standing for a course, you cannot repeat that course for credit at McGill
- If unsure, ask an advisor.

www.mcgill.ca/students/transfercredit

ADVANCED STANDING

- **What is the difference between U₀ and U₁?**
 - Based on the number of advanced standing credits granted
 - U₀ - Less than 24 credits of advanced standing
 - U₁ - 24 or more credits of advanced standing
 - U₀/U₁ is unrelated to the freshman program
 - You could be admitted to U₁ and still have to complete the freshman program
- **What's REALLY important is:**
 - How many credits do you need to complete for your degree? (120 total!)
 - Are your *freshman program* requirements met?

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GENERAL ADVICE

What is a Normal Course Load?

- Four to five courses or 12 to 15 credits per term.
- Professional programs (medicine, law, dentistry) normally prefer a 30 credit course load and five courses per term.
- If you work or participate in varsity sports you may need to reduce your load.
- Important for scholarship eligibility.

COURSE TYPES

- **Required:** You MUST take this course for your program.
- **Complementary:** Take from a list (in program):
 - Short list of mutually exclusive courses that overlap (like different versions of stats!)
 - Long list of courses that make up an area of study
- **Elective:** Not part of your program, but needed for your degree credit count.

The S/U Option

- Stands for “Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory” grading option
- You cannot add or remove the s/u option after the course change period
- You cannot use a course graded under the s/u option for a program; it can be used only on elective courses.
- You cannot grade more than 10% of your credits completed at McGill under this option.

Courses outside of the Faculties of Arts and of Science



Normally you are allowed to take only 12 credits outside the faculties of Arts and of Science.



Avoid courses from Continuing Education, many are not for credit.



Ask me!

Registration advice

Register for both terms now (Fall and Winter)

If a course has a lab component, also register for a lab.

Required courses first, especially Science! Then complementary, then elective courses (if any).

Science first, since they tend to be prerequisites for next year!

If a **required** course is full, keep trying for a couple of weeks. If nothing opens up, contact the departmental advisor by email.

If an elective or complementary course is full, try another course.

MINERVA messages:

- Reserved Closed
- Course not open to your program
- Course exceeds maximum credit limit

Just because MINERVA lets you register does not automatically mean you will get credit for a course. If in doubt, ask advisor.

Dates and Deadlines



Mon June 8th

Course Registration begins
Monday June 8th.

- (Friday June 5th for Scholarship recipients)



Wed Sep 2nd

Classes begin Wednesday
September 2nd.



Tues Sep 15th

Course change period – ends
September 15th. Deadline to drop
courses, select s/u option.



Tues Sep 22nd

Withdrawal with refund deadline –
September 22nd. Deadline to web
withdraw from a course with a
refund.



Tues Oct 27th

Withdrawal deadline – October
27th. Deadline to withdraw from a
course with no refund.

SOUSA
website:
*Undergraduate
Handbook*

Sections for New Students – BA & Sc

2. Orientation

- 2.1 BA & SC New Student's Guide (available soon)
- 2.5 BA & Sc Degree Requirements

3. Your First Year (CEGEP students)

- 3.3.4 Bachelor of Arts & Science program types

www.mcgill.ca/science/undergraduate/handbook

General Academic advice

- Students are sometimes surprised by how challenging the midterm exams can be.
 - Keep up with the course work as much as possible; you will find that the independent studying required is much more than in CEGEP.
 - Start studying early, as you may have many exams in a short time period.
 - If you are having difficulty in a course, see the professor or teaching assistant early; don't wait.

General Academic advice

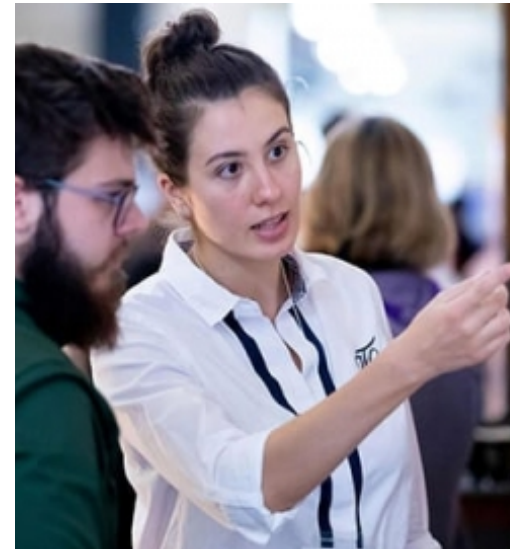
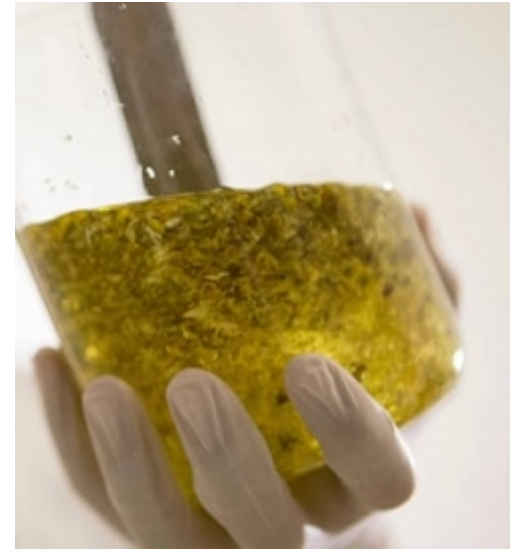
“Everyone else seems to be managing fine, what’s wrong with me?”

- Advisors hear this fairly frequently
- So if you are having trouble managing, you are definitely not alone. Everyone else probably thinks you’re doing fine.....

If you feel overwhelmed,
tell someone.

- Talk to your advisor, either in SOUSA or in the department.
- Talk to your professor or Teaching Assistant
- Attend McGill workshops for time management, stress management and study skills
- Individual and group counselling and tutoring services are also available

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



Opportunities to Study Away

- Ideal time to go is in U2
- **Exchanges:**
 - Must apply by the end of the fall term, U1!!!
- **Visiting Student:** Arranged on your own; pay host university fees.
 - Application deadlines set by host university, usually in the winter term, or later.
- A great way to travel, meet other students, and see how courses from your program are taught in a different environment

Science Internship Program

- Paid, full-time work term in a field related to your studies.
- From 4 to 16 months in duration
- Allows you to apply theory to practice
- Increases job prospects after graduation

www.mcgill.ca/science/undergraduate/internships-field/internships



InternshipProgram

Faculty of Arts

Opportunities in Montreal and around the globe.

Arts Internships

Room 307, Leacock Building

www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships

Science Field Study Opportunities

- Put theory into practice through local, regional, and international programs and courses.
- Provide practical experience and a chance to integrate and apply knowledge gained in the classroom.
- Semester-long programs in:
 - Africa
 - Barbados
 - Panama
 - Arctic
 - Various shorter field courses also available

www.mcgill.ca/science/undergraduate/internships-field/field

Undergraduate Research in Science

- Research is the cornerstone of an undergraduate education.
- We encourage students to take advantage of the many research opportunities available to them.
 - Independent Research Courses
 - Summer research fellowships
 - Research assistantships, paid or volunteer

www.mcgill.ca/science/research/undergraduate-research

SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS &
SCIENCE



ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

- *"The integrity of University academic life and of the degrees the University confers is dependent upon the honesty and soundness of the teacher-student learning relationship and, as well, of the evaluation process. Conduct by any member of the University community that adversely affects this relationship or this process must, therefore, be considered a serious offence."*
- (Handbook on Student Rights and Responsibilities, Ch.6, Section III Introduction; 2009)

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

- *McGill University values academic integrity. Therefore all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences under the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures”.*
— Senate resolution, January 29, 2003

www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/honest/

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY ONLINE TUTORIAL

- Mandatory Academic Integrity online tutorial for all newly admitted students.
- Available in **Minerva** under the student menu

www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/honest/students/test

It Takes All of Us

- A mandatory online sexual violence education program for the entire McGill Community
- Available in *myCourses* (Use Google Chrome)

www.mcgill.ca/sv-education/

What if you encounter difficulties?

- See your SOUSA Adviser if you:
 - Are having difficulty managing your time and meeting deadlines
 - Have fallen behind in your studies, and are feeling overwhelmed
 - Are not getting the grades you expected
 - Are unhappy with your course or program choice
 - Become ill, or experience difficulties in your personal life that are interfering with your academic performance
 - Having Financial difficulties

Student Services

Career Planning Services

McGill Office of Religious and Spiritual Life (MORSL)

International Students' Services

Campus Life & Engagement (CL & E)

Health Services

Mental Health Services

Off Campus Housing

Tutoring Services

Dean of Students Office

Student Aid and Scholarships

First People's House

Office of Students with Disabilities

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For same day advising,
please see the following
link with instructions and
my schedule:

<https://www.mcgill.ca/science/undergraduate/advice/sousa>

