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1 Dean's Welcome

To Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows:

I am extremely pleased to welcome you to McGill University. Our world-class scholarly community includes over 250 doctoral and master's degree programs, and is recognized for excellence across the full range of academic disciplines and professions. Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) collaborates with the Faculties and other administrative and academic units to provide strategic leadership and vision for graduate teaching and research across the University. GPS also oversees the admission and registration of graduate students, disbursing graduate fellowships, supporting postdoctoral fellows, and facilitating the graduation process, including the examination of theses. GPS has partnered with Enrolment Services to offer streamlined services in a one-stop location at [Service Point](#).

McGill is a student-centred research institution that places singular importance upon the quality of graduate education and postdoctoral training. As Associate Provost (Graduate Education), as well as Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, I work closely with the faculties, central administration, graduate students, professors, researchers, and postdoctoral fellows to provide a supportive, stimulating, and enriching academic environment for all graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

McGill is ranked as one of Canada's most intensive research universities and among the world's top 25. We recognize that these successes come not only from our outstanding faculty members, but also from the quality of our graduate students and postdoctoral fellows—a community into which we are very happy to welcome you.

I invite you to join us in advancing this heritage of excellence at McGill.

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2 Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

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2.3 General Statement Concerning Higher Degrees

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) oversees all programs leading to graduate diplomas, certificates, and higher degrees, with the exception of some programs in the School of Continuing Studies. It is responsible for admission policies, the supervision of graduate students' work, and for recommending to Senate those who may receive the degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

3 Important Dates 2012–2013

For all dates relating to the academic year, consult www.mcgill.ca/importantdates.

4 Graduate Studies at a Glance

4.1 Graduate and Postdoctoral Degrees Offered by Faculty

McGill University offers graduate and postdoctoral programs in the following units (organized by their administering home faculty):

Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences	Degrees Available
: <i>Agricultural Economics</i>	M.Sc.
: <i>Animal Science</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Bioresource Engineering</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate
: <i>Biotechnology</i>	M.Sc.A., Graduate Certificate
: <i>Dietetics and Human Nutrition</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D., Graduate Diploma
: <i>Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Natural Resource Sciences</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Parasitology</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Plant Science</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate
Faculty of Arts	Degrees Available
: <i>Anthropology</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Art History</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
Classics – see : <i>History and Classical Studies</i>	N/A
: <i>Communication Studies</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>East Asian Studies</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Economics</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>English</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>French Language and Literature</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Geography</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>History and Classical Studies</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Institute for the Study of International Development</i>	N/A
: <i>Islamic Studies</i>	M.A., Ph.D.

Faculty of Arts	Degrees Available
: <i>Jewish Studies</i>	M.A.
: <i>Languages, Literatures, and Cultures</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Linguistics</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Mathematics and Statistics</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Philosophy</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Political Science</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Psychology</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Quebec Studies / Études sur le Québec</i>	N/A
: <i>Social Studies of Medicine</i>	N/A
: <i>Social Work</i>	M.S.W., Ph.D.
: <i>Sociology</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
School of Dentistry	Degrees Available
: <i>Dentistry</i>	M.Sc.
Desautels Faculty of Management	Degrees Available
: <i>Desautels Faculty of Management</i>	M.B.A., M.B.A. with Integrated B.C.L./LL.B., M.D./M.B.A., M.B.A./Japan, E.M.B.A., M.M.M., M.M., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate, Diploma
Faculty of Education	Degrees Available
: <i>Educational and Counselling Psychology</i>	M.A., M.Ed., Ph.D., Graduate Diploma
: <i>Information Studies</i>	M.L.I.S., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma
: <i>Integrated Studies in Education</i>	M.A., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate
: <i>Kinesiology and Physical Education</i>	M.A., M.Sc.
Faculty of Engineering	Degrees Available
: <i>Architecture</i>	M.Arch., Ph.D.
: <i>Chemical Engineering</i>	M.Eng., Ph.D.
: <i>Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics</i>	M.Sc., M.Eng., Ph.D.
: <i>Electrical and Computer Engineering</i>	M.Eng., Ph.D.
: <i>Mechanical Engineering</i>	M.Sc., M.Eng., Ph.D.
: <i>Mining and Materials Engineering</i>	M.Sc., M.Eng., Ph.D., Graduate Diploma
: <i>Urban Planning</i>	M.U.P.
Faculty of Law	Degrees Available
<i>section 11.1: Law</i>	LL.M., D.C.L., Graduate Certificate
McGill School of Environment	Degrees Available
: <i>Environment</i>	N/A
Faculty of Medicine	Degrees Available
: <i>Anatomy and Cell Biology</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Biochemistry</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Bioethics</i>	N/A
: <i>Biomedical Engineering</i>	M.Eng., Ph.D.
: <i>Communication Sciences and Disorders</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Epidemiology and Biostatistics</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D., Graduate Diploma

Faculty of Medicine	Degrees Available
: <i>Human Genetics</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Medical Physics</i>	M.Sc.
: <i>Medicine, Experimental</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D., Graduate Diploma
: <i>Medicine, Family (Option)</i>	N/A
: <i>Microbiology and Immunology</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Neuroscience (Integrated Program in)</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Occupational Health</i>	M.Sc.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery</i>	M.Sc.
: <i>Pathology</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Pharmacology and Therapeutics</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Physiology</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Psychiatry</i>	M.Sc.
: <i>Surgery, Experimental (Division of Surgical Research)</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D., Graduate Diploma
Ingram School of Nursing	Degrees Available
: <i>Nursing</i>	M.Sc.A., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma
School of Physical and Occupational Therapy	Degrees Available
: <i>Physical and Occupational Therapy</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate
Faculty of Religious Studies	Degrees Available
: <i>Religious Studies</i>	M.A., S.T.M., Ph.D.
Schulich School of Music	Degrees Available
: <i>Schulich School of Music</i>	M.A., M.Mus., D.Mus., Ph.D., Graduate Diploma
Faculty of Science	Degrees Available
: <i>Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Biology</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Chemistry</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Computer Science</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Earth and Planetary Sciences</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Geography</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Mathematics and Statistics</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Physics</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Psychology</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.

4.2 Master's Degrees and Prerequisites

The following list shows all of the master's degrees available at McGill, along with their prerequisites. See [section 4.3: Master's Degree Programs and Specializations](#) for more information on specific programs and options.

Degree	Prerequisites
Master of Arts M.A.	Bachelor of Arts in the subject selected for graduate work. See appropriate unit.
Master of Architecture M.Arch.	Professional degree – McGill B.Sc.(Arch.) degree, or equivalent.

Degree		Prerequisites
		Post-professional degree – an M.Arch. (professional degree) or equivalent professional degree.
Master of Business Administration	M.B.A.	An undergraduate degree from an approved university. See : M.B.A. Program .
Master of Business Administration with integrated Bachelor of Civil Law / Bachelor of Laws	M.B.A. with B.C.L./LL.B.	See : M.B.A. Program .
Master of Business Administration with Doctor of Medicine / Master of Surgery	M.B.A. with M.D.,C.M.	See : M.B.A. Program .
Master of Education	M.Ed.	Bachelor's degree with specialization related to the subject chosen for graduate work, plus a Permanent Quebec Teaching Diploma or its equivalent for some of the above degrees. See appropriate department.
Master of Engineering	M.Eng.	Bachelor of Engineering or equivalent, with specialization appropriate for the subject selected for graduate study. See appropriate department.
Master of Laws	LL.M.	An acceptable degree in Law or equivalent qualifications. See section 11.1.3: Law Admission Requirements and Application Procedures .
Master of Library and Information Studies	M.L.I.S.	At least a bachelor's degree from a recognized university. See : Information Studies Admission Requirements and Application Procedures .
Master of Management	M.M.	See : Master of Management Programs Admission Requirements and Application Procedures .
Master of Manufacturing Management	M.M.M.	See : Master of Management Programs Admission Requirements and Application Procedures .
Master of Music	M.Mus.	Bachelor of Music or Bachelor of Arts with concentration in the area selected for graduate study. Applicants to the Performance program are required to pass auditions in their speciality. See : Schulich School of Music .
Master of Sacred Theology	S.T.M.	B.A. with specialization in religious studies or theology. See : Religious Studies Admission Requirements and Application Procedures .
Master of Science	M.Sc.	Bachelor of Science in the subject selected for graduate work. See appropriate unit.
Master of Science, Applied	M.Sc.A.	A bachelor's degree in the subject selected for graduate work. See appropriate unit.
Master of Social Work	M.S.W.	Bachelor's degree in Social Work including courses in statistics and social science research methods. See : Social Work Admission Requirements and Application Procedures .
Master of Social Work with Bachelor of Civil Law and Bachelor of Laws	M.S.W. with B.C.L. and LL.B.	See : Social Work Admission Requirements and Application Procedures .
Master of Urban Planning	M.U.P.	Bachelor's degree in any one of the following: Anthropology, Architecture, Economics, Civil Engineering, Geography, Law, Management, Political Science, Social Work, Sociology, or Urban Planning, with adequate knowledge of quantitative techniques. See : Urban Planning Admission Requirements and Application Procedures .

4.3 Master's Degree Programs and Specializations

The following list shows all of the programs and options available for each degree at McGill.

Master of Architecture (M.Arch.)

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Professional	Non-Thesis	Design Studio, Design Studio – Directed Research

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Post-professional	Non-Thesis	Architectural History and Theory, Cultural Mediations and Technology, Urban Design and Housing

Master of Arts (M.A.)

Programs leading to the degree of Master of Arts are offered in the following areas:

Program Areas	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Anthropology	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Development Studies, Environment, Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis)
Art History	Non-Thesis	Gender and Women's Studies (Non-Thesis)
Classics	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Communication Studies	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis)
Counselling Psychology	Non-Thesis (Professional Internship), Non-Thesis (Project)	N/A
East Asian Studies	Thesis (<i>Ad Hoc</i>)	N/A
Economics	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Development Studies, Social Statistics (Non-Thesis)
Educational Psychology	Thesis	N/A
Education and Society	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis) Gender and Women's Studies, Jewish Education (Non-Thesis)
Educational Leadership	Thesis, Non-Thesis (Coursework), Non-Thesis (Project)	Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis) Gender and Women's Studies (Non-Thesis (Project))
English	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
French	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis)
Geography	Thesis	Development Studies, Environment, Gender and Women's Studies, Neotropical Environment, Social Statistics (Thesis)
German	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Hispanic Studies	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
History	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Development Studies, European Studies, Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis) Development Studies, European Studies, Gender and Women's Studies (Non-Thesis)
History of Medicine	Non-Thesis	N/A
Islamic Studies	Thesis	Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis)
Italian	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Jewish Studies	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Kinesiology and Physical Education	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Linguistics	Non-Thesis	N/A
Mathematics and Statistics	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Medical Anthropology	Thesis	N/A
Music – Music Education	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Music – Music Technology	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Music – Musicology	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis)
Music – Theory	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis)
Philosophy	Thesis	Bioethics

Program Areas	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Political Science	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Development Studies, European Studies (Thesis) Development Studies, European Studies, Gender and Women's Studies, Social Statistics (Non-Thesis)
Psychology	Thesis	N/A
Religious Studies	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Bioethics, Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis)
Russian	Thesis	N/A
Second Language Education	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis)
Sociology	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Development Studies, Environment, Gender and Women's Studies, Medical Sociology, Neotropical Environment (Thesis) Development Studies, Gender and Women's Studies, Medical Sociology, Social Statistics (Non-Thesis)
Teaching and Learning	Non-Thesis	English or French Second Language, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Social Sciences

Master of Business Administration and Management Degrees (M.B.A., M.M., M.M.M.)

A program leading to the degree of Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) is offered in the following concentrations:

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
M.B.A.	Non-Thesis	Finance, General Management, Global Strategy and Leadership, Marketing, Technology and Innovation (Non-Thesis)
M.B.A. with B.C.L. and LL.B.	Non-Thesis	Finance, General Management, Global Strategy and Leadership, Marketing, Technology and Innovation (Non-Thesis)
M.D./M.B.A.	Non-Thesis	N/A
M.B.A./Japan	Non-Thesis	Finance, General Management, Global Strategy and Leadership, Marketing, Technology and Innovation (Non-Thesis)
E.M.B.A.	Non-Thesis	N/A
M.M.M.	Non-Thesis	N/A
M.M./IMPM	Non-Thesis	N/A
M.M./IMPMHL	Non-Thesis	N/A

Master of Education (M.Ed.)

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Educational Psychology	Non-Thesis	N/A

Master of Engineering (M.Eng.)

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Aerospace Engineering	Non-Thesis	N/A
Biomedical Engineering	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Bioinformatics (Thesis)
Chemical Engineering	Non-Thesis	Environmental Engineering (Non-Thesis)
Civil Engineering	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Environmental Engineering (Non-Thesis)
Electrical Engineering	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Computational Science and Engineering (Thesis)
Mechanical Engineering	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Computational Science and Engineering (Thesis)
Mining and Materials Engineering	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Environmental Engineering (Non-Thesis)

Master of Laws (LL.M.)

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Law	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Bioethics, European Studies (Thesis) Air and Space Law, Environment, Comparative Law (Thesis and Non-Thesis)

Master of Library and Information Studies (M.L.I.S.)

The Graduate School of Library and Information Studies offers a postgraduate professional program in librarianship. Two years of full-time study or the equivalent are required.

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Information Studies	Non-Thesis	N/A

Master of Music (M.Mus.)

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Music – Composition	Non-Thesis	N/A
Performance	Thesis	Vocal Pedagogy, Jazz Performance, Early Music, Orchestral Instruments and Guitar, Collaborative Piano, Piano, Opera and Voice, Organ and Church Music, Conducting
Sound Recording	Non-Thesis	N/A

Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.)

A program leading to the degree of Sanctae Theologiae Magister (S.T.M.) is given in the Faculty of Religious Studies. This degree is primarily for those who intend to enter the ministry of the Christian Church or another religious institution, or to proceed to teaching in schools. A Master of Arts program (thesis and non-thesis) is also available.

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Religious Studies	Non-Thesis	N/A

Master of Science (M.Sc.)

Program Areas	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Agricultural Economics	Thesis	N/A
Animal Science	Thesis	N/A
Atmospheric and Oceanic Science	Thesis	Environment (Thesis)
Biochemistry	Thesis	Bioinformatics, Chemical Biology (Thesis)
Biology	Thesis	Bioinformatics, Environment, Neotropical Environment
Bioresource Engineering	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Environment, Neotropical Environment (Thesis) Integrated Water Resource Management (Non-Thesis)
Biostatistics	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Cell Biology	Thesis	N/A
Chemistry	Thesis	Chemical Biology
Civil Engineering	Thesis	N/A
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Thesis	N/A
Computer Science	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Bioinformatics, Computational Science, Engineering (Thesis)
Dental Science	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (Thesis)
Earth and Planetary Sciences	Thesis	Environment
Entomology	Thesis	Environment, Neotropical Environment
Epidemiology	Thesis	N/A
Experimental Medicine	Thesis	Bioethics, Environment, Family Medicine
Experimental Surgery	Thesis	Surgical Research

Program Areas	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Food Safety (Non-Thesis)
Genetic Counselling	Non-Thesis	N/A
Geography	Thesis	Environment, Neotropical Environment
Human Genetics	Thesis	Bioethics, Bioinformatics
Human Nutrition	Thesis	N/A
Kinesiology and Physical Education	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Mathematics and Statistics	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Bioinformatics, Computational Science and Engineering
Mechanical Engineering	Thesis	N/A
Medical Radiation Physics	Thesis	N/A
Microbiology	Thesis	Environment
Microbiology and Immunology	Thesis	N/A
Mining and Materials Engineering	Thesis	N/A
Neuroscience	Thesis	N/A
Otolaryngology	Thesis	N/A
Parasitology	Thesis	Bioinformatics, Environment
Pathology	Thesis	N/A
Pharmacology	Thesis	Chemical Biology
Physics	Thesis	N/A
Physiology	Thesis	Bioinformatics
Plant Science	Thesis	Bioinformatics, Environment, Neotropical Environment
Psychiatry	Thesis	N/A
Psychology	Thesis	N/A
Public Health	Non-Thesis	Environment
Rehabilitation Sciences	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Renewable Resources	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Environment, Neotropical Environment (Thesis) Environmental Assessment (Non-Thesis)

Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.)

This degree was designed to provide postgraduate training of a professional and vocational character, with less emphasis on theoretical knowledge and research than in Master of Science programs, but with no lower standards either for admission or completion of requirements. Two years of full-time study or equivalent are normally required with an emphasis on coursework.

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Animal Science	Non-Thesis	N/A
Bioresource Engineering	Non-Thesis	Environment, Environmental Engineering, Neotropical Environment
Biotechnology	Non-Thesis	N/A
Chemistry	Non-Thesis	N/A
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Non-Thesis	Speech-Language Pathology
Human Nutrition	Non-Thesis (Project), Non-Thesis (Practicum)	N/A
Nursing	Non-Thesis	N/A
Occupational Health	Non-Thesis (Resident), Non-Thesis (Distance)	N/A

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Occupational Therapy	Non-Thesis	N/A
Physical Therapy	Non-Thesis	N/A
Plant Science	Non-Thesis	N/A

Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)

The M.S.W. degree represents a second level of professional study in which students build competence in a chosen field of practice.

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Social Work	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Joint Master of Social Work with B.C.L. and LL.B.	Non-Thesis	N/A

Master of Urban Planning

The program requires a minimum of two years residence and a three-month internship with a member of a recognized planning association.

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Urban Planning	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Transportation Planning, Urban Design (Non-Thesis)

4.4 Doctoral Degrees

The following section lists the doctoral degrees available at McGill, along with their prerequisites. See [section 4.4.1: Doctoral Degree Programs and Specializations](#) for specific programs and options for doctoral degrees.

Degree		Prerequisites
Doctor of Civil Law	D.C.L.	B.C.L. or LL.B. and usually LL.M. See Law.
Doctor of Music	D.Mus.	M.A. in Composition (D.Mus. in Composition) or a master's degree in Performance, and professional and teaching experience (D.Mus. in Performance). See Music.
Doctor of Philosophy	Ph.D.	An undergraduate degree relevant to the subject chosen for graduate work. Some departments require all Ph.D. candidates to hold a master's degree in the same subject. Departments may recommend that candidates of undoubted promise should be allowed to proceed directly to the Ph.D. degree without being required to submit a master's thesis.

4.4.1 Doctoral Degree Programs and Specializations**Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.)**

Doctoral programs are offered in Air and Space Law and Law (Comparative Law). Both are predominantly research degrees awarded on the basis of a thesis that represents an original contribution to the development of legal science.

Program	Options	Offered by Faculty/School
Law	Air and Space Law, Comparative Law	Faculty of Law

Doctor of Music (D.Mus.)

The Doctor of Music degree is offered in Composition. The Doctoral thesis consists of a musical composition of major dimensions together with a written analysis of the work. The composition is presented by the candidate in concert. The regulations set forth for the Ph.D. generally apply also to the D.Mus.

The Doctor of Music degree is also offered in Performance. It is offered to professional musicians who wish to teach at the university level and to develop a specialization in a particular repertoire, approach, or discipline (musicology, music theory, music education and pedagogy, or music technology).

Program	Options	Offered by Faculty/School
Music	Composition, Performance Studies	Schulich School of Music

Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

Programs leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy are offered in the following areas:

Program	Options	Offered by Faculty/School
Animal Science	Bioinformatics	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Anthropology	Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Arts
Architecture	N/A	Faculty of Engineering
Art History	Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts
Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences	N/A	Faculty of Science
Biochemistry	Bioinformatics, Chemical Biology	Faculty of Medicine
Biology	Bioinformatics, Developmental Biology, Environment, Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Science
Biomedical Engineering	Bioinformatics	Faculty of Medicine
Bioresource Engineering	Environment, Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Biostatistics	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Cell Biology	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Chemical Engineering	N/A	Faculty of Engineering
Chemistry	Chemical Biology	Faculty of Science
Civil Engineering	N/A	Faculty of Engineering
Classics	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Language Acquisition	Faculty of Medicine
Communication Studies	Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts
Computer Science	Bioinformatics	Faculty of Science
Counselling Psychology	N/A	Faculty of Education
Earth and Planetary Sciences	Environment	Faculty of Science
Economics	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Educational Psychology	N/A	Faculty of Education
Educational Studies	Gender and Women's Studies, Language Acquisition	Faculty of Education
Electrical Engineering	N/A	Faculty of Engineering
English	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Entomology	Environment, Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Epidemiology	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Experimental Medicine	Environment	Faculty of Medicine
Experimental Surgery (Surgical Research)	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry	N/A	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
French Language and Literature	Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts
Geography	Environment, Gender and Women's Studies, Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science
German	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Hispanic Studies	N/A	Faculty of Arts
History	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Human Genetics	Bioinformatics	Faculty of Medicine
Human Nutrition	N/A	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Information Studies	N/A	Faculty of Education

Program	Options	Offered by Faculty/School
Islamic Studies	Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts
Linguistics	Language Acquisition	Faculty of Arts
Management	N/A	Desautels Faculty of Management
Mathematics and Statistics	Bioinformatics	Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science
Mechanical Engineering	N/A	Faculty of Engineering
Microbiology	N/A	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Microbiology and Immunology	Bioinformatics, Environment	Faculty of Medicine
Mining and Materials Engineering	N/A	Faculty of Engineering
Music	(Composition, Music Education, Musicology, Music Technology, Sound Recording, Theory), Gender and Women's Studies	Schulich School of Music
Neuroscience	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Nursing	Psychosocial Oncology	Ingram School of Nursing
Occupational Health	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Parasitology	Bioinformatics, Environment	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Pathology	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Pharmacology	Chemical Biology	Faculty of Medicine
Philosophy	Environment, Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts
Physics	N/A	Faculty of Science
Physiology	Bioinformatics	Faculty of Medicine
Plant Science	Bioinformatics, Environment, Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Political Science	Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts
Psychology	Language Acquisition, Psychosocial Oncology	Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science
Rehabilitation Science	N/A	School of Physical and Occupational Therapy
Religious Studies	Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Religious Studies
Renewable Resources	Environment, Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Russian	N/A	Faculty of Arts
School/Applied Child Psychology	N/A	Faculty of Education
Social Work	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Sociology	Environment, Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts

Joint Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

The following joint Ph.D. programs are offered:

- Nursing (McGill / Université de Montréal)
- Management (McGill / Concordia / H.E.C. / UQAM)
- Social Work (McGill / Université de Montréal)

Ad Hoc Doctor of Philosophy Degrees (Ph.D. (Ad Hoc))

Several departments offer the possibility of directly entering a Ph.D. program on an *ad hoc* basis, or, with the permission of the supervisor and the approval of the Graduate Program Director, exceptional students may transfer from the master's program to the *ad hoc* Ph.D. program.

Program	Options	Offered by Faculty/School
East Asian Studies	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Italian Studies	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Kinesiology and Physical Education	N/A	Faculty of Education

Program	Options	Offered by Faculty/School
Psychiatry	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Urban Planning	N/A	Faculty of Engineering

4.5 Postdoctoral Research

See [section 8: Postdoctoral Research](#) for information about postdoctoral research at McGill University.

4.6 Graduate Diplomas and Graduate Certificates

The graduate diplomas and graduate certificates listed below are programs of study under the academic supervision of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. The prerequisite for a diploma or certificate is an undergraduate degree in the same discipline.

Graduate Diplomas are offered in:

Clinical Research	Professional Performance
Epidemiology	Public Accountancy (Chartered Accountancy)
Library and Information Studies	Registered Dietician Credentialing (R.D.)
Mining Engineering	School/Applied Child Psychology (Post-Ph.D.)
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner	Surgical Health Care Research
Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	

These diploma programs consist of at least two terms of full-time study or the equivalent.

Graduate Certificates are offered in:

Assessing Driving Capabilities	Educational Leadership 1
Air and Space Law	Educational Leadership 2
Bioinformatics	Library and Information Studies
Bioresource Engineering (Integrated Water Resources Management)	Post-M.B.A.
Biotechnology	Teaching English as a Second Language
Chronic Pain Management	Theory in Primary Care
Comparative Law	Theory in Neonatology

All graduate regulations apply to graduate diploma and graduate certificate candidates.



Note: The School of Continuing Studies offers graduate diplomas and graduate certificates that are not under the academic supervision of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. To see a list of the programs offered refer to the School of Continuing Studies *Programs, Courses and University Regulations* publication available at www.mcgill.ca/study.

5 Program Requirements

5.1 Master's Degrees

Residence Requirements – Master's Degrees

Refers to the number of terms (or years) students must be registered on a full-time basis to complete their program. Students are NOT permitted to graduate until they have fulfilled the residence requirement (or paid the corresponding fees) in their program.

- The following master's programs have a minimum residence requirement of **three full-time terms**: M.Arch, M.A., M.Eng., LL.M., M.Mus. (**except** M.Mus. in Sound Recording), M.Sc., M.S.W., M.Sc.A. (**except** M.Sc.A. in Communication Sciences and Disorders).
- The following master's programs have a **minimum** residence requirement of **four full-time terms**: M.L.I.S.; M.Mus. in Sound Recording; M.U.P.; M.A. (60 credits – Counselling Psychology – thesis; 78 credits – Educational Psychology); M.A. Teaching and Learning – Non-Thesis; M.Sc.A. in Communication Sciences and Disorders; S.T.M., Religious Studies.
- The residence requirement for the master's program in Education (M.Ed.); Library and Information Studies (M.L.I.S.); Management (M.B.A.); Religious Studies (S.T.M.); M.A. Counselling Psychology – Non-Thesis; M.A. Teaching and Learning – Non-Thesis; M.Sc. in Public Health – Non-Thesis; M.Sc.A. Nursing; M.Sc.A. Occupational Therapy; M.Sc.A. Physical Therapy; and students in part-time programs is determined on a per course basis. Residence requirements are fulfilled when students complete all course requirements in their respective programs.
- For master's programs structured as Course, Project or Non-Thesis options where the program is pursued on a part-time basis, residence requirements are normally fulfilled when students complete all course requirements in their respective programs (minimum 45 credits or a minimum of three full-time terms) and pay the fees accordingly.

These designated periods of residence represent minimum time requirements. There is no guarantee that the work for the degree can be completed in this time. Students must register for such additional terms as are needed to complete the program.

Coursework – Master's Degrees

Program requirements are outlined in the relevant departmental sections of the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies *Programs, Courses and University Regulations* publication, available at www.mcgill.ca/study.

The department concerned will examine the student's previous training and then decide which of the available courses in the area of specialization or related fields are required to bring the candidate to the proper level for the master's degree. Due account will be taken of relevant courses passed at any recognized university.

As a rule, no more than one-third of the McGill program formal coursework (not thesis, project, stage, or internship) can be credited with courses from another university.

Non-thesis degrees normally specify the course program which the candidate must follow.

The candidate is required to pass, with a grade of B- or better, all those courses that have been designated by the department as forming a part of the program, including additional requirements.

Students taking courses at another university must obtain a minimum grade of B- (65%) if the course is to be credited toward their McGill degree. In the cases where only a letter grade is used, a B- is the minimum passing grade and no equivalent percentage will be considered. In the cases where only a percentage grade is used, 65% is the minimum passing grade.

If courses were not used for a degree, they could be **credited** toward a McGill degree, keeping in mind that a maximum of one-third of the coursework (not thesis, project, stage, internship, and practicum) can be credited. If an **exemption** is granted, it must be replaced by another graduate course at McGill toward the degree. No double counting is ever allowed. This regulation also applies to doctoral programs.

Research and Thesis – Master's Degrees

All candidates for a research degree must present a thesis based on their own research. The total number of credits allotted to the thesis in any master's program must not be less than 24. The title of the thesis and names of examiners must be forwarded on a *Nomination of Examiners* form, in accordance with the dates on www.mcgill.ca/importantdates, through the chair of the department concerned at the same time as the thesis is submitted to Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. A thesis for the master's degree, while not necessarily requiring an exhaustive review of work in the particular field of study, or a great deal of original scholarship, must show familiarity with previous work in the field and must demonstrate the ability to carry out research and to organize results, all of which must be presented in good literate style. The thesis will not normally exceed 100 pages; in some disciplines, shorter texts are preferred. Guidelines and deadlines are available at www.mcgill.ca/gps/thesis/guidelines.

Language Requirements – Master's Degrees

Most master's degree programs do not include language requirements, but candidates who intend to proceed to a doctoral degree should take note of any language requirements and are strongly advised to take the examinations in at least one language while working for the master's degree.

5.2 Doctoral Degrees

Residence Requirements – Doctoral

Refers to the numbers of terms (or years) students must be registered on a full-time basis to complete their program. Students are not permitted to graduate until they have fulfilled the residence requirement (or paid the corresponding fees) in their program.

Candidates entering Ph.D. 1 must follow a program of at least three years' residency at the University; this is a minimum requirement, and there is no guarantee that the work of the degree can be completed in this time, but students are expected to complete within the maximum specified period. Only exceptional candidates holding a bachelor's degree will be considered for direct admission to Ph.D. 1 level.

It is required that candidates spend the greater part of each summer working on their theses, and those who do not do so are unlikely to complete a satisfactory thesis in the prescribed minimum time (see [section 8.3: Vacation Policy for Graduate Students and Postdocs](#)).

A student who has obtained a master's degree at McGill University or at an approved institution, in a relevant subject and is proceeding to a Ph.D. degree will, on the recommendation of the department, be admitted to Ph.D. 2; in this case, the residency requirement for the program is two years.

In the doctoral program, students must be registered on a full-time basis for one more year after completion of the residency (i.e., Ph.D. 4 year) before continuing as Additional Session students until completion of the program.



Note: The master's degree must have been awarded before initial registration in the doctoral program; otherwise, the admission level will be at Ph.D. 1 and residency will be extended to three years. Once the level of admission is approved, it will not be changed after obtaining the master's degree if the date falls after registration in the program. If a previous awarded degree is a condition of admission, it must be fulfilled before registration in another program.

As a rule, no more than one-third of the McGill program formal coursework can be credited with courses from another university.

Comprehensive Examinations – Doctoral

A comprehensive examination or its equivalent is usually held near the end of Ph.D. 2. The results of this examination determine whether or not students will be permitted to continue in their programs. The methods adopted for examination and evaluation and the areas to be examined are specified by departmental regulations approved by the Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. It is the responsibility of students to inform themselves of these details at the commencement of their programs. For more information, see *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > Guidelines and Policies > : Ph.D. Comprehensives Policy*.

Language Requirements – Doctoral

Most graduate departments in the Faculties of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Education, Engineering, Management, Medicine, and Science do not require a language examination. Students should inquire in their departments if there are any such requirements or whether any other requirements have been substituted for those relating to languages.

Graduate departments in the Faculties of Arts, Music, and Religious Studies usually require proficiency in one or two languages other than English. In all cases, **students should consult departmental regulations concerning language requirements**.

Language requirements for the Ph.D. degree are met through demonstrated reading knowledge. The usual languages are French, German, or Russian, but in particular instances another language may be necessary.

All language requirements must be fulfilled and the grades reported before submission of the thesis to GPS (Thesis Section).

Students must contact their departments to make arrangements to take the Language Reading Proficiency Examinations. Students may, however, demonstrate competence by a pass standing in two undergraduate language courses taken at McGill (see departmental regulations).

Candidates are advised to discharge their language requirements as early in their program as possible.

Students expecting to enrol in Professional Corporations in the province of Quebec are advised to become fluent in both spoken and written French.

Courses in French language are available at the English and French Language Centre. The teaching is intensive and class sizes are kept small. While undergraduate students are given preference, graduate students who are certain they can devote sufficient time to the work may enrol.

Thesis – Doctoral

The thesis for the Ph.D. degree must display original scholarship expressed in good literate style and must be a distinct contribution to knowledge. **Formal notice of a thesis title and names of examiners must be submitted to the Thesis Section of GPS on the *Nomination of Examiners* form in accordance with the dates on www.mcgill.ca/importantdates, at the same time as the thesis is submitted.** The list of examiners must be approved by the Department Chair, the supervisor and the student. The Thesis Section of GPS should be notified of any subsequent change of title as early as possible. Guidelines and deadlines are available at www.mcgill.ca/gps/thesis/guidelines.

Seven copies of the thesis must be provided by the candidate. Of these, two copies will be retained by the University and five copies returned to the candidate. Some departments may require one or more additional copies. The final corrected copy is submitted electronically.

Special regulations for the Ph.D. degree in particular departments are stated in the entries of those departments.

Thesis Oral Examination – Doctoral

After the thesis has been received and approved, a final oral examination is held on the subject of the thesis and subjects intimately related to it. This is conducted in the presence of a Committee of at least five members presided over by a Pro-Dean nominated by Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. The Chair of the candidate's department and the Thesis Supervisor are regularly invited to be members of the Committee; at least one member of the Committee is appointed from outside the candidate's department. Guidelines are available at www.mcgill.ca/gps/thesis/guidelines.

5.3 Ad Personam Programs (Thesis Option Only)

In very rare circumstances, an applicant who wishes to engage in Master's (thesis option only) or Ph.D. studies of an interdisciplinary nature involving joint supervision by two departments, each of which is authorized by the Government of Quebec to offer its own graduate programs, may be admitted to an *Ad Personam* program. For more information, see www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply/prepare#program and contact the relevant department.

5.4 Coursework for Graduate Programs, Diplomas, and Certificates

Upper-level undergraduate courses (excluding 500 level) may not be considered for degrees, diplomas, and certificates unless they are already listed as required courses in the approved program description. If an upper-level undergraduate course (excluding 500 level) is taken by a graduate student, it must come as a recommendation from the Graduate Program Director in the department. The recommendation must state if the undergraduate course is an additional requirement for the program (must obtain B- or better) or if the course is extra to the program (will be flagged as such on the record and fees will be charged). See document at www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/registration#course.

English and French language courses offered by the French Language Centre (Faculty of Arts) or the School of Continuing Studies may not be taken for coursework credits toward a graduate program.

All substitutions for coursework in graduate programs, diplomas, and certificates must be approved by GPS.

Courses taken at other institutions to be part of the requirements of a program of studies must be approved by GPS before registration. Double counting is not permitted.

6 Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures

Website: www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants

Email: servicepoint@mcgill.ca

Deadline: Admission to graduate studies operates on a rolling basis; complete applications and their supporting documentation must reach departmental offices on or before the Date for Guaranteed Consideration specified by the department. To be considered for entrance fellowships, where available, applicants must verify the deadlines with individual departments. Meeting minimum admission standards does not guarantee admission.

6.1 Application for Admission

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Application information and the online application form are available at www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply. Applicants (with some exceptions) are required to provide the names and email addresses of two instructors familiar with their work and who are willing to provide letters of reference in support of the applicant. McGill will request the reference letters on behalf of the applicant. All applicants must themselves upload an unofficial copy of their complete academic record from each university-level institution attended to date. If admitted, each student will be required to send, or ask the appropriate university authorities to send, an official or certified copy of their complete, final academic record from each university-level institution attended to date. McGill graduates do not need to submit McGill transcripts. See www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply/submitting-your-documents/sending-official-doc for instructions on mailing official documents to McGill. Please note that all documents submitted to McGill University in support of an application to be admitted, including, but not limited to, transcripts, diplomas, letters of reference, and test scores, become the property of McGill University and will not be returned to the applicant or issuing institution under any circumstance.

A **non-refundable** fee of \$100 in Canadian funds **must** accompany each application; otherwise, **it cannot be submitted**. This sum must be paid by credit card when submitting the online application form and is non-refundable. Candidates for Special, Visiting, and Qualifying status must apply and pay the application fee every year (i.e., every Fall term).

It is recommended that applicants submit a list of the titles of courses taken in the major subject, since transcripts often give code numbers only. **Transcripts written in a language other than English or French must be accompanied by a translation prepared by a licensed translator.** An explanation of the grading system used by the applicant's university is essential. The applicant should also indicate the major subject area in which further study is desired.

Completed applications, with uploaded supporting documents, must be submitted according to individual department Dates for Guaranteed Consideration. Applicants should contact the department concerned, or see: www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/programs. International students are advised to apply well in advance of the Date for Guaranteed Consideration as immigration procedures may be lengthy. Applications received after the prescribed Dates for Guaranteed Consideration may or may not be considered, at the discretion of the department. Candidates will be notified of acceptance or refusal by Enrolment Services.

Admission to graduate programs at McGill is highly competitive and the final decision rests with the Graduate Admissions Committee. Admission decisions are not subject to appeal or reconsideration.

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6.2 Admission Requirements (minimum requirements to be considered for admission)

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Note: The following admission requirements are the minimum standard for applicants to McGill's Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies programs. Some graduate units may require additional qualifications or a higher minimum CGPA; prospective students are strongly urged to consult the unit concerned regarding specific requirements set for their program of interest.

Applicants should be graduates of a university of recognized reputation and hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent, as determined by McGill, in a subject closely related to the one selected for graduate work.

The applicant must present evidence of academic achievement: a minimum standing equivalent to a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 out of a possible 4.0 or a CGPA of 3.2/4.0 for the last two full-time academic years. High grades are expected in courses considered by the department to be preparatory to the graduate program. Some departments impose additional or higher requirements.

See www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply/prepare/requirements/international-degree-equivalency for information on grade equivalencies and degree requirements from countries in Europe and around the world. These equivalencies and requirements are provided for information only and are subject to change without notice.

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6.3 Application Procedures (for All Admissions Starting Summer 2013)

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Application Checklist

All supplemental application materials and supporting documents must be uploaded directly to the McGill admissions processing system. See www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply/submitting-your-documents for information and instructions.

- 1. Online Application for Admission form:** www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply/ready.
- 2. Application fee:** \$100 for each form you submit (you may indicate two programs on each form), payable by credit card when you submit the form. Some programs may charge additional fees. If applicable these will be automatically charged when you submit the application form.
- 3. Transcripts:** your complete record of study from each university-level institution you have attended to date. Uploaded copies will be considered as unofficial; final, official copies will be required once you are offered admission.
- 4. Reference letters:** on the application form you must provide the names and email addresses of at least two professors who are familiar with your academic work. McGill will contact these referees and invite them to upload references on your behalf. N.B. some departments require more than two referees; please consult *Admission Requirements and Application Procedures* for each department at www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/programs.
- 5. TOEFL/IELTS, GRE, GMAT results:** when registering for the test please ensure that you request that results be sent directly to McGill University. McGill will then receive the results electronically, directly from the testing agency.

For detailed information regarding additional documents that may be required by certain departments, please consult *Admission Requirements and Application Procedures* for each department at www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/programs.

6.3.1 Document Checklist Terms

The following terms appear on the Document Checklist and are items or documents that you may be required to upload as part of your application for admission. Please ensure that your use of certain terms conforms to the following definitions:

Audition: a trial performance where a performer demonstrates their suitability or skill.

Curriculum Vitae: an overview of the applicant's experience and other qualifications, including employment, academic credentials, publications, contributions, and significant achievements.

GMAT: Graduate Management Aptitude Test (see [section 6.4: Admission Tests](#))

GRE: Graduate Records Examination (see [section 6.4: Admission Tests](#))

Interview: a conversation between the applicant and a McGill representative, using a structured, standardized approach to allow for comparison and analysis of responses from all applicants interviewed; in person, via telephone, *Skype*, etc.

Personal Statement: an essay in which the applicant describes their reasons for applying to graduate studies and indicating qualifications, qualities, or circumstances the applicant feels to be significant; usually provides information about educational and professional goals and discusses the applicant's interest in the desired field of study.

Portfolio: a collection of the applicant's best work to date, selected by them, and intended to show their mastery of a given style or variety of styles; different samples of their artistic work.

Recording: an unedited recording (audio or video) of the applicant performing at least two contrasting pieces; minimum 20 minutes.

Research Proposal: a detailed description of the proposed program of research, including proposed Thesis Supervisor(s); describes the research background, significance, methodology, and references; may include expected results; may include a detailed curriculum vitae.

TOEFL: Test of English as a Foreign Language (see [section 6.5: Competency in English](#))

Writing Sample: a recent sample of the applicant's written work, on any topic (not necessarily within the desired field of graduate study) and not necessarily previously submitted for evaluation or publication.

Written Work: a sample of the applicant's written work, drawn from essays, papers or other work previously submitted for academic evaluation or publication, and falling within the desired field of graduate study.

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6.4 Admission Tests

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Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) (Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ 08540) consists of a relatively advanced test in the candidates' specialty, and a general test of their attainments in several basic fields of knowledge for which no special preparation is required or recommended. It is offered at many centres, including Montreal, several times a year; the entire examination takes about eight hours, and there is a registration fee. Refer to www.ets.org/gre for further information. Only some departments require applicants to write the GRE examination, but all applicants who have written either the general aptitude or the advanced test are advised to ensure that official test results are sent to McGill directly by the testing service.

This credential is of special importance in the case of applicants whose education has been interrupted, or has not led directly toward graduate study in the subject selected. In such cases the department has the right to insist on a report from the Graduate Record Examination or some similar test. High standing in this examination will not by itself guarantee admission. The Miller Analogies Test may be used similarly. Some departments of the Faculty of Education also require the taking of various tests.

Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)

Applicants to graduate programs in Management must ensure that official results are released to McGill by the Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC). The test is a standardized assessment offered by the GMAC to help business schools assess candidates for admission. For further information, see www.mba.com/the-gmat.

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6.5 Competency in English

Applicants to graduate studies must demonstrate an adequate level of proficiency in English **prior to admission**, regardless of citizenship status or country of origin.

Normally, applicants meeting any one of the following conditions are NOT required to submit proof of proficiency in English:

1. Mother tongue (language first learned and still used on a daily basis) is English.
2. Has obtained (or is about to obtain) an undergraduate or graduate degree from a recognized foreign institution where English is the language of instruction.
3. Has obtained (or is about to obtain) an undergraduate or graduate degree from a recognized institution in Canada or the United States of America (anglophone or francophone).
4. Has lived and attended university, or been employed, for at least four consecutive years, in a country where English is the acknowledged primary language.

Applicants who do not meet any of the above-listed conditions must demonstrate proficiency in English using **one** of the following options:

1. TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language): minimum acceptable scores are:

Competency in English

iBT (Internet-based test)

PBT (paper-based test)

CBT (computer-based test)*

86 overall (no less than 20 in each of the four component scores)

550

* The CBT is no longer being offered and CBT results are no longer considered valid, or being reported by ETS.

N.B. an institutional version of the TOEFL is not acceptable.

2. IELTS (International English Language Testing System): a band score of 6.5 or greater.
3. MELAB (Michigan English Language Assessment Battery): a grade of 85% or higher.
4. University of Cambridge ESOL Certificate in Advanced English (CAE): a grade of "B" (Good) or higher.
5. University of Cambridge ESOL Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE): a grade of "C" (Pass) or higher.
6. Edexcel London Test of English – Level 5 – with an overall grade of at least "Pass."
7. McGill Certificate of Proficiency in English or McGill Certificate of Proficiency – English for Professional Communication: Certificate of Proficiency awarded. McGill Certificate of Proficiency in English or McGill Certificate of Proficiency – English for Professional Communication: Certificate of Proficiency awarded.

In each case, applicants must ensure that official test results are sent to McGill directly by the testing service. Applications cannot be considered if test results are not available. These scores are general minima; some departments may set higher requirements.

Revised – July 2008

6.6 Admission to a Qualifying Program

Some applicants whose academic degrees and Standing entitle them to serious consideration for admission to graduate studies, but who are considered inadequately prepared in the subject selected may be admitted to a Qualifying Program for a master's. The undergraduate-level courses to be taken in a Qualifying Program will be prescribed by the department concerned.

Qualifying students are registered in graduate studies, **but not as candidates for a degree**. Only one Qualifying year (i.e., two full-time terms) is permitted.

In all cases, after the completion of a Qualifying year or term, an applicant interested in commencing a degree program must apply for admission by the Dates for Guaranteed Consideration. Successful completion of the work in the Qualifying Program (B- in all courses) does not automatically entitle the student to proceed toward a degree. Qualifying year students must apply for admission to the program for which they seek qualification.

In cases where a department recommends a change of registration from Qualifying Program (Fall) to Master's Degree First Year (Winter), **students must apply to the degree program by the Winter departmental Dates for Guaranteed Consideration**. A Qualifying year applicant admitted to a Winter term as a first term of studies must apply for admission for a Fall term as his/her second term of studies.

Students who are ineligible for a Qualifying Program may apply to the appropriate undergraduate faculty for admission as regular or Special Students, and seek admission to graduate studies at a later date. The normal admission requirements must be met and the usual procedures followed.

6.7 Admission to a Second Degree Program

A candidate with a given higher degree may apply for admission to a second degree program at the same level but **in a different subject**. The normal admission requirements must be met and all the usual procedures followed.

6.8 Admission to Two Degree Programs

Revision, December 2012. Start of revision.

Students may, with special permission granted by the Graduate Admissions Committee (composed of the Dean and Associate Deans of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies) and in consultation with the Graduate Admissions Unit of Enrolment Services, be admitted to two degree programs or to two departments or faculties. Students are **never** permitted to pursue two **full-time** degree programs concurrently.

Revision, December 2012. End of revision.

6.9 Admission to an Ad Personam Joint Program

Ad Personam joint graduate programs are restricted to Master's thesis option and Ph.D. programs. Approval for the joint program must be obtained from Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. The request shall be signed by the Chairs of both departments involved and shall explicitly list the conditions imposed. The student shall undertake research under the joint supervision of both departments.

This program is described in more detail at www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply/prepare#program.

6.10 Reinstatement and Admission of Former Students

Revision, December 2012. Start of revision.

Students who have not been registered for a period of less than two years and who have not officially withdrawn from the University by submitting a signed Withdrawal Form to Service Point are eligible to be considered for reinstatement into their program. The student's department must recommend, in writing, that the student be reinstated, stipulating any conditions for reinstatement that it deems appropriate. If the student's department chooses not to recommend reinstatement, the student may appeal to the Associate Dean (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies). The decision of the Associate Dean (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies) shall be final and not subject to further appeal.

Revision, December 2012. End of revision.

Reinstatement fees will be charged in addition to the fees due for the academic session into which the student has been reinstated. The amount of the reinstatement fees is the tuition portion of fees owed for all unregistered terms, up to a maximum of two years just prior to the term of reinstatement.

If an individual has not registered for a period of more than two years, their student file will be closed. These individuals and those who have formally withdrawn may be considered for admission. Applicants' admission applications will be considered as part of the current admission cycle, in competition with other people applying during that cycle and in accordance with current graduate admission procedures and policies.

Procedure: Requirements for completion of the program will be evaluated. Some of these requirements may need to be redone or new ones may be added. Applicants must inquire about the fees that will be charged.

Revised – Council of February 9, 2004.

6.11 Deferral of Admission

Under exceptional circumstances, an admission for a particular semester can be considered for a deferral. This can be considered only if the student has not registered. If the student has already registered, no deferral can be granted. The student must withdraw from the University and apply for admission to a later term.

7 Fellowships, Awards, and Assistantships

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The Fellowships and Awards section of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies provides processing services for many sources of support for Canadian and non-Canadian students, both new to McGill and continuing. Further information on these and other sources of funding can be found in various publications on the Fellowships and Awards web pages. The [Graduate Fellowships and Awards Calendar](#) lists all internal awards as well as numerous external awards.

Entrance Fellowships are awarded on the basis of the application for admission, upon nomination by academic departments. Most internal fellowships are awarded in this manner—please contact the proposed academic department directly for further information.

Research assistantships, teaching assistantships, and stipends from professors' research grants are handled by individual academic departments at McGill. Fellowships, assistantships, and stipends are used to make funding packages for graduate students. All assistantship and stipend inquiries should be directed to departments.

A small number of citizens from countries whose governments have entered into agreements on tuition fees with Quebec may be exempted from the supplemental tuition fees normally required of international students. All French citizens and a limited number of citizens of countries in the list, which can be found at www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/sections/publications/index.asp?page=fiche&id=1039, are eligible for such exemptions. For more information and the necessary application materials, see www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/international/index_en.asp?page=progExemp. The list of organizations where students should apply can be accessed from this website.

Differential Fee Waivers (DFWs) for international students provide eligible non-Canadian graduate students with waivers of the international tuition fee supplement. There are no application forms for differential fee waivers, since these are awarded on the basis of departmental nominations made to the Fellowships and Awards section. Eligible students should contact their McGill department.

8 Postdoctoral Research

Students must inform themselves of University rules and regulations and keep abreast of any changes that may occur. The *Postdoctoral Research* section of this publication contains important details required by postdoctoral scholars during their studies at McGill and should be periodically consulted, along with other sections and related publications.

8.1 Postdocs

Postdocs are recent graduates with a Ph.D. or equivalent (i.e., Medical Specialist Diploma) engaged by a member of the University's academic staff, including Adjunct Professors, to assist him/her in research.

Postdocs must be appointed by their department and registered with Enrolment Services in order to have access to University facilities (library, computer, etc.).

8.2 Guidelines and Policy for Academic Units on Postdoctoral Education

The general guidelines listed below are meant to encourage units to examine their policies and procedures to support postdoctoral education. Every unit hosting Postdocs should have explicitly stated policies and procedures for the provision of postdoctoral education as well as established means for informing Postdocs of policies, procedures, and privileges (e.g., orientation sessions, handbooks, etc.), as well as mechanisms for addressing complaints. Academic units should ensure that their policies, procedures and privileges are consistent with these guidelines and the Charter of Students' Rights. For their part, Postdocs are responsible for informing themselves of policies, procedures, and privileges.

1. Definition and Status

i. Postdoctoral status will be recognized by the University in accordance with Quebec provincial regulations. Persons may only be registered with postdoctoral status for a period of up to five years from the date they were awarded a Ph.D. or equivalent degree. Time allocated to parental or health leave is added to this period of time. Leaves for other reasons, including vacation leave, do not extend the term. Postdocs must do research under the supervision of a McGill professor, including Adjunct Professors, who is a member of McGill's academic staff qualified in the discipline in which training is being provided and with the abilities to fulfil responsibilities as a supervisor of the research and as a mentor for career development. They are expected to be engaged primarily in research with minimal teaching or other responsibilities.

2. Registration

i. Postdocs must be registered annually with the University through Enrolment Services. Initial registration will require an original or notarized copy of the Ph.D. diploma. Registration will be limited to persons who fulfil the definition above and for whom there is an assurance of appropriate funding and where the unit can provide assurance of the necessary resources to permit postdoctoral education.

ii. Upon registration, the Postdoc will be eligible for a University identity card issued by Enrolment Services.

3. Appointment, Pay, Agreement of Conditions

i. Appointments may not exceed your registration eligibility status.

ii. In order to be registered as a Postdoc, you must be assured of financial support other than from personal means during your stay at McGill University, equivalent to the minimal stipend requirement set by the University in accordance with guidelines issued by federal and provincial research granting agencies. There are no provisions for paid parental leave unless this is stipulated in the regulations of a funding agency outside the University.

iii. At the outset of a postdoctoral appointment, a written Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education should be drawn up and signed by the Postdoc, the supervisor, and the department head or delegate (see template Letter of Agreement and supporting document—*Commitments of Postdoctoral Scholars and Supervisors*—on the web at www.mcgill.ca/gps/postdocs/fellows/letter). This should stipulate, for example, the purpose of the postdoctoral appointment (research training and the advancement of knowledge), the duration of the fellowship/financial support, the modality of pay, the work space, travel funds, and expectations and compensation for teaching and student research supervision. Leaves from postdoctoral education must comply with the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Policies for Vacation, Parental/Familial, and Health Leave (see [section 8.3: Vacation Policy for Graduate Students and Postdocs and Programs, Courses and University Regulations > University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Health and Parental/Familial Leave of Absence Policy](#)). Any breach of these conditions may result in grievance procedures or the termination of the postdoctoral appointment.

iv. Postdocs with full responsibility for teaching a course should be compensated over and above their fellowship at the standard rate paid to lecturers by their department.

v. The amount of research, teaching, or other tasks that Postdocs engage in over and above postdoctoral activities should conform to the regulations for Postdocs specified by the Canadian research council of their discipline. This applies to all Postdocs, including those whose funding does not come from the Canadian research councils.

4. Privileges

i. Postdocs have the same pertinent rights as the ones granted to McGill students in the *Handbook on Student Rights and Responsibilities* ("Green Book"), available at www.mcgill.ca/secretariat/policies/students.

ii. Postdocs have full graduate student borrowing privileges in McGill libraries through their identity card.

iii. As a rule, Postdocs who are Canadian citizens or who have Permanent Resident status may take courses for credit. Admission to such courses should be sought by submitting application documents directly to the appropriate program by the Postdoc. They must be admitted by the department offering the courses as Special Students. These Postdocs may only be enrolled as part-time students in non-degree granting programs. They will be charged fees for these courses.

iv. Postdocs may be listed in the McGill directory. The Computing Centre will grant Postdocs email privileges on the same basis as graduate students upon presentation of a valid identity card.

v. The Department of Athletics will grant Postdocs access to sports facilities upon presentation of their identity card. A fee will be charged on an annual or term basis.

vi. Postdocs are mandatory members of the Post-Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) and an annual association fee is automatically charged. PGSS fees are mandatory. Postdocs are permitted membership in the Faculty Club; an annual fee will be charged for this membership.

vii. Postdocs are encouraged to participate in Professional Development Workshops provided by Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and Teaching and Learning services. These sessions are usually free of charge.

viii. Postdocs have access to the services provided by the Ombudsperson.

ix. Postdocs may enrol as part-time students in the second language written and spoken English/French courses offered by the School of Continuing Studies/French Language Centre. Postdocs will be charged tuition for these courses. International Postdocs may be required to obtain a CAQ and a Study Permit.

x. Access to student services and athletic services are available to the Postdoc on an opt-in basis. Fees are applicable.

5. Responsibilities

i. Postdocs are subject to the responsibilities outlined in the *Handbook on Student Rights and Responsibilities* (“Green Book”), available at www.mcgill.ca/secretariat/policies/students.

ii. Each academic unit hosting Postdocs should clearly identify Postdocs’ needs and the means by which they will be met by the unit.

iii. Each academic unit should assess the availability of research supervision facilities, office space, and research funding before recruiting Postdocs.

iv. Some examples of responsibilities of the department are:

- to verify the Postdoc’s eligibility period for registration;
- to provide Postdocs with departmental policy and procedures that pertain to them;
- to oversee the registration and appointment of Postdocs;
- to assign departmental personnel (e.g., Postdoc coordinator and Graduate Program Director) the responsibility for Postdocs;
- to oversee and sign off on the Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education;
- to ensure that each Postdoc has a supervisor, lab and/or office space, access to research operating costs and necessary equipment;
- to include Postdocs in departmental career and placement opportunities;
- to refer Postdocs to the appropriate University policies and personnel for the resolution of conflict that may arise between a Postdoc and a supervisor.

v. Some examples of responsibilities of the supervisor are:

- to uphold and transmit to their Postdocs the highest professional standards of research and/or scholarship;
- to provide research guidance;
- to meet regularly with their Postdocs;
- to provide feedback on research submitted by the Postdocs;
- to clarify expectations regarding intellectual property rights in accordance with the University’s policy;
- to provide mentorship for career development;
- to prepare, sign, and adhere to a Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education.

vi. Some examples of responsibilities of Postdocs are:

- to inform themselves of and adhere to the University’s policies and/or regulations for Postdocs for leaves, for research, and for student conduct as outlined in the *Handbook on Student Rights and Responsibilities* and the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies *University Regulations and Resources*;
- to submit a complete file for registration to Enrolment Services;
- to sign and adhere to their Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education;
- to communicate regularly with their supervisor;
- to inform their supervisor of their absences.

vii. Some examples of the responsibilities of the University are:

- to register Postdocs;
- to provide an appeal mechanism in cases of conflict;
- to provide documented policies and procedures to Postdocs;
- to provide Postdocs with the necessary information on McGill University student services.

Approved by Senate, April 2000

8.3 Vacation Policy for Graduate Students and Postdocs

Graduate students and Postdocs should normally be entitled to vacation leave equivalent to university holidays and an additional total of fifteen (15) working days in the year. Funded students and Postdocs with fellowships and research grant stipends taking additional vacation leave may have their funding reduced accordingly.

Council of FGSR April 23, 1999

8.4 Leave of Absence for Health and Parental/Familial Reasons

A leave of absence may be granted for maternity or parental reasons or for health reasons (see *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Health and Parental/Familial Leave of Absence Policy*).

Such a leave must be requested on a term-by-term basis and may be granted for a period of up to 52 weeks. Students and Postdocs must make a request for such a leave in writing to their department and submit a medical certificate. The department shall forward the request to Enrolment Services. See procedure under *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Health and Parental/Familial Leave of Absence Policy*. Students who have been granted such a leave will have to register for the term(s) in question and their registration will show as “leave of absence” on their record. No tuition fees will be charged for the duration of the authorized leave. Research supervisors are not obligated to remunerate students and Postdocs on leave. GPS has prepared a summary table of various leave policies (paid or unpaid) for students and Postdocs paid from the Federal and Quebec Councils through fellowships or research grants. The document is available at www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/progress/leave-vacation under “Information on the Funding Council Leave Policies for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows.”

8.5 Postdoctoral Research Trainees

Eligibility

If your situation does not conform to the Government of Quebec's definition of Postdoctoral Fellow, you may be eligible to attend McGill as a Postdoctoral Research Trainee. While at McGill, you can perform research only (you may not register for courses or engage in clinical practice). Medical specialists who will have clinical exposure and require a training card must register through Postgraduate Medical Education of the Faculty of Medicine—not Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

The category of Postdoctoral Research Trainee is for:

Category 1: An individual who has completed requirements for the Doctoral degree or medical specialty, but the degree/certification has not yet been awarded. The individual will subsequently be eligible for registration as a Postdoctoral Fellow.

Category 2: An individual who is not eligible for Postdoctoral Registration according to the Government of Quebec's definition, but is a recipient of an external postdoctoral award from a recognized Canadian funding agency.

Category 3: An individual who holds a professional degree (or equivalent) in a regulated health profession (as defined under CIHR-eligible health profession) and is enrolled in a program of postgraduate medical education at another institution. The individual wishes to conduct the research stage or elective component of his/her program of study at McGill University under the supervision of a McGill professor. The individual will be engaged in full-time research with well-defined objectives, responsibilities, and methods of reporting. The application must be accompanied by a letter of permission from the home institution (signed by the Department Chair, Dean or equivalent) confirming registration in their program and stating the expected duration of the research stage. Individuals who are expecting to spend more than one year are encouraged to obtain formal training (master's or Ph.D.) through application to a relevant graduate program.

Category 4: An individual with a regulated health professional degree (as defined under CIHR-eligible health profession), but not a Ph.D. or equivalent or medical specialty training, but who fulfils criteria for funding on a tri-council operating grant or by a CIHR fellowship (up to maximum of five years post-degree).



Note: Individuals who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents must inquire about eligibility for a work permit.

General Conditions

- The maximum duration is three years;
- the individual must be engaged in full-time research;
- the individual must provide copies of official transcripts/diploma;
- the individual must have the approval of a McGill professor to supervise the research and of the Unit;
- the individual must have adequate proficiency in English, but is not required to provide official proof of English competency to Enrolment Services;
- the individual must comply with regulations and procedures governing research ethics and safety and obtain the necessary training;
- the individual will be provided access to McGill libraries, email, and required training in research ethics and safety. Any other University services must be purchased (e.g., access to athletic facilities);
- the individual must arrange for basic health insurance coverage prior to arrival at McGill and may be required to provide proof of coverage.

9 Graduate Studies Guidelines and Policies

Refer to *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Guidelines and Policies* for information on the following:

- Guidelines and Regulations for Academic Units on Graduate Student Advising and Supervision
- Policy on Graduate Student Research Progress Tracking
- Ph.D. Comprehensives Policy
- Graduate Studies Reread Policy
- Health and Parental/Familial Leave of Absence Policy
- Failure Policy
- Guideline on Hours of Work

10 Information on Research Policies and Guidelines, Patents, Postdocs, Associates, Trainees

Refer to *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Research Policy and Guidelines, Patents, Postdocs, Associates, Trainees* for information on the following:

- Policy on Research Ethics
- Regulations on Research Policy
- Policy on Research Integrity
- Guidelines for Research Involving Human Subjects
- Guidelines for Research with Animal Subjects
- Policy on Intellectual Property
- Regulations Governing Conflicts of Interest
- Safety in Field Work
- Office of Sponsored Research
- Postdocs
- Research Associates

11 Academic Programs

The programs and courses in the following sections have been approved for the 2012–2013 session as listed, but the Faculty reserves the right to introduce changes as may be deemed necessary or desirable.

11.1 Law

11.1.1 Location

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Associate Dean (Graduate Studies) – Rosalie Jukier

11.1.2 About Law

Graduate students in Law at McGill have one thing in common: a sharp curiosity to explore ideas and projects in an environment that is uniquely comparative and pluralist.

The extensive and impressive history of graduate teaching and supervision at McGill, combined with the innovations in legal pedagogy for which the Faculty of Law is celebrated, create an unrivaled quality and experience for graduate students. Grounded in Montreal, a city that embodies a lively mix of languages, cultures, and communities, the Faculty of Law invites students pursuing their D.C.L. and LL.M. degrees to discover and write within a community of legal scholars that is internationally renowned and engaging.

McGill Law is a meeting place for the major languages of North America, for the world's legal traditions, and for students who wish to participate in the graduate life of a truly outstanding, prestigious, and intellectually vibrant Faculty of Law.

The Faculty of Law offers a range of programs at the graduate level. These include the degrees of Master of Laws (LL.M.) with thesis and non-thesis options, and Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.), as well as graduate certificates.

Students may choose to pursue either the LL.M. or the D.C.L. in the Faculty of Law, the Institute of Air and Space Law (IASL), or the Institute of Comparative Law (ICL). Graduate certificates may only be completed within either the IASL or the ICL.

The Faculty of Law promotes study and research in private, commercial, international, and public law, as well as legal theory, from the perspectives of diverse legal traditions. In collaboration with the McGill School of Environment, the Faculty offers an LL.M. Thesis or Non-Thesis option in Environment. The Faculty also offers two other options within the LL.M. degree, a cross-disciplinary European Studies Option (ESO) in collaboration with the Faculty of Arts, and a specialization in Bioethics. The D.C.L. degree always involves a substantial thesis.

The Institute of Air and Space Law operates within the Faculty of Law. The Institute offers a curriculum exploring legal issues that arise from international civil aviation and new technologies in space. It provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the legal processes regulating worldwide aerospace activities. The Institute offers the degrees of Master of Laws (LL.M.) with thesis and non-thesis options, and Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.), and a Graduate Certificate in Air and Space Law.

The Institute of Comparative Law operates within the Faculty of Law as a centre of comparative legal studies. It accommodates national, international, and transnational studies and encourages openness to diverse legal cultures in teaching and research. The Institute offers the degrees of Master of Laws (LL.M.) with thesis and non-thesis options, and Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.), and a Graduate Certificate in Comparative Law.

Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) Degrees

section 11.1.5: Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.)

The Doctor of Civil Law program is centred around the doctoral thesis, which develops a substantive and original contribution to legal research and knowledge under the supervision of a faculty member. Many doctoral candidates intend on pursuing an academic career, and develop their approach to pedagogy, research, and writing while at McGill.

section 11.1.6: Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.); Air and Space Law

The Doctor of Civil Law in the Institute of Air and Space Law is a research degree ideal for scholars intent on deepening and broadening their critical understanding of the law, as well as their original engagement with it. Students must successfully complete a comprehensive examination to be done at the end of the first year, or during the second year of the D.C.L. program. The principal basis for evaluation is a doctoral thesis of up to 400 pages. It must constitute significant contribution to legal knowledge, evidenced in concept and execution of the original work of the candidate.

section 11.1.7: Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.); Comparative Law

The Institute of Comparative Law (ICL) welcomes doctoral students studying within the McGill Faculty of Law. ICL students are encouraged to think about the nature and value of comparative scholarship both through the courses that they take (particularly the Legal Traditions course, which is required for all ICL students) and through their doctoral thesis. Study within the ICL is ideally suited to students who have a background or a desire to pursue research in the field of comparative law, broadly defined. As such, ICL student members are encouraged and given opportunities to explore how juridical analyses are enriched through openness to learning from diversity in research methods, theoretical frameworks, legal traditions and doctrines, languages, and disciplinary perspectives.

Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degrees

section 11.1.8: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis) (45 credits)

The LL.M. thesis program is geared toward students who wish to continue their legal education primarily through research, as the program concentrates on the production of a 30,000-word thesis, as well as some graduate-level coursework.

section 11.1.9: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); Bioethics (45 credits)

The master's specialization in Bioethics is an interdisciplinary program that emphasizes both the conceptual and practical aspects of Bioethics. Students apply through either the Faculty of Law, Medicine, Religious Studies, or the Department of Philosophy. Students entering pursuing an LL.M., Bioethics, are bound by the requirements of the Faculty of Law's LL.M. program (thesis option only).

section 11.1.10: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); Environment (45 credits)

The Environmental Studies Option is a cross-disciplinary option offered in conjunction with the School of the Environment within the LL.M. (Thesis or Non-Thesis), providing students with an appreciation of the role of science, politics, and ethics in informing decision-making in the environment sector.

section 11.1.11: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); European Studies (46 credits)

The European Studies Option (ESO) is a cross-disciplinary program offered as an option within the existing LL.M. Thesis program. This option is open to students whose work is focused on Europe, in particular on issues relating to European integration, broadly understood.

section 11.1.12: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)

The LL.M. Non-Thesis program is geared toward students who wish to continue their legal education largely through graduate-level coursework. The program requires two terms of coursework as well as a 15,000-word research project.

section 11.1.13: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis); Environment (45 credits)

The Environmental Studies Option is a cross-disciplinary option offered in conjunction with the School of Environment within the LL.M. (Thesis or Non-Thesis) providing students with an appreciation of the role of science in informing decision-making in the environment sector, and the influence that political, socio-economic, and ethical judgments have.

Institute of Air and Space Law***section 11.1.14: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); Air and Space Law (45 credits)***

The LL.M. Thesis program in the Institute of Air and Space Law is available to qualifying applicants holding a bachelor's law degree who wish to focus on original scholarly research and writing under the supervision of a law professor. This program involves 20 credits in coursework and 25 research credits (a thesis of 100–150 pages). The thesis must show familiarity with previous work in the field and demonstrate the student's capacity for independent analysis, writing skills, and organization.

section 11.1.15: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis); Air and Space Law (45 credits)

The LL.M. Non-Thesis program in the Institute of Air and Space Law is available to qualifying applicants holding a bachelor's law degree who wish to gain a wide exposure to a range of taught courses within, and related to, the domain of Air and Space Law. The Non-Thesis option requires a substantial Supervised Research Project (18 credits), with the remaining 27 credits earned in courses.

Institute of Comparative Law***section 11.1.16: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); Comparative Law (45 credits)***

The Institute of Comparative Law (ICL) welcomes master's students studying within the McGill Faculty of Law. ICL students are encouraged to think about the nature and value of comparative scholarship both through the courses that they take (particularly the Legal Traditions course, which is required for all ICL students) and through their master's thesis. Study within the ICL is ideally suited to students who have a background in or a desire to pursue research in the field of comparative law, broadly defined. As such, ICL student members are encouraged and given opportunities to explore how juridical analyses are enriched through openness to learning from diversity in research methods, theoretical frameworks, legal traditions and doctrines, languages, and disciplinary perspectives.

section 11.1.17: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis); Comparative Law (45 credits)

The Institute of Comparative Law (ICL) welcomes master's students studying within the McGill Faculty of Law. ICL students are encouraged to think about the nature and value of comparative scholarship both through the courses that they take (particularly the Legal Traditions course, which is required for all ICL students) and through their individual master's supervised research project (for LL.M. Master's Non-Thesis students). Study within the ICL is ideally suited to students who have a background in or a desire to pursue research in the field of comparative law, broadly defined. As such, ICL student members are encouraged and given opportunities to explore how juridical analyses are enriched through openness to learning from diversity in research methods, theoretical frameworks, legal traditions and doctrines, languages, and disciplinary perspectives.

Graduate Certificates in Law***section 11.1.18: Graduate Certificate in Air and Space Law (15 credits)***

The Graduate Certificate in Air and Space Law is a coursework program with a limited research and writing requirement. It is particularly appropriate for students with a strong professional orientation who do not wish to write a thesis. This certificate is particularly appropriate for jurists and other professionals who wish to pursue graduate-level legal studies in aviation, air and space law, government regulations, conventions, and treaties dealing with these areas.

section 11.1.19: Graduate Certificate in Comparative Law (15 credits)

The Graduate Certificate in Comparative Law provides advanced training in subjects within the scope of the Institute of Comparative Law (ICL) to candidates who do not wish to undertake the master's degree. The Graduate Certificate is particularly appropriate for judges, law professors, and legal

section 11.1.19: Graduate Certificate in Comparative Law (15 credits)

practitioners from countries undergoing substantial legal reform (such as post-Communist or developing countries) who wish to pursue advanced studies in areas such as civil, commercial, or human rights law.

11.1.3 Law Admission Requirements and Application Procedures

Revision, October 2012. Start of revision.

11.1.3.1 Admission Requirements

The Graduate Admissions Committee of the Faculty of Law reviews applications and makes recommendations regarding admission. Final admission decisions are determined by admissions policies set by Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

For information and application forms, please consult the Faculty website www.mcgill.ca/law-admissions/graduates/admissions or contact the Graduate Programs Office in Law, McGill University, at the Departmental address, or via email at grad.law@mcgill.ca, and telephone 514-398-6635.

Language Requirement

Graduate-level courses are generally offered in English, and English-language abilities must be demonstrated for admission. In order to communicate fully with all law students at McGill, and to understand all course materials, the ability to speak and read French is an asset. At McGill's Faculty of Law, all students may choose to write essays, examinations, and theses in English or French.

Applicants to graduate studies whose mother tongue is not English, and who have not completed an undergraduate or graduate degree from a recognized foreign institution where English is the language of instruction or from a recognized Canadian or American (English or French) institution, must submit documented proof of competency in oral and written English. **Before acceptance**, appropriate exam results must be submitted directly from the TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, ESOL, or EDEXCEL offices. An institutional version of the TOEFL is not acceptable. For an application to be considered, a TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, ESOL, or EDEXCEL test result, McGill Certificate of Proficiency in English or McGill Certificate of Proficiency – English for Professional Communication must be available.

Generally, successful applicants to our LL.M. and D.C.L. programs typically report scores of at least 100 on the TOEFL (iBT), 600 on the TOEFL (PBT), 250 on the TOEFL (CBT), a band score of 7.0 or greater on the IELTS, a grade of 85 or higher on the MELAB, a grade of "A" (Excellent) on the ESOL (CAE), a grade of "B" (Good) or higher on the ESOL (CPE), an overall grade of at least "Distinction" on the EDEXCEL (Level 4) or an overall grade of at least "Merit" on the EDEXCEL (Level 5).

In all programs, non-Canadian applicants whose mother tongue is French must achieve a minimum TOEFL score of 567 (227 paper-based or 86 on the Internet-based test, with each component score not less than 20) or an IELTS score of 7.0 overall band. This is because McGill students can write essays, examinations and theses in French, even where the course is taught in English. Note that the majority of courses in Graduate Programs in Law are taught in English.

For information about the TOEFL, and to register to take the test, see www.ets.org/toefl. For information about the IELTS, see www.ielts.org. There may be a lengthy delay for registration, and it takes approximately 40 days to communicate the results. For both tests, the official results should be sent directly from the testing institution to Graduate Programs in Law. For the TOEFL, McGill's institutional code is **0935** and Law's departmental code is **03**. These codes must be provided to TOEFL when requesting a test report form. For the IELTS, applicants must ask for an official report to be sent to Graduate Programs in Law at the Graduate Programs' departmental address. These tests must be taken sufficiently early for results to reach McGill no later than **February 1** of the year of admission. Application files must be completed by that date to be considered.

French: The ability to speak or read French is an asset but not a necessity. In areas such as the study of private law in the civilian tradition or comparative private law, a reading knowledge of French is essential. Applicants should indicate their knowledge of French on the admissions questionnaire; they will be notified if French is essential to the area of study.

D.C.L. Degree

Applicants demonstrating outstanding academic ability will be considered for admission to the doctoral program.

Admission to the D.C.L. program occurs only when:

- a. the candidate has completed a graduate law degree with thesis at McGill or at another university, and
- b. the Graduate Admissions Committee is satisfied that the quality of his or her previous research is sufficient to justify admission to a doctoral program.

Review of the completed master's thesis is normally part of the admission decision-making process. Exceptionally, a candidate with a non-thesis master's degree with an outstanding file may be admitted to the doctoral program.

Master's Degrees

Candidates for admission to the LL.M. program must hold a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) degree, or its equivalent, with at least Upper Second Class honours or the equivalent of 3.0/4.0 cumulative grade point average. However, this standing does not guarantee admission; the Graduate Admissions Committee weighs the entire file, including the applicant's references and the quality of the research proposal.

Furthermore, in the case of thesis programs, the Committee must consider the availability of a supervisor. If a supervisor is not available in the applicant's preferred field of study, the applicant may be refused admission or else offered admission pending a change of field of study.

LL.M. Interdisciplinary Options in Environment and European Studies

Students who apply for admission to the LL.M. Thesis or Non-Thesis program at the Faculty of Law may specify an interest in these options.

LL.M. Specialization in Bioethics

Requirements for admission to the Master's program in Bioethics from the base discipline Law are the same as for admission to the LL.M.

For further information, see the Bioethics section of this publication, or contact the Chair, Master's Specialization in Bioethics, Biomedical Ethics Unit, 3647 Peel Street, Montreal, QC, H3A 1W9. Telephone: 514-398-6980; fax: 514-398-8349; email: kathleen.glass@mcgill.ca.

11.1.3.1.6 Graduate Certificate Programs

The requirements for admission to the graduate certificate programs are essentially the same as for the master's programs, except that greater weight may be placed on professional experience.

Graduate Certificate in Air and Space Law

Candidates desiring a Graduate Certificate in Air and Space Law who do not hold a law degree may be admitted if they have earned an undergraduate university degree in another discipline and possess sufficient professional experience to compensate for the lack of a law degree (as determined by the Graduate Admissions Committee).

The Graduate Certificate is awarded after at least one term of residence in the Faculty and upon completion of a minimum of 15 academic credits of law courses. Those credits must include the three Air and Space law courses obligatory for master's students (**ASPL 633** Public International Air Law, **ASPL 636** Private International Air Law, and **ASPL 637** Space Law: General Principles), which are all offered in the Fall term. Students may take courses beyond the minimum of 15 credits, and these additional courses may be non-law courses. Graduate Certificate students often remain in residence for both terms and take all of the Air and Space Law courses.

Graduate Certificate in Comparative Law

The Graduate Certificate is awarded after at least one term of residence in the Faculty upon completion of a minimum of 15 course credits. In every case, the program is structured to meet individual needs and must be approved by the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies).



Note: ALL international students, whether or not they plan on completing the program in one semester, must apply for a student visa. Non-Canadians must obtain permission to study from the governments of Quebec and Canada. Immigration Quebec issues the Certificate of Acceptance of Quebec (CAQ) and Citizenship and Immigration Canada issues federal Study Permits. You may also wish to contact www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/ for assistance.

11.1.3.2 Application Procedures

McGill's online application form for graduate program candidates is available at www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply.

See [section 6.3: Application Procedures \(for All Admissions Starting Summer 2013\)](#) for detailed application procedures.

11.1.3.2.1 Additional Requirements

The items and clarifications below are additional requirements set by this department:

- Research Proposal
- Referee's Report Forms from **academic referees**. For more information, consult www.mcgill.ca/law-admissions/graduates/admissions/deadlines/#LETTERS.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Two recent passport photographs

Dates for Guaranteed Consideration

Canadian	International	Special/Exchange/Visiting
Fall: Jan. 15	Fall: Jan. 15	Fall: N/A
Winter: N/A	Winter: N/A	Winter: N/A
Summer: N/A	Summer: N/A	Summer: N/A

The **Date for Guaranteed Consideration** to all graduate law programs (LL.M., D.C.L., Graduate Certificates) is **January 15th**. Although McGill continues to accept applications until June 30th (April 30th for international applicants) for the Fall term, the Faculty of Law will not consider applications received on or after January 16th.

McGill Graduate Law offers **September entrance only**; the Faculty is not willing to consider applications for Winter and Summer. Applications submitted for the Winter and Summer terms will be cancelled by the Faculty of Law WITHOUT reimbursement of the application fee.



Note: The application fee remains non-refundable.

Revision, October 2012. End of revision.

11.1.4 Course Selection (Graduate and Postdoctoral Law Programs)

It should be noted that not all courses are offered in each year. Students wishing to pursue research topics outside of these particular fields are welcome to do so, subject to the availability of appropriate thesis supervisors.

The graduate-level Law courses are grouped into four inter-related concentrations.

11.1.4.1 Legal Traditions and Legal Theory

This concentration combines two areas of strength: the coexistence of diverse legal traditions, particularly (but not exclusively) the civil and common law, and the awareness of the importance of theoretical approaches to law as a means of understanding both the internal dynamic of legal phenomena and their relationship to other social phenomena.

Courses offered within this concentration may include:

Aboriginal Peoples and the Law (CMPL 500)
 Advanced Criminal Law (PUB2 501)
 Advanced Jurisprudence (CMPL 505)
 Canadian Legal History (CMPL 547)
 Canon Law (CMPL 502)
 Civil Law Perspectives (CMPL 601)
 Common Law Perspectives (CMPL 602)
 Comparative Modern Legal History (CMPL 519)
 Feminist Legal Theory (CMPL 504)
 Human Rights and Cultural Diversity (CMPL 603)
 Interdisciplinary Seminar in European Studies (CMPL 659)
 Jurisprudence (CMPL 501)
 Legal Education Seminar (LAWG 525)
 Legal Theory (CMPL 506)
 Legal Traditions (CMPL 600)
 Linguistic and Literary Approaches to Law (CMPL 507)
 Research Seminars (CMPL 508 & CMPL 509)
 Restitution (PRV4 500)
 Roman Law (CMPL 510)
 Sentencing in Canadian Law (PUB2 504)
 Social Diversity and Law (CMPL 511)
 Talmudic Law (CMPL 513)
 Theoretical Approaches to Law (CMPL 641)

11.1.4.2 International Business Law

The ICL pioneered the first graduate concentration in international business law in Canada. This field has practical significance in international business relations and also provides opportunities to apply experience derived from multiple legal systems to the development of multi-jurisdictional, “international” commercial rules.

Courses offered within this concentration may include:

Airline Business and Law (ASPL 614)
 Comparative Air Law (ASPL 632)
 Comparative Legal Institutions (CMPL 517)
 Copyright and Trademark Theory (BUS2 500)
 Corporate Finance (BUS2 505)

Courses offered within this concentration may include:

European Community Law 1 (CMPL 536)
European Community Law 2 (CMPL 537)
Government Control of Business (CMPL 574)
Government Regulation of Space Activities (ASPL 639)
Intellectual and Industrial Property (BUS2 502)
International Business Law (CMPL 604)
International Carriage of Goods by Sea (CMPL 515)
International Development Law (CMPL 516)
International Environmental Law and Politics (CMPL 546)
International Maritime Conventions (CMPL 553)
International Securities Markets (CMPL 545)
International Taxation (CMPL 539)
Law and Practice of International Trade (CMPL 543)
Law of Space Applications (ASPL 638)
Patent Theory and Policy (BUS2 501)
Private International Air Law (ASPL 636)
Public International Air Law (ASPL 633)
Research Seminars (CMPL 508 & CMPL 509)
Resolution of International Disputes (CMPL 533)
Securities Regulation (BUS2 504)

11.1.4.3 Human Rights and Cultural Diversity

Building on the Faculty's strength in public law, this concentration promotes the comparative study of human rights law. It provides students with opportunities to reflect critically on the emergence and institutionalization of human rights norms in both domestic and international settings and to explore complexities arising from cultural diversity.

Courses offered within this concentration may include:

Aboriginal Peoples and the Law (CMPL 500)
Advanced Criminal Law (PUB2 501)
Children and the Law (PRV2 456)
Discrimination and the Law (CMPL 575)
Human Rights & Cultural Diversity (CMPL 603)
International Criminal Law (PUB2 502)
International Humanitarian Law (CMPL 565)
International Law of Human Rights (CMPL 571)
Law & Psychiatry (PUB2 500)
Research Seminars (CMPL 508 & CMPL 509)
Social Diversity and Law (CMPL 511)

11.1.4.4 Regulation, Technology and Society

This concentration focuses on the comparative and interdisciplinary study of legal regulation in areas of rapid technological change. It encourages critical reflection on notions of the public interest and its protection in areas as diverse as the biomedical sciences, the environment, the growth of computer networks, and the commercial exploitation of space.

Courses offered within this concentration may include:

Communications Law (CMPL 577)
 Comparative Medical Law (CMPL 551)
 Computers and the Law (CMPL 578)
 Environment and the Law (CMPL 580)
 Government Control of Business (CMPL 574)
 Intellectual and Industrial Property (BUS2 502)
 International Environmental Law (CMPL 546)
 Land Use Planning (PRV4 145)
 Law and Healthcare (CMPL 642)
 Law and Psychiatry (PUB2 500)
 Medical Liability (CMPL 522)
 Policies, Politics and Legislative Process (CMPL 518)
 Regulation, Technology / Society (CMPL 605)
 Research Seminars (CMPL 508 & CMPL 509)
 Trade Regulation (CMPL 521)

11.1.5 Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.)

The Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) program allows for the development of substantive and original contributions to legal research and knowledge under the supervision of a faculty member. Doctoral candidates normally plan to pursue an academic career and develop their approach to pedagogy, research, and writing while at McGill.

D.C.L. candidates may be associated with the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, the Quebec Research Centre of Private and Comparative Law, the Centre for Intellectual Property Policy, or one of the specialized Research Chairs at the Faculty of Law. For more information, see our website: <http://www.mcgill.ca/law-gradprograms/programs/dcl/>.

The degree will be awarded, at the earliest, after the completion of three years of residence in the Faculty. In the case of a candidate holding an LL.M. from McGill or an equivalent degree from another university, the residency requirement may be reduced to two years of study beyond the Master's degree, with the approval of the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Office, upon recommendation of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Law.

The core of the D.C.L. program is a substantial thesis of up to 400 pages that makes a significant contribution to legal scholarship, evidencing in concept and execution the original work of the candidate. Its form must be suitable for publication. The thesis must be submitted within four years of completion of the residency requirement.

Comprehensive - Required

Every candidate must successfully pass a comprehensive examination, usually after one year in the program.

LAWG 701	(0)	Comprehensive Exam - Law
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Required Course

CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law
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Complementary Course

Students are encouraged to take:

CMPL 610	(4)	Legal Research Methodology
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11.1.6 Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.); Air and Space Law

The Institute of Air and Space Law offers a D.C.L. program in Air and Space Law, which allows for the development of substantive and original contributions to legal research and knowledge under the supervision of a faculty member. Doctoral candidates normally plan to pursue an academic career and develop their approach to pedagogy, research, and writing while at McGill.

The degree will be awarded, at the earliest, after the completion of three years of residence in the Faculty. In the case of a candidate holding an LL.M. from McGill or an equivalent degree from another university, the residency requirement may be reduced to two years of study beyond the Master's degree, with the approval of the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Office, upon recommendation of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Law.

The core of the D.C.L. program is a substantial thesis of up to 400 pages that makes a significant contribution to legal scholarship, evidencing in concept and execution the original work of the candidate. Its form must be suitable for publication. The thesis must be submitted within four years of completion of the residency requirement.

Comprehensive - Required

Every candidate must successfully pass a comprehensive examination, usually after one year in the program.

ASPL 701	(0)	Comprehensive - Air/Space Law
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Complementary Courses

Students are encouraged to take:

CMPL 610	(4)	Legal Research Methodology
CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law

11.1.7 Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.); Comparative Law

The Institute of Comparative Law offers the D.C.L. program in Comparative Law, which allows for the development of substantive and original contributions to legal research and knowledge under the supervision of a faculty member. Doctoral candidates normally plan to pursue an academic career and develop their approach to pedagogy, research, and writing while at McGill.

D.C.L. candidates in the ICL may be associated with the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, the Quebec Research Centre of Private and Comparative Law, the Centre for Intellectual Property Policy, or one of the specialized Research Chairs at the Faculty of Law. For more information, see our website: <http://www.mcgill.ca/law-gradprograms/programs/dcl/>.

The degree will be awarded, at the earliest, after the completion of three years of residence in the Faculty. In the case of a candidate holding an LL.M. from McGill or an equivalent degree from another university, the residency requirement may be reduced to two years of study beyond the Master's degree, with the approval of the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Office, upon recommendation of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Law.

The core of the D.C.L. program is a substantial thesis of up to 400 pages that makes a significant contribution to legal scholarship, evidencing in concept and execution the original work of the candidate. Its form must be suitable for publication. The thesis must be submitted within four years of completion of the residency requirement.

Comprehensive - Required

Every candidate must successfully pass a comprehensive examination, usually after one year in the program.

CMPL 701	(0)	Comprehensive Examination-Comparative Law
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Required Course

CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law
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Complementary Course

Students are encouraged to take:

CMPL 610	(4)	Legal Research Methodology
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11.1.8 Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis) (45 credits)

The 45-credit LL.M. program, thesis option, is a research-intensive graduate program focused on developing research interests into a thesis project under the supervision of a faculty member. Graduate level courses on theoretical and methodological approaches to legal writing complement the research work and thesis completion process, and courses in specific areas of knowledge related to the candidate's research interests complete the program's credit requirements.

LL.M. candidates may be associated with the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, the Quebec Research Centre of Private and Comparative Law, the Centre for Intellectual Property Policy, or one of the specialized Research Chairs at the Faculty of Law. For more information, see our Website: <http://www.mcgill.ca/law-gradprograms/programs/llm/>.

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms for which full-time fees will be charged. The third term, usually devoted to thesis research, may be taken the Summer of the first year. If the thesis is not completed in this time, students must register for additional sessions as needed. All degree requirements must be completed within a maximum of three years of the date of first registration.

Thesis Courses (30 credits)

As part of the course Master's Thesis 1, a thesis candidate must provide a protocol to his or her supervisor setting out details as to the thesis topic, the deadlines for the completion of the various thesis courses and the schedule of meetings with the thesis supervisor. Modifications to the protocol must be made in writing and submitted to the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies).

CMPL 612	(3)	Master's Thesis 1
CMPL 613	(3)	Master's Thesis 2
CMPL 614	(3)	Master's Thesis 3
CMPL 615	(6)	Master's Thesis 4
CMPL 616	(12)	Master's Thesis 5
CMPL 617	(3)	Master's Thesis 6

Required Courses (8 credits)

CMPL 610	(4)	Legal Research Methodology
CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law

Complementary Courses (7 credits)

The remaining 7 credits (or fewer if more credits are earned for the Master's Thesis) are chosen from among Faculty offerings at the 500 and 600 level.

Additional Thesis Courses

With the approval of the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies) and Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS), students may take up to an additional 3 credits of thesis courses by completing one or both of:

CMPL 618	(2)	Master's Thesis 7
CMPL 619	(1)	Master's Thesis 8

11.1.9 Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); Bioethics (45 credits)

The 45-credit LL.M. program, thesis option, in Bioethics is a research-intensive, interdisciplinary, graduate program focused on developing research interests into a thesis project under the supervision of a faculty member. Graduate-level courses on theoretical and methodological approaches to legal writing complement the research work and thesis completion process, and courses in specific areas of knowledge related to the candidate's research interests complete the program's credit requirements.

Students following the Bioethics option come from the Faculties of Law, Medicine, Religious Studies, or the Department of Philosophy. Entering students pursuing an LL.M., Bioethics are bound by the requirements of the Faculty of Law's LL.M. program (thesis option). For further information regarding this program, please refer to the Bioethics section. See <http://www.mcgill.ca/biomedicaethicsunit/>.

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms for which full-time fees will be charged. The third term, usually devoted to thesis research, may be taken the Summer of the first year. If the thesis is not completed in this time, students must register for additional sessions as needed. All degree requirements must be completed within a maximum of three years of the date of first registration.

Thesis Courses (24 credits)

The Master's Thesis programs consist of a coursework component and a thesis of approximately 100 pages. As part of the thesis requirement, a candidate must provide a protocol to his or her supervisor setting out details as to the thesis topic, the deadlines for the completion of the various thesis courses and the schedule of meetings with the thesis supervisor. Modifications to the protocol must be made in writing and submitted to the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies).

BIOE 690	(3)	M.Sc. Thesis Literature Survey
BIOE 691	(3)	M.Sc. Thesis Research Proposal
BIOE 692	(6)	M.Sc. Thesis Research Progress Report
BIOE 693	(12)	M.Sc. Thesis

Required Courses (10 credits)

BIOE 680	(3)	Bioethical Theory
BIOE 681	(3)	Bioethics Practicum
CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law

Complementary Courses (11 credits)

One of the following:

BIOE 682	(3)	Medical Basis of Bioethics
CMPL 642	(3)	Law and Health Care
PHIL 543	(3)	Seminar: Medical Ethics
RELG 571	(3)	Religion and Medicine

8-9 credits at the 500 level or above of Faculty of Law courses or Bioethics courses.

11.1.10 Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); Environment (45 credits)

The Faculty of Law together with the School of Environment and other units at McGill offers a 45-credit LL.M. program, thesis option, in Environment. This is a research-intensive, interdisciplinary, graduate program focused on developing research interests into a thesis project under the supervision of a faculty member. Graduate-level courses on theoretical and methodological approaches to legal writing complement the research work and thesis completion process, and courses in specific areas of knowledge related to the candidate's research interests complete the program's credit requirements.

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms for which full-time fees will be charged. The third term, usually devoted to thesis research, may be taken the Summer of the first year. If the thesis is not completed in this time, students must register for additional sessions as needed. All degree requirements must be completed within a maximum of three years of the date of first registration.

Thesis Courses (29 credits)

As part of the course Master's Thesis 1, a thesis candidate must provide a protocol to his or her supervisor setting out details as to the thesis topic, the deadlines for the completion of the various thesis courses and the schedule of meetings with the thesis supervisor. Modifications to the protocol must be made in writing and submitted to the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies).

CMPL 612	(3)	Master's Thesis 1
CMPL 613	(3)	Master's Thesis 2
CMPL 614	(3)	Master's Thesis 3
CMPL 615	(6)	Master's Thesis 4
CMPL 616	(12)	Master's Thesis 5
CMPL 618	(2)	Master's Thesis 7

Required Courses (10 credits)

CMPL 610	(4)	Legal Research Methodology
ENVR 610	(3)	Foundations of Environmental Policy
ENVR 650	(1)	Environmental Seminar 1
ENVR 651	(1)	Environmental Seminar 2
ENVR 652	(1)	Environmental Seminar 3

Complementary Courses (6 credits)

3-6 credits chosen from:

CMPL 546	(3)	International Environmental Law and Politics
CMPL 580	(3)	Environment and the Law

0-3 credits chosen from:

ENVR 519	(3)	Global Environmental Politics
ENVR 544	(3)	Environmental Measurement and Modelling
ENVR 620	(3)	Environment and Health of Species
ENVR 622	(3)	Sustainable Landscapes
ENVR 630	(3)	Civilization and Environment
ENVR 680	(3)	Topics in Environment 4

or another course at the 500 level or higher recommended by the advisory committee and approved by the Environment Option Committee.

11.1.11 Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); European Studies (46 credits)

The 46-credit LL.M. program, thesis option, in European Studies is a research-intensive graduate program focused on developing research interests into a thesis project under the supervision of a faculty member. Graduate-level courses on theoretical and methodological approaches to legal writing complement the research work and thesis completion process, and courses in specific areas of knowledge related to the candidate's research interests complete the program's credit requirements.

This option is a cross-disciplinary program open to students whose work is focused on Europe, in particular on issues relating to European integration, broadly understood. Students will take an interdisciplinary seminar and three courses on European themes and issues as part of their LL.M. thesis program. The thesis must be on a topic relating to European Studies, approved by the European Studies Option Coordinating Committee. Knowledge of French, while not a strict prerequisite, is an important asset for admission and will be encouraged as part of the program, as well as knowledge of a third European language.

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms. The third term, usually devoted to thesis research, may be taken the Summer of the first year. If the thesis is not completed in this time, students must register for additional sessions as needed. All degree requirements must be completed within a maximum of three years of the date of first registration.

Thesis Courses (30 credits)

The Master's Thesis programs consist of a coursework component and a thesis of approximately 100 pages.

As part of the course Master's Thesis 1, a thesis candidate must provide a protocol to his or her supervisor setting out details as to the thesis topic, the deadlines for the completion of the various thesis courses and the schedule of meetings with the thesis supervisor. Modifications to the protocol must be made in writing and submitted to the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies).

CMPL 612	(3)	Master's Thesis 1
CMPL 613	(3)	Master's Thesis 2
CMPL 614	(3)	Master's Thesis 3
CMPL 615	(6)	Master's Thesis 4
CMPL 616	(12)	Master's Thesis 5
CMPL 617	(3)	Master's Thesis 6

Required Courses (7 credits)

CMPL 610	(4)	Legal Research Methodology
LAWG 659	(3)	Interdisciplinary Seminar in European Studies

Complementary Courses (9 credits)

CMPL 536	(3)	European Union Law 1
CMPL 537	(2)	European Union Law 2

One or both of these courses may be replaced with another course at the 500 level or above on European Studies offered by the Faculty of Law or the Faculty of Arts with the approval of the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies).

One of:

CMPL 600	(4)	Legal Traditions
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CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law
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11.1.12 Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)

The 45-credit LL.M. non-thesis option complements previous legal education through specialized graduate-level coursework and in-depth research. It enhances expertise in selected areas of legal scholarship and offers an opportunity to write a supervised, substantial, and publishable paper in an area of interest.

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms for which full-time fees will be charged. The third term is devoted to the Research Project, usually taken in the Summer of the first year. If the research project is not completed in this time, students must register for additional sessions as needed. All degree requirements must be completed within a maximum of three years of the date of first registration.

Research Project (15 credits)

The supervised research project is a 15,000-word paper, assessed by the supervisor on a pass-fail basis, and is typically completed in the Summer.

CMPL 655	(15)	Research Project 1
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Required Courses (8 credits)

CMPL 610	(4)	Legal Research Methodology
CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law

Complementary Courses (22 credits)

The remaining 22 credits (or fewer if more credits are earned for the research project) are chosen from among Faculty offerings at the 500 and 600 levels.

Additional Research Project Courses

With the approval of the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies) and Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS), students may take up to an additional 3 credits of research project courses by completing one or both of:

CMPL 656	(2)	Research Project 2
CMPL 657	(1)	Research Project 3

11.1.13 Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis); Environment (45 credits)

The Faculty of Law together with the School of Environment and other units at McGill offers a 45-credit, LL.M. program, non-thesis option, in Environment. The program complements previous legal education through specialized graduate-level coursework and in-depth research. It enhances expertise in selected areas of legal scholarship and offers an opportunity to write a supervised, substantial, and publishable paper in an area of interest.

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms for which full-time fees will be charged. The third term is devoted to the Research Project, usually taken in the Summer of the first year, meaning that students usually complete their program within one calendar year. If the research project is not completed in this time, students must register for additional sessions as needed. All degree requirements must be completed within a maximum of three years of the date of first registration.

Research Project (17 credits)

The non-thesis option requires a substantial supervised research project during the third term of registration, a 15,000-word paper, assessed by the supervisor on a pass-fail basis, and typically completed in the Summer.

CMPL 655	(15)	Research Project 1
CMPL 656	(2)	Research Project 2

Required Courses (10 credits)

CMPL 610	(4)	Legal Research Methodology
ENVR 610	(3)	Foundations of Environmental Policy
ENVR 650	(1)	Environmental Seminar 1
ENVR 651	(1)	Environmental Seminar 2

ENVR 652 (1) Environmental Seminar 3

Complementary Courses (18 credits)

15 credits chosen from:

CMPL 500 (3) Aboriginal Peoples and the Law
 CMPL 546 (3) International Environmental Law and Politics
 CMPL 580 (3) Environment and the Law

and/or other Faculty of Law offerings.

3 credits chosen from:

ENVR 519 (3) Global Environmental Politics
 ENVR 544 (3) Environmental Measurement and Modelling
 ENVR 620 (3) Environment and Health of Species
 ENVR 622 (3) Sustainable Landscapes
 ENVR 630 (3) Civilization and Environment
 ENVR 680 (3) Topics in Environment 4

or another course at the 500 level or higher recommended by the advisory committee and approved by the Environment Option Committee.

11.1.14 Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); Air and Space Law (45 credits)

The 45-credit LL.M. program, thesis option, in Air and Space Law is a research-intensive graduate program focused on developing research interests into a thesis project under the supervision of a faculty member. Graduate-level courses on theoretical and methodological approaches to legal writing complement the research work and thesis completion process, and courses in specific areas of knowledge related to the candidate's research interests complete the program's credit requirements.

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms for which full-time fees will be charged. The third term, usually devoted to thesis research, may be taken the Summer of the first year. If the thesis is not completed in this time, students must register for additional sessions as needed. All degree requirements must be completed within a maximum of three years of the date of first registration.

Thesis Courses (25 credits)

As part of the course Master's Thesis 1, a thesis candidate must provide a protocol to his or her supervisor setting out details as to the thesis topic, the deadlines for the completion of the various thesis courses, and the schedule of meetings with the thesis supervisor. Modifications to the protocol must be made in writing and submitted to the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies).

ASPL 690 (4) Master's Thesis 1
 ASPL 691 (3) Master's Thesis 2
 ASPL 692 (6) Master's Thesis 3
 ASPL 693 (12) Master's Thesis 4

Required Courses (9 credits)

ASPL 633 (3) Public International Air Law
 ASPL 636 (3) Private International Air Law
 ASPL 637 (3) Space Law: General Principles

Complementary Courses (11 credits)

4 credits from the following:

CMPL 610D1 (2) Legal Research Methodology
 CMPL 610D2 (2) Legal Research Methodology

CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law
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7 credits at the 500 level or higher, chosen from among Faculty offerings (including ASPL offerings).

11.1.15 Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis); Air and Space Law (45 credits)

The 45-credit LL.M. program, non-thesis option, in Air and Space Law complements previous legal education through specialized graduate-level coursework and in-depth research. It enhances expertise in selected areas of legal scholarship and includes a supervised substantial paper in an area of interest.

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms for which full-time fees will be charged. The third term is devoted to the Research Project, usually taken in the summer of the first year. If the research project is not completed in this time, students must register for additional sessions as needed. All degree requirements must be completed within a maximum of three years of the date of first registration.

Research Project (18 credits)

The non-thesis option requires a substantial supervised research project during the third term of registration, a 15,000-word paper, assessed by the supervisor on a pass-fail basis, and typically completed in the Summer.

ASPL 655	(15)	Research Project 1
ASPL 656	(2)	Research Project 2
ASPL 657	(1)	Research Project 3

Required Courses (9 credits)

ASPL 633	(3)	Public International Air Law
ASPL 636	(3)	Private International Air Law
ASPL 637	(3)	Space Law: General Principles

Complementary Courses (18 credits)

4 credits from the following:

CMPL 610D1	(2)	Legal Research Methodology
CMPL 610D2	(2)	Legal Research Methodology
CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law

14 credits at the 500 level or higher chosen from among Faculty offerings (including ASPL offerings).

11.1.16 Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); Comparative Law (45 credits)

The 45-credit LL.M. program, thesis option, in Comparative Law is a research-intensive graduate program focused on developing research interests into a thesis project under the supervision of a faculty member. Graduate-level courses on theoretical and methodological approaches to legal writing complement the research work and thesis completion process, and courses in specific areas of knowledge related to the candidate's research interests complete the program's credit requirements.

LL.M. candidates may be associated with the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, the Quebec Research Centre of Private and Comparative Law, the Centre for Intellectual Property Policy, or one of the specialized Research Chairs at the Faculty of Law. For more information, see our website: <http://www.mcgill.ca/law-gradprograms/programs/llm/>.

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms. The third term, usually devoted to thesis research, may be taken the Summer of the first year. If the thesis is not completed in this time, students must register for additional sessions as needed. All degree requirements must be completed within a maximum of three years of the date of first registration.

Thesis Courses (30 credits)

As part of the course Master's Thesis 1, a thesis candidate must provide a protocol to his or her supervisor setting out details as to the thesis topic, the deadlines for the completion of the various thesis courses and the schedule of meetings with the thesis supervisor. Modifications to the protocol must be made in writing and submitted to the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies).

CMPL 612	(3)	Master's Thesis 1
CMPL 613	(3)	Master's Thesis 2
CMPL 614	(3)	Master's Thesis 3

CMPL 615	(6)	Master's Thesis 4
CMPL 616	(12)	Master's Thesis 5
CMPL 617	(3)	Master's Thesis 6

Required Courses (12 credits)

CMPL 600	(4)	Legal Traditions
CMPL 610	(4)	Legal Research Methodology
CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law

Complementary Courses (3 credits)

The remaining 3 credits (or fewer if more credits are earned for the Master's Thesis) are chosen from among Faculty offerings at the 500 and 600 levels.

Additional Thesis Courses

With the approval of the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies) and Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS), students may take up to an additional 3 credits of thesis courses by completing one or both of:

CMPL 618	(2)	Master's Thesis 7
CMPL 619	(1)	Master's Thesis 8

11.1.17 Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis); Comparative Law (45 credits)

The 45-credit LL.M. program, non-thesis option, in Comparative Law complements previous legal education through specialized graduate-level coursework and in-depth research. It enhances expertise in selected areas of legal scholarship and offers an opportunity to write a supervised, substantial, and publishable paper in an area of interest.

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms. The third term is devoted to the Research Project, usually taken in the summer of the first year, meaning that students usually complete their program within one calendar year. If the research project is not completed in this time, students must register for additional sessions as needed. All degree requirements must be completed within a maximum of three years of the date of first registration.

Research Project (15 credits)

The non-thesis option requires a substantial supervised research project during the third term of registration, a 15,000-word paper, assessed by the supervisor on a pass-fail basis, and typically completed in the Summer.

CMPL 655	(15)	Research Project 1
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Required Courses (12 credits)

CMPL 600	(4)	Legal Traditions
CMPL 610	(4)	Legal Research Methodology
CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law

Complementary Courses (18 credits)

The remaining 18 credits (or fewer if more credits are earned for the research project) are chosen from among Faculty offerings at the 500 and 600 levels.

Additional Research Project Courses

With the approval of the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies) and Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS), students may take up to an additional 3 credits of research project courses by completing one or both of:

CMPL 656	(2)	Research Project 2
CMPL 657	(1)	Research Project 3

11.1.18 Graduate Certificate in Air and Space Law (15 credits)

The Graduate Certificate in Air and Space Law offered through the Institute of Air and Space Law is a coursework program, appropriate for students with a strong professional orientation.

The certificate is awarded after one term of residence in the Faculty and upon completion of 15 academic credits of graduate law courses. Students must take 9 credits of required Air and Space Law courses and the additional 6 credits may consist of any 500-level or higher law course or other courses offered through the Institute of Air and Space Law. Exceptionally, and with the permission of the Associate Dean, Graduate Studies, the 15 credits may be taken over two terms.

For more information, see our website: <http://www.mcgill.ca/law-gradprograms/programs/certificate-programs/>.

Required Courses (9 credits)

ASPL 633	(3)	Public International Air Law
ASPL 636	(3)	Private International Air Law
ASPL 637	(3)	Space Law: General Principles

Complementary Courses (6 credits)

6 additional credits of 500-level or higher law courses.

11.1.19 Graduate Certificate in Comparative Law (15 credits)

The Graduate Certificate in Comparative Law is offered through the Institute of Comparative Law and provides advanced legal training over one term of full-time studies or two terms of part-time studies to candidates who wish to pursue graduate legal education for career-related purposes.

The certificate is awarded after one term of residence in the Faculty and upon completion of 15 credits. In every case, the program is structured to meet individual needs and must be approved by the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies).

For more information, see our website: <http://www.mcgill.ca/law-gradprograms/programs/certificate-programs/>.

Complementary Courses

Courses at the 500 level or higher are chosen on an individual basis.