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## 1 Dean's Welcome

To Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows:

I am extremely pleased to welcome you to McGill University. Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) collaborates with the Faculties and other administrative and academic units to provide strategic leadership and vision for graduate teaching, supervision, and research across our over 400 graduate programs. GPS also oversees quality assurance in admissions and registration, the disbursement of graduate fellowships, support for postdoctoral fellows, and facilitates graduate degree completion, including the examination of theses. GPS has partnered with Enrolment Services to manage the admission and registration of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows and 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 currently ranked 21<sup>st</sup> by *QS World University Rankings 2013*. 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.

*Martin Kreiswirth, Ph.D.*

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## 2 Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

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**Note:** For inquiries regarding specific graduate programs, please contact the appropriate department.

## 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.

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## 3 Important Dates 2014–2015

For all dates relating to the academic year, consult [www.mcgill.ca/importantdates](http://www.mcgill.ca/importantdates).

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## 4 Graduate Studies at a Glance

Please refer to the eCalendar's *University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > Graduate Studies at a Glance* for a list of all graduate departments and degrees currently being offered.

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## 5 Program Requirements

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### 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.I.St.; 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.); Information Studies (M.I.St.); 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 *eCalendar*.

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](http://www.mcgill.ca/importantdates), through the Chair of the department concerned at the same time that 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](http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/thesis/guidelines).

#### Language Requirements – Master's Degrees

Many 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

The majority of doctoral programs at McGill require candidates to pass a comprehensive examination or set of examinations or equivalent, such as qualifying examinations, preliminary examinations, candidacy papers, comprehensive evaluations, thesis proposals, etc. 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 and approved by Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. It is the responsibility of students to inform themselves of these details. For more information, see the [eCalendar](#) under *University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > Guidelines and Policies > : Ph.D. Comprehensives Policy*.

### Language Requirements – Doctoral

Many 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.

French language courses are available at the 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](http://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](http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/thesis/guidelines).

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](http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/thesis/guidelines).

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### **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/programs](http://www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/programs) and contact the relevant department.

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### **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#courseereg](http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/registration#courseereg).

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 study must be approved by GPS before registration. Double counting is not permitted.

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## **6 Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures**

Please refer to the eCalendar's *University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures* for information on:

- Application for Admission
- Admission Requirements
- Application Procedures
- Competency in English

and other important information regarding admissions and application procedures for Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

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## **7 Fellowships, Awards, and Assistantships**

Please refer to the eCalendar's *University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Fellowships, Awards, and Assistantships* for information and contact information regarding fellowships, awards, and assistantships in Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

## 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](http://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 the *eCalendar* under *University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > Regulations > Categories of Students > : Leave of Absence Status*). 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. This applies to all postdocs, except those for whom teaching is part of the award (e.g., Mellon grantees).

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](http://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](http://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; revised May 2014*

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### 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*

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### 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 the [eCalendar](#) under *University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Leave of Absence Status*).

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 the procedure in the [eCalendar](#) under *University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Leave of Absence Status*. 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/funding/students-postdocs/accepting-maintaining-awards#poli](http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/students-postdocs/accepting-maintaining-awards#poli) under “Leave Policies - Funding Council Leave Policies for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows.”

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### 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.

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## 9 Graduate Studies Guidelines and Policies

Refer to the [eCalendar](#) under *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
- Failure Policy
- Guideline on Hours of Work

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

Refer to the [eCalendar](#) under *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

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## 11 Academic Programs

The programs and courses in the following sections have been approved for the 2014–2015 session as listed. The Faculty/School reserves the right to introduce changes as may be deemed necessary or desirable at any time throughout the year.

## 11.1 Law

### 11.1.1 Location

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*Associate Dean (Graduate Studies)* – Angela Campbell

### 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; availability of this program is subject to relevant courses being offered in given year) 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.

#### Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degrees

##### ***section 11.1.5: 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 11.1.6: 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. This program is offered in the thesis option only.

##### ***section 11.1.7: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); Environment (45 credits)***

The graduate option in Environment 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 for the role of science, politics, and ethics in informed decision-making in the environment sector.



***section 11.1.8: 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.



**Note:** Availability of this program is subject to relevant courses being offered in given year.

***section 11.1.9: 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 11.1.10: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis); Environment (45 credits)***

The graduate option in Environment 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 for the role of science in informed decision-making in the environment sector, and its influence on political, socio-economic, and ethical judgments.

**Institute of Air and Space Law*****section 11.1.11: 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 11.1.12: 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 11.1.13: 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 11.1.14: 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.

**Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) Degrees*****section 11.1.15: 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 11.1.16: 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 the original work of the candidate.



**section 11.1.17: 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.

**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 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****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 visit the Faculty website [www.mcgill.ca/law-admissions/graduates/admissions](http://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](mailto:grad.law@mcgill.ca) or telephone at 514-398-6635.

Note that applicants must submit their application through *uApply*. Any questions regarding the status of an application must be sent via the *uApply* communication tool.

**11.1.3.1.1 Language Requirement**

Graduate-level courses are generally offered in English, and English-language abilities must be demonstrated for admission. In order to understand all course material, 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. 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 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*, *Cambridge English Language Assessment*, or *EDEXCEL* offices. An institutional version of the TOEFL is not acceptable. For an application to be considered, a TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, Cambridge English Language Assessment, or EDEXCEL test result, McGill Certificate of Proficiency in English or McGill Certificate of Proficiency – English for Professional Communication must be submitted.

One of the following language requirements must be met: 100 on the TOEFL (iBT) with each component score no less than 25, 600 on the TOEFL (PBT), 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 Cambridge English Language Assessment (CAE), a grade of "B" (Good) or higher on the Cambridge English Language Assessment (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).

For information about the TOEFL, including the registration process, visit [www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl). For information about the IELTS, visit [www.ielts.org](http://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 institutions to McGill University. McGill's institutional code is **0935**; this code must be provided to the testing agencies when requesting a test report form. For further information on English proficiency tests, visit [www.mcgill.ca/law-admissions/graduates/admissions/requirements](http://www.mcgill.ca/law-admissions/graduates/admissions/requirements).

**11.1.3.1.2 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 all four of the following conditions are met:

- a. The candidate holds a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in Law (such as LL.B. or J.D.).
- b. The candidate holds a master's degree (or equivalent) in Law with thesis from McGill University or another university. (Review of the master's thesis is normally part of the admission decision-making process. In exceptional cases, a candidate with a non-thesis master's degree with an outstanding academic record may be admitted to the D.C.L. program.)
- c. The candidate maintained, for each of the above degrees, a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 out of 4.0 (or equivalent) or higher. (Note that this standing does not guarantee admission; the Graduate Admissions Committee weighs the entire dossier, including the applicant's reference letters and the quality of the research proposal.)

- d. The Graduate Admissions Committee is satisfied that the quality of the candidate's previous research is sufficient to justify admission to a D.C.L. program.

Admission to the doctoral program is always dependent on the availability of a suitable supervisor.

#### 11.1.3.1.3 LL.M. Degrees

Candidates for admission to the master's programs must hold a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in Law (such as LL.B. or J.D.), with a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 out of 4.0 (or equivalent). Note that this standing does not guarantee admission; the Graduate Admissions Committee weighs the entire dossier, including the applicant's reference letters and the quality of the research proposal.

#### 11.1.3.1.4 LL.M. Interdisciplinary Options

- 1. Environment Option:** This option is available to students who apply for admission to the LL.M. Thesis or Non-Thesis program at the Faculty of Law. For further information, see this [eCalendar](#) under *McGill School of Environment > Graduate > Academic Programs > : Environment* or visit [www.mcgill.ca/mse/programs/envroption](http://www.mcgill.ca/mse/programs/envroption).
- 2. European Studies Option:** This option is available to students who apply for admission to the LL.M. Thesis program at the Faculty of Law. Note the availability of this option is subject to relevant courses offered in a given year.

#### 11.1.3.1.5 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 this [eCalendar](#) under *Faculty of Medicine > Graduate > Academic Programs > : Bioethics* or visit [www.mcgill.ca/biomedicalethicsunit/masters](http://www.mcgill.ca/biomedicalethicsunit/masters).

#### 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. For further information, visit [www.mcgill.ca/law-admissions/graduates/admissions/requirements](http://www.mcgill.ca/law-admissions/graduates/admissions/requirements). Graduate certificate programs are available in the following two fields:

- 1. Graduate Certificate in *Air and Space Law***
- 2. Graduate Certificate in *Comparative Law***



**Note:** ALL international students 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 International Student Services at [www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents](http://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](http://www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply).

See : [Application Procedures](#) for detailed application procedures.

##### 11.1.3.2.1 Additional Requirements

The items and clarifications below are additional requirements set by the Faculty of Law:

- Research Proposal (D.C.L. and LL.M. applicants). For more information, visit [www.mcgill.ca/law-admissions/graduates/admissions/deadlines](http://www.mcgill.ca/law-admissions/graduates/admissions/deadlines).
- Personal Statement (graduate certificate applicants only). For more information, visit [www.mcgill.ca/law-admissions/graduates/admissions/deadlines](http://www.mcgill.ca/law-admissions/graduates/admissions/deadlines).
- Two Reference Letters from **academic referees**.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Recent photograph
- Master's thesis (D.C.L. applicants only)

#### 11.1.3.3 Application Deadlines

The application deadlines listed here are set by the Faculty of Law and may be revised at any time. Applicants must verify all deadlines and documentation requirements well in advance on the appropriate McGill departmental website; please consult the list at [www.mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program](http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program).

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

The **application deadline** to all graduate law programs (LL.M., D.C.L., graduate certificates) is **December 15**. **The Faculty of Law will not consider applications received on or after December 16.**

The Faculty of Law offers **Fall term admission only**; the Faculty will not consider applications for Winter or Summer entry. Applications submitted for the Winter and Summer terms will be cancelled WITHOUT reimbursement of the application fee.



**Note:** The application fee remains non-refundable.

#### 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)  
 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)

**Courses offered within this concentration may include:**

Corporate Finance (BUS2 505)  
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)  
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)  
Civil Liberties (CMPL 573)  
Discrimination and the Law (CMPL 575)  
Feminist Legal Theory (CMPL 504)  
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)  
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)  
 Trade Regulation (CMPL 521)

**11.1.5 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

### 11.1.6 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 643	(3)	Seminar: Medical Ethics
RELG 571	(3)	Ethics, Medicine and Religion

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

### 11.1.7 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.

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

Availability of this program is subject to relevant courses being offered in a given year.

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
CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law

**11.1.9 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

**11.1.10 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.

**11.1.11 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

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

**11.1.12 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
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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).

**11.1.13 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

**11.1.14 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

**11.1.15 Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.)**

The Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) program allows the development of substantive and original contributions to legal research and knowledge under the supervision of a faculty member.

The degree will be awarded, at the earliest, after the completion of 3 years of residence in the Faculty. 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. The thesis must be submitted within 4 years of completion of the residency requirement. Every candidate must successfully pass a comprehensive examination, after one year which may occur in the first year of the program, but no later than the end of the second year of the program.

**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 Courses (4 Credits)**

CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law
LAWG 702	(0)	DCL Seminar

**Complementary Course (0-4 Credits)**

Some students are encouraged to take the following:

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

The Institute of Air & Space Law offers a D.C.L. program in Air and Space Law, which allows the development of substantive and original contributions to legal research and knowledge under the supervision of a faculty member.

The degree will be awarded, at the earliest, after the completion of three years of residence. 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. The thesis must be submitted within 4 years of completion of the residency requirement. Every candidate must successfully pass a comprehensive examination, after one year which may occur in the first year of the program, but no later than the end of the second year of the program.

**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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**Required Courses (4 Credits)**

CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law
LAWG 702	(0)	DCL Seminar

**Complementary Course (0-4 Credits)**

Some students are encouraged to take the following:

CMPL 610	(4)	Legal Research Methodology
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**11.1.17 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 the development of substantive and original contributions to legal research and knowledge under the supervision of a faculty member.

The degree will be awarded, at the earliest, after the completion of three years of residence in the Faculty. 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. The thesis must be submitted within 4 years of the completion of the residency requirement. Every candidate must successfully pass a comprehensive examination, after one year which may occur in the first year of the program, but no later than the end of the second year of the program.

**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 Courses (4 Credits)**

CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law
LAWG 702	(0)	DCL Seminar

**Complementary Course (0-4 Credits)**

Some students are encouraged to take the following:

CMPL 610	(4)	Legal Research Methodology
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**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.