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1 Opportunities for Field Study and Study Abroad

Besides the many academic resources McGill offers on campus, there are also unparalleled opportunities to enrich your educational experience through exchange programs, internships, field study programs, and McGill courses taught abroad.

2 Study Abroad Options

There are four types of Study Abroad options available:

- [section 2.1: Bilateral Student Exchanges](#)
- [section 2.2: BCI Exchanges](#)
- [section 2.3: Field Study Semesters and Off-Campus Courses](#)
- [section 2.4: Study Away On Your Own](#)

2.1 Bilateral Student Exchanges

Bilateral student exchange agreements are tuition exchange agreements that exist between McGill University and one other institution, which has been reviewed and approved by McGill. The number of exchange spaces available at the host institution are limited, and vary from year to year. McGill students nominated to participate on an exchange term abroad are billed McGill tuition and fees for that term (equivalent to 15 McGill credits). McGill University has bilateral agreements in many countries including: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Caribbean, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Exchange programs can be university-wide or faculty-specific. Faculty-specific agreements are only open to students in the specified faculty.

The full listing of bilateral partners can be found at www.mcgill.ca/students/international.

2.2 BCI Exchanges

The *Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire* (previously known as CREPUQ) has established tuition exchange agreements in which all Quebec university students may participate, regardless of whether or not they are Quebec residents. The listing of BCI partners is accessible from <http://echanges-etudiants.crepuq.qc.ca>.

2.3 Field Study Semesters and Off-Campus Courses

McGill offers you a chance to put theory into practice through local, regional, and international field study semesters and individual courses. Field studies provide practical experience and a chance to integrate and apply knowledge gained in the classroom. In many cases, field courses can be counted toward major program requirements. You should see your adviser for details.

Field Study Semesters are packages of McGill courses aimed at upper-year students that focus on the physical and social aspects of the environment. They are offered in various regions around the world in the Fall or Winter term. Currently, Field Study Semesters are offered in East Africa (Kenya, Uganda and/or Tanzania; see [section 3: Africa Field Study Semester](#)), Barbados (see [section 4: Barbados Field Study Semester](#) and [section 5: Barbados Interdisciplinary Tropical Studies Field Semester](#)), and Panama (see [section 6: Panama Field Study Semester](#)). Enrolment is limited, and application deadlines and costs vary, so you should consult the relevant sections of this publication for details. If you are interested in participating, you should begin planning your courses before the Field Study semester, as some of the field courses require prerequisites.

Students participating in any one of the field study semesters, i.e., the Africa Field Study Semester, the Barbados Field Study Semester, the Barbados Interdisciplinary Tropical Studies (BITS) Field Study Semester, or the Panama Field Study Semester, may complete the 18-credit Minor in Field Studies. See [section 7: Field Study Minor](#) for details.

Off-campus McGill courses are also offered to you and sometimes require separate departmental application. The courses are typically offered during the summer months and can be offered in places as varied as Italy, Mexico, or Brazil and in disciplines in Arts, Engineering (including Architecture), Science, Law, or Management. See [section 12: Off-Campus Courses](#).

2.4 Study Away On Your Own

If you want to study as a Visiting student at a university with which McGill does not have a student exchange agreement, you must consult the Student Affairs Office of your McGill faculty, as well as the Admissions Office of the university to which you are applying regarding application requirements. You would pay tuition to the host institution.

3 Africa Field Study Semester

Website: www.mcgill.ca/africa

Students from other universities are eligible to apply to the McGill Canadian Field Studies in Africa (CFSIA) and must also meet the criteria for admission to McGill as a Visiting Student. Please see the CFSIA website for details.

The CFSIA comprises 15 credits of field study courses. Two courses (6 credits) in the natural and social sciences provide interdisciplinary academic context for field study. The other 9 credits are taken from the complementary courses list.

Visit the CFSIA [website](#) or refer to this publication for the latest program updates.

Offered: Winter term

Location: East Africa

Enrolment Limit: 38 students

Fees: In addition to the regular McGill fees, students will be required to pay the additional costs associated with delivering the courses in the field. These costs include airfare, local travel, all food and accommodation, special admission fees for parks and museums, as well as other field costs. Fee details for the upcoming semester are available at www.mcgill.ca/africa/cost.

Students can apply for a Mobility Award. See www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/other-funding/mobilityawards for details.

Application Deadline: April 30, 2016 for January 2017 (Winter term of the 2016–2017 academic year). Depending on space, there will be a second intake with a deadline date of November 1, 2016.

Application Details: Students must submit:

- the CFSIA application (available on the [website](#));
- a copy of their transcript;
- a letter of intent;
- one reference letter; and
- a CV

to the Internship and Field Studies Office in the Faculty of Science:

Science Internship & Field Studies Office
Dawson Hall, Room 408
Telephone: 514-398-1063
Email: internshipsfieldstudies.science@mcgill.ca
Website: www.mcgill.ca/science/student/internships-field

For further application details, please refer to www.mcgill.ca/africa/application.

Prerequisites: The CFSIA program is intended for students in their final two years. A CGPA of 3.00 and higher is recommended.

For more information and course lists, see [Faculty of Science > Undergraduate > Academic Programs > Field Study > : Field Studies - Minor Field Studies \(18 credits\)](#).

4 Barbados Field Study Semester

Website: www.mcgill.ca/bfss

Offered: Fall term

Location: Bellairs Research Institute in Barbados

Enrolment Limit: 25 students

Fees: In addition to the regular McGill fees, students will be required to pay the additional costs associated with delivering the courses in the field. These costs include accommodation and most food, as well as other field costs; they do not include airfare. Fee details for the upcoming semester are available at www.mcgill.ca/bfss.

Students enrolled in the Barbados Field Study Semester (BFSS) program may be eligible for a Travel (Mobility) Award from the Government of Quebec; see www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/other-funding/mobilityawards for details.

Application Deadline: The deadline is in late February each year for admission to the following Fall semester.

Application Details: Students must submit:

- a letter of intent;
- a CV; and
- a copy of their transcript

by email to jocelyne.begin@mcgill.ca. Further details are available at www.mcgill.ca/bfss.

Prerequisites: None

For more information and course lists, see [Faculty of Science > Undergraduate > Academic Programs > Field Study > : Field Studies - Minor Field Studies \(18 credits\)](#).

5 Barbados Interdisciplinary Tropical Studies Field Semester

Website: www.mcgill.ca/bits

Offered: Summer term

Location: Bellairs Research Institute in Barbados

Enrolment Limit: 25 students

Fees: In addition to the regular McGill fees, students will be required to pay the additional costs associated with delivering the courses in the field. These costs include accommodation and most food, as well as other field costs; they do not include airfare. Fee details for the upcoming semester are available at www.mcgill.ca/bits/cost.

McGill students are eligible for a Mobility Award; see www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/other-funding/mobilityawards for details, or contact the Scholarships and Student Aid Office (SSAO) at mobilityaward@mcgill.ca.

Application Deadline: Please consult the [website](#) for upcoming deadlines.

Application Details: Students must submit:

- a letter of intent;
- a CV; and
- an application form (available on the [website](#))

by email to julie.major@mcgill.ca. Further details are available at www.mcgill.ca/bits.

Prerequisites: A CGPA of 2.5 or higher is recommended.

For more information on the field studies minor and course lists, see [Faculty of Science > Undergraduate > Academic Programs > Field Study > : Field Studies - Minor Field Studies \(18 credits\)](#).

6 Panama Field Study Semester

Website: www.mcgill.ca/pfss

Offered: Winter term

Location: Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) in Panama

Enrolment Limit: 26 students

Fees: In addition to the regular McGill fees, students will be required to pay the additional costs associated with delivering the courses in the field. These costs include accommodation and other field costs; they do not include airfare, food, or other living expenses. Fee details for the upcoming semester are available at www.mcgill.ca/pfss/cost.

Students can apply for a Mobility Award. See www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/other-funding/mobilityawards for details.

Application Deadline: April 30, 2016 for January 2017 (Winter term of the 2016–2017 academic year).

Application Details: Students must submit:

- the Panama application (available on the [website](#));
- a copy of their transcript;
- a letter of intent; and
- a CV

to the Internship and Field Studies Office in the Faculty of Science:

Science Internship & Field Studies Office
Dawson Hall, Room 408
Telephone: 514-398-1063
Email: internshipsfieldstudies.science@mcgill.ca
Website: www.mcgill.ca/science/student/internships-field

For further application details, please refer to www.mcgill.ca/pfss/application.

Prerequisites: HISP 218 Spanish Language Intensive - Elementary or equivalent proficiency, and MATH 203 Principles of Statistics 1 or equivalent. A CGPA of 3.00 and higher is recommended. The program is aimed at undergraduate students in their final year.

For more information and course lists, see [Faculty of Science > Undergraduate > Academic Programs > Field Study > : Field Studies - Minor Field Studies \(18 credits\)](#).

7 Field Study Minor

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For more information and course lists, see [Faculty of Science > Undergraduate > Academic Programs > Field Study > : Field Studies - Minor Field Studies \(18 credits\)](#).

8 Exchange Programs

McGill students can study on exchange while paying McGill tuition and earning credits toward their McGill degree.

8.1 Eligibility

Student exchange programs are open to McGill students of all nationalities. To participate, applicants must be currently registered as full-time, degree-seeking McGill students, and meet the criteria of their faculty at McGill. Applicants must have completed at least one year of full-time study by the start of the exchange. Students can participate in exchanges for one term or two terms.

Visit www.mcgill.ca/students/international for up-to-date information regarding information sessions and events related to study abroad opportunities.

8.2 Applying for an Exchange

Applications must be submitted on Minerva. Complete application details are found on the International Education website: www.mcgill.ca/students/international.

8.2.1 Deadlines

All deadlines regarding student exchanges are available at www.mcgill.ca/students/international/goabroad. **Your Faculty Approval** deadline to participate in an exchange term/year abroad is in the preceding January (i.e., January 15, 2017, for a term abroad during the 2017-2018 academic year). The Faculty of Law has an earlier deadline. The deadline to submit the supporting documents (if required) for an application to participate in a student exchange for one or two terms of the 2017-2018 academic year is also available on the website.

Detailed information on the application process and deadlines is contained on the International Education website: www.mcgill.ca/students/international.

8.2.2 Bilateral

McGill no longer participates in the BCI exchange network, therefore an exchange is only possible with one of the bilateral partners listed at www.mcgill.ca/students/international/students-going-abroad/where-can-i-go.

Please take special notice of faculty, program, and/or term requirements.

8.3 Awards and Financial Assistance

Awards and financial assistance are available to students to help with the cost of participating in an exchange. Information on application deadlines and eligibility can be found at www.mcgill.ca/students/international and in this publication.

8.3.1 Financial Support

Financial support is available for eligible candidates. Information on available financial support can be found on the International Education website: www.mcgill.ca/students/international. Questions may be directed to studentexchanges@mcgill.ca.

8.3.2 Universitas 21 Transportation Stipends

A limited number of Universitas 21 Transportation Stipends are available for McGill students who apply and are accepted to participate in a student exchange with one of McGill University's Universitas 21 partners.

For more information, see [section 9.2: Universitas 21](#).

8.3.3 McGill Scholarships and Awards

For students who are pursuing an approved program of study, renewable scholarships and awards may be retained for up to one year while on exchange. However, they will not be eligible for McGill's yearly in-course awards.

9 Financial Assistance

Students participating in an official McGill University exchange program are eligible to apply for government student assistance as a McGill student, but are not eligible for McGill Student Aid. Students who “study away on their own” are not eligible to receive government student loans through McGill because they are not registered at McGill. Students should verify with the institution they will be attending whether or not they will be eligible to receive government student assistance.

9.1 Transfer of Credits from Host Institution

Grades received from the host institution do not appear on the McGill transcript nor are they calculated in the McGill CGPA. The McGill transcript includes a notation of participation in an exchange, the number of transfer credits granted by McGill, and where applicable, McGill course exemptions.

The transfer of credits process must be initiated by the student immediately upon return from exchange with the faculty Student Affairs office, and be completed no later than four months after the exchange.

Before leaving the host institution, students should order two (2) copies of the official transcript for their files, and ensure that the institution sends an official version of the transcript to Service Point at McGill (www.mcgill.ca/students/servicepoint).

9.2 Universitas 21

The Universitas 21 Consortium is an international network of leading research-intensive universities whose objective is to assist members' plans for internationalization, particularly in facilitating student exchanges and short-term research visits. McGill University currently has bilateral student exchange agreements with the following institutions within the U21 Consortium:

- Fudan University
- Korea University
- Lund University
- National University of Singapore
- Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- Tecnológico de Monterrey
- University College Dublin
- University of Amsterdam
- University of Auckland
- University of Birmingham
- University of British Columbia
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Glasgow
- University of Hong Kong
- University of Melbourne
- University of New South Wales
- University of Nottingham
- University of Queensland
- University of Virginia
- Waseda University

9.3 The Killam Fellowships Program

McGill University participates in The Killam Fellowships Program, which provides exceptional undergraduate students from universities in Canada and the United States with the opportunity to study in the neighbouring country for either one semester or for a full academic year. Established in 2002 through a partnership between the Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States of America and the American Killam Trusts, the goal of the program is to increase mutual understanding between Canada and the United States through academic exchange.

9.4 Further Information

Additional details regarding study abroad, including application procedures, deadlines, eligibility criteria, travel awards, etc., are on the International Education website: www.mcgill.ca/students/international.

Service Point
Telephone: 514-398-7878
Email: studentexchanges@mcgill.ca

10 Internships and Co-op Programs

For information on internships and co-op programs, see [University Regulations and Resources](#) > *Undergraduate* > : *Internships, Exchanges, and Co-op Programs*.

11 Off-Campus Summer Programs

McGill offers a number of off-campus summer programs.

11.1 McGill Summer Courses in Italy

The Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures offers up to 12 credits of courses given in Florence, Italy, during June 2016.

Location: Florence, Italy

Application Deadline: April 4, 2016

Application Details: Application forms and information are available at www.mcgill.ca/langlitcultures (click on "Florence Summer Courses 2016").



Note: All courses in Florence require permit overrides to register in *Minerva*. These permits will be issued after April 4, 2016, by Ms. Vanna Fonsato or Dr. Enrica Quaroni, only to students who have applied and paid course costs.

Courses		
ITAL 206	(6)	Beginners Italian Intensive
ITAL 216	(6)	Intermediate Italian Intensive
ITAL 255	(6)	Advanced Reading and Composition

11.2 Desautels Faculty of Management

Courses are given abroad in the Summer session and cover essentially the same material as the equivalent courses given in Montreal. They will, however, be heavily influenced by the local business environment. Courses are offered in various locations.

For the most up-to-date information concerning Summer Abroad courses, please visit the Minerva Class Schedule at www.mcgill.ca/minerva.

Application Details: For registration and/or advising, please contact the BCom Student Affairs Office at 514-398-4068.

12 Off-Campus Courses

McGill offers a number of off-campus courses.

12.1 Architecture

The following courses are offered off campus by the School of Architecture.

Courses		
ARCH 379	(3)	Summer Course Abroad
ARCH 519	(3)	Field Course Abroad

12.2 Biology

The Faculty of Science offers the following biology courses off campus.

Off-Campus Biology Courses		
BIOL 240	(3)	Monteregian Flora

Off-Campus Biology Courses

BIOL 331	(3)	Ecology/Behaviour Field Course
BIOL 334D1/BIOL 334D2	(3)	Applied Tropical Ecology
BIOL 335	(3)	Marine Mammals
BIOL 573	(3)	Vertebrate Palaeontology Field Course

12.3 Classics

The Department of History and Classics Studies offers the following field course.

Course

CLAS 348	(3)	Greek and Roman Topography
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Offered: Summer 2017

12.4 Earth & Planetary Sciences

The following courses are two-week field studies (May) in selected branches of the geosciences to examine processes in geology.

Courses

EPSC 231	(3)	Field School 1
EPSC 331	(3)	Field School 2
EPSC 341	(3)	Field School 3

12.5 English

The following courses are offered off campus by the Department of English.

Course

ENGL 347*	(3)	Great Writings of Europe 1
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* Not Offered Summer 2016

12.6 Geography

The Faculty of Science offers the following Geography courses off campus.

Off-Campus Geography Courses

GEOG 290	(1)	Local Geographical Excursion
GEOG 494	(3)	Urban Field Studies
GEOG 495	(3)	Field Studies - Physical Geography
GEOG 496	(3)	Geographical Excursion
GEOG 499	(3)	Subarctic Field Studies

12.7 Italian Studies

The Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at McGill University offers up to 12 credits of courses given in Florence, Italy.

Courses

ITAL 206	(6)	Beginners Italian Intensive
ITAL 216	(6)	Intermediate Italian Intensive
ITAL 255	(6)	Advanced Reading and Composition

Offered: Please consult the [Class Schedule](#) on Minerva.

Location: Florence, Italy

Application Deadline: April 4, 2016

Application Details: Application forms and information are available at www.mcgill.ca/langlitcultures (click on "Florence Summer Courses 2016").



Note: All courses in Florence require permit overrides to register on Minerva. These permits will be issued after April 4, 2016, by Ms. Vanna Fonsato or Dr. Enrica Quaroni, only to students who have applied and paid course costs.

12.8 Philosophy**Course:**

PHIL 397*	(3)	Tutorial 01
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* Not offered Summer 2016

12.9 Political Science**Courses**

POLI 339*	(3)	Comparative Developed: Topics 1
POLI 359*	(3)	Topics in International Politics 1

* Not offered Summer 2016

