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## 1 Dean's Welcome

To Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows:

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

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

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

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

*Martin Kreiswirth, Ph.D.*

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## 2 Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

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



**Degree**

Master of Arts

M.A.

**Prerequisites**

Bachelor of Arts in the subject selected for graduate work. See appropriate unit.

Professional degree – McGill B.Sc.(Arch.) degree, or equi

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Professional	Non-Thesis	Design Studio, Design Studio – Directed Research Architectural History and Theory, Cultural Mediations and

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

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

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

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

#### Master of Education (M.Ed.)

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

#### Master of Engineering (M.Eng.)

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

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

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

**Master of Urban Planning**

The program requires a minimum of tw

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

<b>Program</b>	<b>Options</b>	<b>Offered by Faculty/School</b>
Animal Science	Bioinformatics	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Anthropology	Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Arts
Architecture	N/A	Faculty of Engineering
Art History	Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts
Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences	N/A	Faculty of Science
Biochemistry	Bioinformatics, Chemical Biology	Faculty of Medicine
Biology	Bioinformatics, Developmental Biology, Environment, Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Science
Biomedical Engineering	Bioinformatics	Faculty of Medicine
Bioresource Engineering	Environment, Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Biostatistics	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Cell Biology	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Chemical Engineering	N/A	Faculty of Engineering
Chemistry	Chemical Biology	Faculty of Science
Civil Engineering	N/A	Faculty of Engineering
Classics	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Language Acquisition	Faculty of Medicine
Communication Studies	Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts
Computer Science	Bioinformatics	Faculty of Science
Counselling Psychology	N/A	Faculty of Education
Earth and Planetary Sciences	Environment	Faculty of Science
	N/A	Faculty of Arts

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

#### Joint Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

The following joint Ph.D. programs are offered:

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

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

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

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



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

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

### Comprehensive Examinations – Doctoral

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

### Language Requirements – Doctoral

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Thesis – Doctoral

The thesis for the Ph.D. degree must display original scholarship expressed in good literate style and must be a distinct contribution to knowledge. **Formal notice of a thesis title and names of examiners must be submitted to the Thesis Section of GPS on the *Nomination of Examiners* form in accordance with the dates on [www.mcgill.ca/importantdates](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).

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

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

### Thesis Oral Examination – Doctoral

After the thesis has been received and approved, a final oral examination is held on the subject of the thesis and subjects intimately related to it. This is conducted in the presence of a Committee of at least five members presided over by a Pro-Dean nominated by Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. The Chair of the candidate's department and the Thesis Supervisor are regularly invited to be members of the Committee; at least one member of the Committee is appointed from outside the candidate's department. Guidelines are available at [www.mcgill.ca/gps/thesis/guidelines](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 *Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport* (MELS) to offer its own graduate programs, may be admitted to an *Ad Personam* program. For more information, see <http://secureweb.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply/prepare#program> 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](http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/registration).



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

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

**Revision, October 2012. End of revision.**

## 6.3 Application Procedures (for All Admissions Starting Summer 2013)

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### Application Checklist

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

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

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

### 6.3.1 Document Checklist Terms

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## 6.4 Admission Tests

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### Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

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

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

### Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)

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

**Revision, October 2012. End of revision.**

## 6.5 Competency in English

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

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

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

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

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

### Competency in English

iBT (Internet-based test)	PBT (paper-based test)	CBT (computer-based test)*
86 overall (no less than 20 in each of the four component scores)	550	* The CBT is no longer being offered and CBT results are no longer considered valid, or being reported by ETS.

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

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

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

*Revised – July 2008*



## 6.6 Admission to a Qualifying Program

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

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

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

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

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

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## 6.7 Admission to a Second Degree Program

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

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## 6.8 Admission to Two Degree Programs

Students may, with special permission granted by Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, be admitted to two degree programs or to two departments or faculties. Students are **never** permitted to pursue two **full-time** degree programs concurrently.

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## 6.9 Admission to an Ad Personam Joint Program

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

This program is described in more detail at <http://secureweb.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply/prepare#program>.

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## 6.10 Reinstatement and Admission of Former Students

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

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

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

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

*Revised – Council of February 9, 2004.*

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## 6.11 Deferral of Admission

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

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## 7 Fellowships, Awards, and Assistantships

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies  
(Fellowships and Awards Section)  
James Administration Building, Room 400  
845 Sherbrooke Street West  
Montreal, QC H3A 0G4  
Telephone: 514-398-3990  
Fax: 514-398-2626  
Website: [www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/funding/students-postdocs](http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/funding/students-postdocs)

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

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

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

A small number of citizens from countries whose governments have entered into agreements on tuition fees with Quebec may be exempted from the supplemental tuition fees normally required of international students. All French citizens and a limited number of citizens of countries in the list, which can be found at

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.

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- 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;
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on their record. No tuition fees will be charged for the duration of the authorized leave. Research supervisors are not obligated to remunerate students and Postdocs on leave. GPS has prepared a summary table of various leave policies (paid or unpaid) for students and Postdocs paid from the Federal and Quebec Councils through fellowships or research grants. The document is available at [www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/progress/leave-vacation](http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/progress/leave-vacation) under “Information on the 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 *Quebec Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport* (MELS) 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 indivs.

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

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

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

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## 11 Academic Programs

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

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### 11.1 Law

#### 11.1.1 Location

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Graduate Programs in Law  
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3644 Peel Street, Room 406  
Montreal, QC H3A 1W9  
Canada

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Email: [grad.law@mcgill.ca](mailto:grad.law@mcgill.ca)  
Website: [www.mcgill.ca/law](http://www.mcgill.ca/law)

*Associate Dean (Graduate Studies)* – Rosalie Jukier

#### 11.1.2 About Law

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

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

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

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

Students may choose to pursue either the LL.M. or the D.C.L. in the Faculty of Law

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

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

### **Institute of Air and Space Law**

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

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

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

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

### **Institute of Comparative Law**

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

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

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

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### **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. 697.273.8004



## Language Requirement

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

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

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

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

For information about the TOEFL, and to register to take the test, see [www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl). For information about the IELTS, see [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 institution to Graduate Programs in Law. For the TOEFL, McGill's institutional code is **0935** and Law's departmental code is **03**. These codes must be provided to TOEFL when requesting a test report form. For the IELTS, applicants must ask for an official report to be sent to Graduate Programs in Law at the Graduate Programs' departmental address. These tests must be taken sufficiently early for results to reach McGill no later than **February 1** of the year of admission. Application files must be completed by that date to be considered.

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

### D.C.L. Degree

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

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

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

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

### Master's Degrees

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

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

### LL.M. Interdisciplinary



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

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

**11.1.4.2 International Business Law**

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

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

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

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

Law and Practice of International Trade (CMPL 543)

Law of Space Applications (ASPL 638)

Patent Theory and Policy (BUS2 501)

Private International Air Law (ASPL 636)

Public International Air Law (ASPL 633)

Research Seminars (CMPL 508 & CMPL 509)

Resolution of International Disputes (CMPL 533)

Securities Regulation (BUS2 504)

**11.1.4.3 Human Rights and Cultural Diversity**

Building on the Faculty's strength in public law, this concentration promotes the comparative study of human rights public la

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

Regulation, Technology / Society (CMPL 605)

Research Seminars (CMPL 508 &amp; CMPL 509)

Trade Regulation (CMPL 521)

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

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

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

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

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

**Comprehensive - Required**

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

LAWG 701	(0)	Comprehensive Exam - Law
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**Required Course**

CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law
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**Complementary Course**

Students are encouraged to take:

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

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

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

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**Comprehensive - Required**

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

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

Students are encouraged to take:

CMPL 610	(4)	Legal Research Methodology
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### **11.1.7 Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.); Comparative Law**

The Institute of Comparative Law offers the D.C.L. program in Comparative Law, which allows for the dev

**Required Courses (8 credits)**

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

**Complementary Courses (7 credits)**

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

**Additional Thesis Courses**

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

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

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

The 45-credit LL.M. program, thesis option, in Bioethics is a research-intensive, interdisciplinary, graduate program focused on de

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

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

The Faculty of Law together with the School of Environment and other units at McGill offers a 45-credit LL.M. program, thesis option, in Environment. This is a research-intensive, interdisciplinary, graduate program focused on dev



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

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

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

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

### **Research Project (15 credits)**

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

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

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

**Complementary Courses (22 credits)**

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

**Additional Research Project Courses**

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

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

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

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

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

**Research Project (17 credits)**

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

ENVR 620	(3)	Environment and Health of Species
ENVR 622	(3)	Sustainable Landscapes
ENVR 630	(3)	Civilization and Environment
ENVR 680	(3)	Topics in Environment 4

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

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

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

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

##### **Thesis Courses (25 credits)**

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

Master's Thesis 1

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

**Required Courses (9 credits)**

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

**Complementary Courses (18 credits)**

4 credits from the following:

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

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

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

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

LL.M. candidates may be associated with the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, the Quebec Research Centre of Private and Comparative Law, the Centre for Intellectual Property Policy, or one of the specialized Research Chairs at the Faculty of Law. For more information, see our website: <http://www.vhtAj10012486ilmcs-onalacultyofL2oM01165t1052435.s/52435.s/llm./://www>

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

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

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

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

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms. The third term is devoted to the Research Project, usually taken in the summer of the first year, meaning that students usually complete

### **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.