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1 About the Faculty of Religious Studies

The Faculty of Religious Studies has a long and distinguished history at McGill University and offers programs for those seeking to pursue the academic study of religion at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The Faculty recognizes the crucial role played by religion throughout history as well as in

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Those who, during the qualifying year, earn a CGP of 2.5 to 2.9 (with no grade less than 60%) normally will be granted admission to the 120-credit B.Th. program. Credits completed during the qualifying year may be applied to the 120 credit requirement.

Those who, during the qualifying year, earn a CGP of at least 3.0 (having taken 30 credits, including at least 1000-level courses and with no grade less than 65%) normally will be granted admission to the 90-credit B.Th. program. Credits completed during the qualifying year may be applied to the 90 credit requirement.

Students who, during the qualifying year, do not earn a minimum CGP of 2.5 or who have grades less than 60%, may apply to re-take courses, pending approval of the Chair of the B.Th. Committee.

7.3.3 Competence in English

Please note that for non-Canadian applicants whose mother tongue is not English, documented proof of competence in written English by an appropriate examination is required. A Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required, with a minimum score of 577 for the paper-based version and of 90 for the Internet-based composite (iBT). The iBT, a minimum score of 21 is also required in each individual component of reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Permanent residents of Canada may be required to TOEFL score as well. All of official documents must be sent to the Faculty of Religious Studies addressed in [section 7.3.4 Applying to the B.Th. Program](#).

7.3.4 Applying to the B.Th. Program

All applications must be made online at the McGill University website for prospective students www.mcgill.ca/applying. The online application process should take about 20 minutes and a credit card is required for payment of the application fee. Once completed, the online application form may be printed for your own records.



Note: Owing to McGill University's implementation of a comprehensive online application system, paper applications to the B.Th. Program can no longer be accepted. All applicants must apply online.

7.3.4.1 Required Documents

Two letters of reference, at least one of which should be from an instructor in an academic institution you have attended.

A personal statement, according to the directions in the application.

Official transcript(s) of all previous post-secondary academic work.

A complete set of these required documents must be sent to the Faculty of Religious Studies (see address below).

If you are applying for admission to one of the Theological Colleges, another complete set of these required documents must also be sent to the College concerned.

Please note that your file will not be considered by the Admissions Committee until all the required documents have been received.

Mailing Address

By mail:

Bachelor of Theology Program
 McGill University
 Enrolment Services Documentation Centre
 688 Sherbrooke Street West, Suite 760
 Montreal, Quebec H3A 3R1
 Canada

Drop-off or courier:

McGill University
 Enrolment Services
 Service Point
 3415 McTavish Street
 Montreal, Quebec H3A 1Y1
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7.3.5 Application Deadlines

Applicants to the B.Th. program may be accepted into the Winter, or Summer term. The online application deadline is May 1 (June 15 for college affiliate applicants) for September admissions; November 1 for January admissions; and March 1 for May admissions. Please note that all required

Students admitted on the basis of a bachelors degree will have advanced standing and should consult their program adviser to determine course equivalencies completed during their first degree and how these affect their program requirements for the Bachelor of Theology Normally, these students start Year 2 (U2) and follow the requirements below starting with Year 2.

The normal course load in the degree for full-time students is 15 credits per term or 3-credit courses.

By permission of the Dean and the Chair of the B.Th. Committee, students may also enrol for courses at a university in the province of Quebec. For further information, see "Quebec Inter-University Transfer Agreement: McGill Students" in the "University Regulations and Information" section under "Registration".

Professional and vocational courses (e.g., leading to ordination) available through the In-Ministry Year (Master of Divinity (M.Div.)) upon the completion of the B.Th. degree.

First Year (U0) - Courses (30 credits)

Courses are to be selected in consultation with the student's program adviser for students admitted from high school into U0.

Year 1 (U1) - Required Courses (9 credits)

Students admitted to U1 on the basis of a Quebec Diploma of College Studies (DEC) will take these required courses in their first year

Students admitted to the B.Th. on the basis of a bachelors degree should consult their program adviser about their first year requirements. By permission of the B.Th. Committee, students may substitute courses of their own choosing for the required courses if they have already taken them or similar courses for credit elsewhere.

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| RELG 204 | (3) | Judaism, Christianity and Islam |
| RELG 210 | (3) | Jesus of Nazareth |
| RELG 334 | (3) | Christian Thought and Culture |

Year 1 (U1) - Elective Courses (21 credits)

To be determined in consultation with the B.Th. program adviser

Year 2 (U2) - Required Courses (24 credits)

Students entering the B.Th. as a second degree program would normally take 60 credits and begin with Year 2 (U2) courses. These students should verify with their program adviser regarding course substitutions if they have completed similar courses elsewhere.

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| RELG 302 | (3) | Literature of Ancient Israel 1 |
| RELG 303 | (3) | Literature of Ancient Israel 2 |
| RELG 311 | (3) | New Testament Studies 1 |
| RELG 312 | (3) | New Testament Studies 2 |
| RELG 322 | (3) | The Church in History 1 |
| RELG 323 | (3) | The Church in History 2 |
| RELG 333 | (3) | Principles of Christian Theology 1 |
| RELG 341 | (3) | Introduction: Philosophy of Religion |

Year 2 (U2) - Complementary Courses (6 credits)

To be chosen from among the 300- or 400-level courses offered in the B.Th. or B.A. Religious Studies programs (or RELG 280D1-RELG 280D2) in consultation with the B.Th. program adviser

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| RELG 280D1 | (3) | Elementary New Testament Greek |
| RELG 280D2 | (3) | Elementary New Testament Greek |

Year 3 (U3) - Required Courses (12 credits)

* Note: RELG 420 may be replaced with another course if recommended by the program adviser

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| RELG 420 | (3) | Canadian Church History |
| RELG 434 | (3) | Principles of Christian Theology 2 |
| RELG 470 | (3) | Theological Ethics |
| RELG 479 | (3) | Christianity in Global Perspective |

