Faculty of Religious Studies (Graduate)

Programs, Courses and University Regulations

2012-2013

This PDF excerpt of *Programs, Courses and University Regulations* is an archived snapshot of the web content on the date that appears in the footer of the PDF.
Archival copies are available at www.mcgill.ca/study.

This publication provides guidance to prospects, applicants, students, faculty and staff.

1. McGill University reserves the right to make changes to the information contained in this online publication - including correcting errors, altering fees, schedules of admission, and credit requirements, and revising or cancelling particular courses or programs - without prior notice.
2. In the interpretation of academic regulations, the Senate is the final authority.
3. Students are responsible for informing themselves of the University's procedures, policies and regulations, and the specific requirements associated with the degree, diploma, or certificate sought.
4. All students registered at McGill University are considered to have agreed to act in accordance with the University procedures, policies and regulations.
5. Although advice is readily available on request, the responsibility of selecting the appropriate courses for graduation must ultimately rest with the student.
6. Not all courses are offered every year and changes can be made after publication. Always check the Minerva Class Schedule link at https://banweb.mcgill.ca/pban1/bwckschd.p_disp_dyn_sched for the most up-to-date information on whether a course is offered.
7. The academic publication year begins at the start of the Fall semester and extends through to the end of the Winter semester of any given year. Students who begin study at any point within this period are governed by the regulations in the publication which came into effect at the start of the Fall semester.
8. Notwithstanding any other provision of the publication, it is expressly understood by all students that McGill University accepts no responsibility to provide any course of instruction, program or class, residential or other services including the normal range of academic, residential and/or other services in circumstances of utility interruptions, fire, flood, strikes, work stoppages, labour disputes, war, insurrection, the operation of law or acts of God or any other cause (whether similar or dissimilar to those enumerated) which reasonably prevent their provision.

Note: Throughout this publication, "you" refers to students newly admitted, readmitted or returning to McGill.

Publication Information

Published by

Enrolment Services
McGill University
3415 McTavish Street
Montreal, Quebec, H3A 0C8
Canada

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.
Associate Provost (Graduate Education)
Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

2 Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

2.1 Administrative Officers

Administrative Officers	
Martin Kreiswirth; B.A.(Hamilton), M.A.(Chic.), Ph.D.(Tor.)	**Associate Provost (Graduate Education) and Dean (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)**
Shari Baum; B.A.(C'nell), M.Sc.(Vermont), Ph.D.(Brown)	**Associate Dean (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)**
Laura Nilson; B.A.(Colgate), Ph.D.(Yale)	**Associate Dean (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)**
Lisa deMena Travis; B.A.(Yale), Ph.D.(MIT)	**Associate Dean (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)**
Charlotte E. Légaré; B.Sc.(Montr.), M.Sc.(Sher.), M.B.A.(McG.)	**Senior Adviser to the Associate Provost / Dean (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)** (*on leave*)
Lissa B. Matyas; B.F.A., M.Sc.(C'dia)	**Director (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)**

2.2 Location

James Administration Building, Room 400
845 Sherbrooke Street West
Montreal, QC H3A 0G4

Telephone: 514-398-3990
Fax: 514-398-6283
Email: *servicepoint@mcgill.ca*
Website: *www.mcgill.ca/gps*

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

2.3   General Statement Concerning Higher Degrees

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

3   Important Dates 2012–2013

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

4   Graduate Studies at a Glance

4.1   Graduate and Postoctoral Degrees Offered by Faculty

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

Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences	Degrees Available
: Agricultural Economics	M.Sc.
: Animal Science	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D.
: Bioresource Engineering	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate
: Biotechnology	M.Sc.A., Graduate Certificate
: Dietetics and Human Nutrition	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D., Graduate Diploma
: Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: Natural Resource Sciences	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: Parasitology	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: Plant Science	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate

Faculty of Arts	Degrees Available
: Anthropology	M.A., Ph.D.
: Art History	M.A., Ph.D.
Classics – see *: History and Classical Studies*	N/A
: Communication Studies	M.A., Ph.D.
: East Asian Studies	M.A., Ph.D.
: Economics	M.A., Ph.D.
: English	M.A., Ph.D.
: French Language and Literature	M.A., Ph.D.
: Geography	M.A., Ph.D.
: History and Classical Studies	M.A., Ph.D.
: Institute for the Study of International Development	N/A
: Islamic Studies	M.A., Ph.D.

Faculty of Arts	**Degrees Available**
: Je	M.A.

Degree		Prerequisites
Master of Arts	M.A.	Bachelor of Arts in the subject selected for graduate work. See appropriate unit.
Master of Architecture	M.Arch.	Professional degree – McGill B.Sc.(Arch.) degree, or equivalent.
		Post-professional degree – an M.Arch. (professional degree) or equivalent professional degree.
Master of Business Administration	M.B.A.	An undergraduate degree from an approved university. See *: M.B.A. Program*.
Master of Business Administration with integrated Bachelor of Ci	M.B.A. with B.C.L./LL.B.	See *: M.B.A. Program*.

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Professional	Non-Thesis	Design Studio, Design Studio – Directed Research
Post-professional	Non-Thesis	Architectural History and Theory, Cultural Mediations and Technology, Urban Design and Housing

Master of Arts (M.A.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Master of Education (M.Ed.)

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

Master of Engineering (M.Eng.)

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

Master of Laws (LL.M.)

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

Program Areas	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Food Safety (Non-Thesis)
Genetic Counselling	Non-Thesis	N/A
Geography	Thesis	Environment, Neotropical Environment
Human Genetics	Thesis	Bioethics, Bioinformatics
Human Nutrition	Thesis	N/A
Kinesiology and Physical Education	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Mathematics and Statistics	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Bioinformatics, Computational Science and Engineering
Mechanical Engineering	Thesis	N/A
Medical Radiation Physics	Thesis	N/A
Microbiology	Thesis	Environment
Microbiology and Immunology	Thesis	N/A
Mining and Materials Engineering	Thesis	N/A
Neuroscience	Thesis	N/A
Otolaryngology	Thesis	N/A
Parasitology	Thesis	Bioinformatics, Environment
Pathology	Thesis	N/A
Pharmacology	Thesis	Chemical Biology
Physics	Thesis	N/A
Physiology	Thesis	Bioinformatics
Plant Science	Thesis	Bioinformatics, Environment, Neotropical Environment
Psm1A0hes8stics	Thesis	N/A

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

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

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

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options

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

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

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

Joint Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

The following joint Ph.D. programs are offered:

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

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

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

- The following master's programs have a minimum residence requirement of **three full-time terms**: M.Arch, M.A., M.Eng., LL.M., M.Mus. (**except** M.Mus. in Sound Recording), M.Sc., M.S.W., M.Sc.A. (**except** M.Sc.A. in Communication Sciences and Disorders).
- The following master's programs have a **minimum**1 0 (minimum)Tj/ 2u. d0

6.4 Admission Tests

Revision, October 2012. Start of revision.

Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

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

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

Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)

Applicants to graduate programs in Management must ensure that official results are released to McGill by the Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC). The test is a standardized assessment offered by the GMAC to help b

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., tw

6.11   Deferral of Admission

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

7   Fellowships, Awards, and Assistantships

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*

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 aw

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

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

iv. Some examples of responsibilities of the department are:

– to verify the Postdoc's eligibility period for registration;

– to provide Postdocs with departmental policy and procedures that pertain to them;

– to oversee the registration and appointment of Postdocs;

– to assign departmental personnel (e.g., Postdoc coordinator and Graduate Program Director) the responsibility for Postdocs;

– to oversee and sign off on the Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education;

– to ensure that each Postdoc has a supervisor, lab and/or office space, access to research operating costs and necessary equipment;

– to include Postdocs in departmental career and placement opportunities;

– to refer Postdocs to the appropriate University policies and personnel for the resolution of conflict that may arise between a Postdoc and a supervisor.

v. Some examples of responsibilities of the supervisor are:

– to uphold and transmit to their Postdocs the highest professional standards of research and/or scholarship;

– to provide research guidance;

– to meet regularly with their Postdocs;

– to provide feedback on research submitted by the Postdocs;

– to clarify expectations regarding intellectual property rights in accordance with the University's policy;

– to provide mentorship for career development;

– to prepare, sign, and adhere to a Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education.

vi. Some examples of responsibilities of Postdocs are:

– to inform themselves of and adhere to the University's policies and/or regulations for Postdocs for leaves, for research, and for student conduct as outlined in the *Handbook on Student Rights and Responsibilities* and the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies *University Regulations and Resources*;

– to submit a complete file for registration to Enrolment Services;

– to sign and adhere to their Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education;

– to communicate regularly with their supervisor;

– to inform their supervisor of their absences.

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

– to register Postdocs;

– to provide an appeal mechanism in cases of conflict;

– to provide documented policies and procedures to Postdocs;

– to provide Postdocs with the necessary information on McGill University student services.

Approved by Senate, April 2000

8.3   Vacation Policy for Graduate Students and Postdocs

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

Council of FGSR April 23, 1999

8.4   Leave of Absence for Health and Parental/Familial Reasons

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

Such a leave must be requested on a term-by-term basis and may be granted for a period of up to 52 weeks. Students and Postdocs must make a request for such a leave in writing to their department and submit a medical certificate. The department shall forward the request to Enrolment Services. See procedure under *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Health and Parental/Familial Leave of Absence Policy*. Students who have been granted such a leave will have to register for the term(s) in question and their registration will show as "leave of absence"

on their record. No tuition fees will be charged for the duration of the authorized leave. Research supervisors are not obligated to remunerate students and Postdocs on leave. GPS has prepared a summary table of various leave policies (paid or unpaid) for students and Postdocs paid from the Federal and Quebec Councils through fellowships or research grants. The document is available at *www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/progress/leave-vacation* under "Information on the Funding Council Leave Policies for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows."

8.5 Postdoctoral Research Trainees

Eligibility

11.1.3 Religious Studies Admission Requirements and Application Procedures

Revision, October 2012. Start of revision.

11.1.3.1 Admission Requirements

Master of Arts (M.A.) Thesis

Applicants must possess a B.A. with a Major or Honours in Religious Studies or a Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.), or a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree, normally with a minimum CGPA of 3.3/4.0 (B+) from an accredited university or college. Applicants with fewer than 30 appropriate credits in Religious Studies or Theology are normally required to take a Qualifying Program before entering the M.A.

Master of Arts (M.A.) in Religious Studies (Thesis) – Gender and Women's Studies Option/Concentration

The graduate option in Gender and Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary program for students who meet degree requirements in Religious Studies (and other participating departments and faculties) who wish to focus on gender-related issues and feminist research and methodologies. Research focus is on a topic relating to gender issues or women's studies.

Master of Arts (M.A.) (Thesis) in Religious Studies with specialization in Bioethics

For information contact the Chair, Master's Specialization in Bioethics, Biomedical Ethics Unit, 3690 Peel Street, Montreal, QC, H3A 1W9. Telephone: 514-398-6980. Fax: 514-398-8349. Email: *jennifer.fishman@mcgill.ca*.

Master of Arts (M.A.) (Non-Thesis)

Applicants must possess a B.A. with a Major or Honours in Religious Studies or a Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.), or a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree, normally with a minimum CGPA of 3.3/4.0 (B+) from an accredited university or college. Applicants with fewer than 30 appropriate credits in Religious Studies or Theology are normally required to take a Qualifying Program before entering the M.A.

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

Applicants must possess a B.A., normally with at least a good second-class standing (B+ or CGPA 3.3/4.0), in a major or honours program in religious studies or theology from an accredited university or college. Those who have a McGill B.Th. or an equivalent degree in addition to a B.A. degree with a second-class standing may be admitted to the second year of the S.T.M. program.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Entry into the doctoral program is limited to applicants who have earned an academic master's degree in religious studies or theology in a recognized graduate program, or those who have finished the course requirements of such a program with a minimum CGPA of 3.5/4.0.

Advanced Standing (Ph.D. 2) may be granted if the completed master's-level work including a thesis is in the same area as that of the intended doctoral specialization and involved not less than six (6) courses (18 credits).

It is recommended that a foreign language related to the area of study be included in the bachelor's or master's work preceding doctoral study.

Applicants for doctoral programs are requested to submit a substantial sample of their scholarly writing (15–20 pages) with their application. The application should specify one of the specializations listed in *section 11.1.2: About Religious Studies*.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Religious Studies – Gender and Women's Studies Option/Concentration

The graduate option in Gender and Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary program for students who meet the degree requirements in Religious Studies who wish to focus on gender-related issues and feminist research and methodologies. Research focus is on a topic relating to gender issues or women's studies.

11.1.3.2 Application Procedures

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

See *section 6.3: Application Procedures (for All Admissions Starting Summer 2013)* for detailed application procedures.

11.1.3.2.1 Additional Requirements

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

- Personal Statement – approximately 500 words
- Written Work – recent academic writing

11.1.3.3 Dates for Guaranteed Consideration

Canadian	International	Special/Exchange/Visiting
Fall: March 15*	Fall: March 15*	Fall: March 15*

Note: We are not willing to consider any applications to be admitted for the Winter term for the M.A. Bioethics option.

Revision, October 2012. End of revision.

11.1.4 Religious Studies Faculty

Dean, Faculty of Religious Studies

Ellen B. Aitken

Graduate Program Director

Patricia G. Kirkpatrick

Graduate Admissions Chair

Ian Henderson

Emeritus Professors

Gregory B. Baum; B.A.(McM.), M.A.(Ohio), D.Th.(Fribourg)

Maurice Boutin; B.A., B.A., B.A.(Montr.), D.Th.(Munich) (*J.W. McConnell Professor of Philosophy of Religion*)

Robert C. Culley; B.A.(Tor.), B.D.(Knox, Tor.), M.A., Ph.D.(Tor.), D.D.(Montr. Dio. Coll.)

Douglas J. Hall; B.A.(W. Ont.), M.Div., S.T.M., Th.D.(U.T.S., N.Y.), D.D.(Qu.), LL.D.(Wat.), D.D.(Presb. Coll.)

Joseph C. McLelland; B.A.(McM.), M.A.(Tor.), B.D.(Knox, Tor.), Ph.D.(Edin.), D.D.(Montr. Dio. Coll.), D.D.(Knox, Tor.)

Donna R. Runnalls; B.A.(Br. Col.), B.D.(McG.), Ph.D.(Tor.)

Frederik Wisse; Ing.(Utrecht), B.A., B.D.(Calvin), Ph.D.(Claremont)

Professors

Douglas B. Farrow; B.R.E.(Providence), M.Div.(Grace), M.Th.(Regent), Ph.D.(Lond.)

Torrance Kirby; B.A.(KCNS), M.A.(Dal.), D.Phil.(Oxf.)

Gerbern S. Oegema; B.A., Th.D.(Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam), M.A., Ph.D.(Free Univ., Berlin), Dr. Theol. Habil(Tübingen)

Arvind Sharma; B.A.(Alld.), M.A.(Syrac.), M.T.S., Ph.D.(Harv.) (*Henry Birks Professor of Comparative Religion*)

Katherine K. Young; B.A.(Vermont), M.A.(Chic.), Ph.D.(McG.) (*James McGill Professor of Hinduism/Comparative Religion*) (*Post-Retirement*)

Associate Professors

Ellen B. Aitken; A.B.(Harv.), M.Div.(Univ. of the South), Th.D.(Harv.)

Lara Braitstein; B.A., M.A., Ph.D.(McG.)

Gaelle Fiasse; B.A., M.A., Ph.D.(Louvain) (*joint appt. with Philosophy*)

Garth Green; B.A.(Ariz.), M.A.(Catholic Univ. of Louvain), M.A., Ph.D.(Boston)

Ian H. Henderson; B.A.(Manit.), B.D.(St. And.), M.A.(McM.), D.Phil.(Oxf.)

G. Victor Hori; B.A.(York), M.A.(Tor.), Ph.D.(Stan.)

Patricia G. Kirkpatrick; B.A.(McG.), M.Th.(Lond.), D.Phil.(Oxf.), D.D.(Montr. Dio. Coll.)

Davesh Soneji; B.A.(Manit.), Ph.D.(McG.)

Assistant Professor

Daniel Cere; B.A., M.A.(McG.), Ph.D.(C'dia)

Faculty Lecturers

Jim Kanaris; B.A.(C'dia), M.A., Ph.D.(McG.)

11.1.5   Master of Arts (M.A.); Religious Studies (Thesis) (48 credits)

Thesis Courses (27 credits)

RELG 688	(3)	Thesis Research 1
RELG 689	(3)	Thesis Research 2
RELG 698	(9)	Thesis Research 3
RELG 699	(12)	Thesis Research 4

Required Course (3 credits)

RELG 645	(3)	Methods in Religious Studies

Complementary Courses (15 credits)

15 credits selected from the 500- or 600-level courses accepted by the Faculty of Religious Studies for the granting of a master's degree.

Language Requirement

Students are required to give their area committee evidence of reading knowledge of a scholarly language other than English. This language may be either a modern language in which there is a significant amount of scholarship relev(960.95omplementar

Either

WMST 602 (3) Feminist Research Symposium

or 3 credits of another 500- or 600-level course in Gender and Women's Studies.

11.1.7 Master of Arts (M.A.); Religious Studies (Thesis) — Bioethics (45 credits)

Thesis Courses (24 credits)

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

Required Courses (12 credits)

BIOE 680	(3)	Bioethical Theory
BIOE 681	(3)	Bioethics Practicum
RELG 571	(3)	Religion and Medicine
RELG 645	(3)	Methods in Religious Studies

Complementary Courses (9 credits)

9 credits at the 500 or 600 level, deemed necessary or accepted by the base faculty for the granting of a master's degree, in consultation with the supervisor.

Master of Arts (M.A.); Religious Studies (Non-f Studse f

Note: Ordination requirements for S.T.M. graduates will normally involve a further year of professional pastoral studies (the In-Ministry Year) provided by the Montreal School of Theology affiliated with the Faculty of Religious Studies.

Students admitted to Year 1 are required to complete twelv

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.); Religious Studies — Gender and W