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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 400 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, supervision, and research across the University. GPS also oversees quality assurance in admissions and registration, the disbursement of graduate fellowships, support for postdoctoral fellows, and facilitates graduate degree completion, including the graduation process, and examination of theses. GPS has partnered with Enrolment Services to manage the admission and registration of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows and to offer streamlined services in a one-stop location at [Service Point](#).

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

McGill is ranked as one of Canada's most intensive research universities and currently ranked 18<sup>th</sup> by *QS World University Rankings 2012*. 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.

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## 2 Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

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

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## 2.3 General Statement Concerning Higher Degrees

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

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## 3 Important Dates 2013–2014

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

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## 4 Graduate Studies at a Glance

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### 4.1 Graduate and Postdoctoral 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
: <i>Agricultural Economics</i>	M.Sc.
: <i>Animal Science</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Bioresource Engineering</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate
: <i>Biotechnology</i>	M.Sc.A., Graduate Certificate
: <i>Dietetics and Human Nutrition</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D., Graduate Diploma
: <i>Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Natural Resource Sciences</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Parasitology</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Plant Science</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate
Faculty of Arts	Degrees Available
: <i>Anthropology</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Art History</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
Classics – see : <i>History and Classical Studies</i>	N/A
: <i>Communication Studies</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>East Asian Studies</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Economics</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>English</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>French Language and Literature</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Geo</i>	M.A., Ph.D.



<b>Faculty of Arts</b>	<b>Degrees Available</b>
: <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>Arc</i>	M.Arch., Ph.D.

Faculty of Medicine	Degrees Available
<i>: Medicine, Experimental</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D., Graduate Diploma
<i>: Medicine, Family (Option)</i>	N/A
<i>: Microbiology and Immunology</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
<i>: Neuroscience (Integrated Program in)</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
<i>: Occupational Health</i>	M.Sc.A., Ph.D.
<i>: Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery</i>	M.Sc.
<i>: Pathology</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
<i>: Pharmacology and Therapeutics</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
<i>: Physiology</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
<i>: Psychiatry</i>	M.Sc.
<i>: Surgery, Experimental</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.

Degree		Prerequisites
Master of Business Administration with integrated Bachelor of Civil Law / Bachelor of Laws	M.B.A. with B.C.L./LL.B.	See : <a href="#">M.B.A. Program</a> .
Master of Business Administration with Doctor of Medicine / Master of Surgery	M.B.A. with M.D.,C.M.	See : <a href="#">M.B.A. Program</a> .
Master of Education	M.Ed.	Bachelor's degree with specialization related to the subject chosen for graduate work, plus a Permanent Quebec Teaching Diploma or its equivalent for some of the above degrees. See appropriate department.
Master of Engineering	M.Eng.	Bachelor of Engineering or equivalent, with specialization appropriate for the subject selected for graduate study. See appropriate department.
Master of Laws	LL.M.	An acceptable degree in Law or equivalent qualifications. See <a href="#">section 11.1.3: Law Admission Requirements and Application Procedures</a> .
Master of Library and Information Studies	M.L.I.S.	At least a bachelor's degree from a recognized university. See <a href="#">Site studies 095 required to pass Studies Admission Requirements and Application Procedures</a> .
Master of Management	M.M.	See : <a href="#">Master of Management Programs Admission Requirements and Application Procedures</a> .
Master of Manufacturing Management	M.M.M.	See : <a href="#">Master of Management Programs Admission Requirements and Application Procedures</a> .
Master of Music	M.Mus.	Bachelor of Music or Bachelor of Arts with concentration in the area selected for graduate study. Applicants to the Performance program are required to pass auditions in their

**Master of Arts (M.A.)**

Art History	Thesis	N/A
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 ( <i>Ad Hoc</i> )	N/A
Economics	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Development Studies, Social Statistics (Non-Thesis)
Educational Psychology	Thesis	Health Professions Education, Human Development, Learning Sciences, School/Applied Psychology
Education and Society	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Gender and Women's Studies, Mathematics and Science Education (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 Language and Literature	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
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

**Master of Arts (M.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.)**

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

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

A program leading to the degree of *Sanctae Theologiae Magister* (S.T.M.) is given in the Faculty of Religious Studies. This degree is primarily for those who intend to enter the ministry of the Christian Church or another religious institution, or to proceed to teaching in schools. A Master of Arts program (thesis and non-thesis) is also available.

Religious Studies	Non-Thesis	N/A
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**Master of Science (M.Sc.)**

Agricultural Economics	Thesis	N/A
Animal Science	Thesis	N/A
Atmospheric and Oceanic Science	Thesis	Environment
Biochemistry	Thesis	Bioinformatics, Chemical Biology
Biology	Thesis	Bioinformatics, Environment, Neotropical Environment
Bioresource Engineering	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Environment, Neotropical Environment (Thesis) Integrated Water Resource Management (Non-Thesis)
Biostatistics	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Cell Biology	Thesis	N/A
Chemistry	Thesis	Chemical Biology
Civil Engineering	Thesis	N/A
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Thesis	N/A
Computer Science	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Bioinformatics, Computational Science and Engineering (Thesis)
Dental Science	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (Thesis)
Earth and Planetary Sciences	Thesis	Environment
Entomology	Thesis	Environment, Neotropical Environment
Epidemiology	Thesis	N/A
Experimental Medicine	Thesis	Bioethics, Environment, Family Medicine
Experimental Surgery	Thesis	Surgical Research
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 (Thesis)
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

<b>Master of Science (M.Sc.)</b>		
Physics	Thesis	N/A
Physiology	Thesis	Bioinformatics
Plant Science	Thesis	Bioinformatics, Environment, Neotropical Environment
Psychiatry	Thesis	N/A
Psychology	Thesis	N/A
Public Health	Non-Thesis	Environment
Rehabilitation Sciences	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Renewable Resources	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Environment, Neotropical Environment (Thesis) Environmental Assessment (Non-Thesis)

<b>Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.)</b>		
This degree was designed to provide postgraduate training of a professional and vocational character with more theoretical knowledge and research than in Master of Science programs, but with no lower standards either for admission or equivalent are normally required with an emphasis on coursework. Two years of full-time study		
Animal Science	Non-Thesis	N/A
Bioresource Engineering	Non-Thesis	Environment, Environment, Food and Bioprocessing, Neotropical Environment
Biotechnology	Non-Thesis	N/A
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Non-Thesis	Speech-Language
Human Nutrition	Non-Thesis, Non-Thesis (Project), Non-Thesis (Practicum)	Dietetics Credential
Nursing	Non-Thesis	N/A
Occupational Health	Non-Thesis (Resident), Non-Thesis (Distance)	N/A
Occupational Therapy	Non-Thesis	N/A
Physical Therapy	Non-Thesis	N/A
Plant Science	Non-Thesis	N/A

<b>Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)</b>		
The M.S.W. degree represents a second level of professional study in which students build competence in a chosen field of practice.		
Social Work	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Joint Master of Social Work with B.C.L. and LL.B.	Non-Thesis	N/A

<b>Master of Urban Planning</b>		
The program requires a minimum of two years residence and a three-month internship with a recognized planning association.		
Urban Planning	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Transportation Planning (Non-Thesis)

### 4.3 Doctoral Degrees Available at McGill

The following section lists the doctoral degrees available at McGill, along with their prerequisites. [4.3.1: Doctoral Degree Programs and Specializations](#) for specific programs and options for doctoral degrees.

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Degree		Prerequisites
Doctor of Music	D.Mus.	M.A. in Composition (D.Mus. in Composition) or a master's degree in Performance, and professional and teaching experience (D.Mus. in Performance). See : <i>Schulich School of Music</i> .
Doctor of Philosophy	Ph.D.	An undergraduate degree relevant to the subject chosen for graduate work. Some departments require all Ph.D. candidates to hold a master's degree in the same subject. Departments may recommend that candidates of undoubted promise should be allowed to proceed directly to the Ph.D. degree without being required to submit a master's thesis.
Joint Doctor of Philosophy	Ph.D.	Joint Ph.D.s are offered in co-operation with other universities.
<i>Ad Hoc</i> Doctor of Philosophy	Ph.D. ( <i>Ad Hoc</i> )	Several departments offer the possibility of directly entering a Ph.D. program on an <i>ad hoc</i> 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 <i>ad hoc</i> Ph.D. program.

### 4.3.1 Doctoral Degree Programs and Specializations

Program	Options	Offered by Faculty/School
<b>Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.)</b>		
Doctoral programs are offered in Air and Space Law and Law (Comparative Law). Both are predominantly research degrees awarded on the basis of a thesis that represents an original contribution to the development of legal science.		
Law	Air and Space Law, Comparative Law	Faculty of Law
<b>Doctor of Music (D.Mus.)</b>		
The Doctor of Music degree is offered in Composition. The Doctoral thesis consists of a musical composition of major dimensions together with a written analysis of the work. The composition is presented by the candidate in concert. The regulations set forth for the Ph.D. generally apply also to the D.Mus.		
The Doctor of Music degree is also offered in Performance. It is offered to professional musicians who wish to teach at the university level and to develop a specialization in a particular repertoire, approach, or discipline (musicology, music theory, music education and pedagogy, or music technology).		
Music	Composition, Performance Studies	Schulich School of Music
<b>Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)</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



**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)**

Communication Studies	Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts
Computer Science	Bioinformatics	Faculty of Science
Counselling Psychology	N/A	Faculty of Education
	Environment	Faculty of Science



### Graduate Certificates

Assessing Driving Capabilities	Educational Leadership 1
Air and Space Law	Educational Leadership 2
Bioinformatics	Library and Information Studies
Bioresource Engineering (Integrated Water Resources Management)	Post-M.B.A.
Biotechnology	Teaching English as a Second Language
Chronic Pain Management	Theory in Primary Care
Comparative Law	Theory in Neonatology

All graduate regulations apply to graduate diploma and graduate certificate candidates.



**Note:** The School of Continuing Studies offers graduate diplomas and graduate certificates that are not under the academic supervision of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. To see a list of the programs offered, refer to the School of Continuing Studies eCalendar available at [www.mcgill.ca/study](http://www.mcgill.ca/study).

## 5 Program Requirements

### 5.1 Master's Degrees

#### Residence Requirements – Master's Degrees

Refers to the number of terms (or years) students must be registered on a full-time basis to complete their program. Students are NOT permitted to graduate until they have fulfilled the residence requirement (or paid the corresponding fees) in their program.

- The following master's programs have a **minimum** residence requirement of **three full-time terms**: M.Arch., M.A., M.Eng., LL.M., M.Mus. (**except** M.Mus. in Sound Recording), M.Sc., M.S.W., M.Sc.A. (**except** M.Sc.A. in Communication Sciences and Disorders).
- The following master's programs have a **minimum** residence requirement of **four full-time terms**: M.L.I.S.; M.Mus. in Sound Recording; M.U.P.; M.A. (60 credits – Counselling Psychology – thesis; 78 credits – Educational Psychology); M.A. Teaching and Learning – Non-Thesis; M.Sc.A. in Communication Sciences and Disorders; S.T.M., Religious Studies.
- The residence requirement for the master's program in Education (M.Ed.); Library and Information Studies (M.L.I.S.); Management (M.B.A.); Religious Studies (S.T.M.); M.A. Counselling Psychology – Non-Thesis; M.A. Teaching and Learning – Non-Thesis; M.Sc. in Public Health – Non-Thesis; M.Sc.A. Nursing; M.Sc.A. Occupational Therapy; M.Sc.A. Physical Therapy; and students in part-time programs is determined on a per course basis. Residence requirements are fulfilled when students complete all course requirements in their respective programs.
- For master's programs structured as Course, Project or Non-Thesis options where the program is pursued on a part-time basis, residence requirements are normally fulfilled when students complete all course requirements in their respective programs (minimum 45 credits or a minimum of three full-time terms) and pay the fees accordingly.

These designated periods of residence represent minimum time requirements. There is no guarantee that the work for the degree can be completed in this time. Students must register for such additional terms as are needed to complete the program.

#### Coursework – Master's Degrees

Program requirements are outlined in the relevant departmental sections of the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies *Programs, Courses and University Regulations* publication, available at [www.mcgill.ca/study](http://www.mcgill.ca/study).

The department concerned will examine the student's previous training and then decide which of the available courses in the area of specialization or related fields are required to bring the candidate to the proper level for the master's degree. Due account will be taken of relevant courses passed at any recognized university.

As a rule, no more than one-third of the McGill program formal coursework (not thesis, project, stage, or internship) can be credited with courses from another university.

Non-thesis degrees normally specify the course program which the candidate must follow.

The candidate is required to pass, with a grade of B- or better, all those courses that have been designated by the department as forming a part of the program, including additional requirements.

Students taking courses at another university must obtain a minimum grade of B- (65%) if the course is to be credited toward their McGill degree. In the cases where only a letter grade is used, a B- is the minimum passing grade and no equivalent percentage will be considered. In the cases where only a percentage grade is used, 65% is the minimum passing grade.

If courses were not used for a degree, they could be **credited** toward a McGill degree, keeping in mind that a maximum of one-third of the coursework (not thesis, project, stage, internship, and practicum) can be credited. If an **exemption** is granted, it must be replaced by another graduate course at McGill toward the degree. No double counting is ever allowed. This regulation also applies to doctoral programs.

#### **Research and Thesis – Master's Degrees**

All candidates for a research degree must present a thesis based on their own research. The total number of credits allotted to the thesis in any master's program must not be less than 24. The title of the thesis and names of examiners must be forwarded on a *Nomination of Examiners* form, in accordance with the dates on [www.mcgill.ca/importantdates](http://www.mcgill.ca/importantdates)

**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**

diplomas, letters of reference, and test scores, become the property of McGill Uni

**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.

## 6.4 Admission Tests

### 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).

## 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.

## Competency in English

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.

In each case, applicants must ensure that official test results are sent to McGill directly by the testing service.





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## **8 Postdoctoral Research**

Students must inform themselves of University rules and regulations and keep abreast of any changes that may occur. The *Postdoctoral Research* section of this publication contains important details required by postdoctoral scholars during their studies at McGill and should be periodically consulted, along with other sections and related publications.

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### **8.1 Postdocs**

Postdocs are recent graduates with a Ph.D. or equiv

- i. Postdocs have the same pertinent rights as the ones granted to McGill students in the *Handbook on Student Rights and Responsibilities* (“Green Book”), available at [www.mcgill.ca/secretariat/policies/students](http://www.mcgill.ca/secretariat/policies/students).
- ii. Postdocs have full graduate student borrowing privileges in McGill libraries through their identity card.
- iii. As a rule, Postdocs who are Canadian citizens or who have Permanent Resident status may take courses for credit. Admission to such courses should be sought by submitting application documents directly to the appropriate program by the Postdoc. They must be admitted by the department offering the courses as Special Students. These Postdocs may only be enrolled as part-time students in non-degree granting programs. They will be charged fees for these courses.
- iv. Postdocs may be listed in the McGill directory. The Computing Centre will grant Postdocs email privileges on the same basis as graduate students upon presentation of a valid identity card.
- v. The Department of Athletics will grant Postdocs access to sports facilities upon presentation of their identity card. A fee will be charged on an annual or term basis.
- vi. Postdocs are mandatory members of the Post-Graduate Students’

- 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*

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### **8.3 Vacation Policy for Graduate Students and Postdocs**

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

*Council of FGSR April 23, 1999*

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### **8.4 Leave of Absence for Health and Parental/Familial Reasons**

A leave of absence may be granted for maternity or parental reasons or for health reasons (see *Pro*

- the individual must be engaged in full-time research;
- the individual must provide copies of official transcripts/diploma;
- the individual must have the approval of a McGill professor to supervise the research and of the Unit;
- the individual must have adequate proficiency in English, but is not required to provide official proof of English competency to Enrolment Services;
- the individual must comply with regulations and procedures governing research ethics and safety and obtain the necessary training;
- the individual will be provided access to McGill libraries, email, and required training in research ethics and safety. Any other University services must be purchased (e.g., access to athletic facilities);
- the individual must arrange for basic health insurance coverage prior to arrival at McGill and may be required to provide proof of coverage.

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## **9 Graduate Studies Guidelines and Policies**

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## 11.1 Law

### 11.1.1 Location

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Website: [www.mcgill.ca/law-gradprograms](http://www.mcgill.ca/law-gradprograms)

*Associate Dean (Graduate Studies) – Angela Campbell*

### 11.1.2 About Law

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

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

McGill Law is a meeting place for the major languages of North America, for the world's leg

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

The European Studies Option (ESO) is a cross-disciplinary program offered as an option within the existing LL.M. Thesis program. This option is open to students whose work is focused on Europe, in particular on issues relating to European integration, broadly understood.



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

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

The LL.M. Non-Thesis program is geared toward students who wish to continue their legal education largely through graduate-level coursework. The program requires two terms of coursework as well as a 15,000-word research project.

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

The graduate option in Environment is a cross-disciplinary option offered in conjunction with the School of Environment within the LL.M. (Thesis or Non-Thesis) providing students with an appreciation for the role of science in informed decision-making in the environment sector, and its influence on political, socio-economic, and ethical judgments.

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

*section 11.1.11: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); Air and Space Law (45 credits)*

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

*section 11.1.12: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis); Air and Space Law (45 credits)*

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

### **Institute of Comparative Law**

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

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

*section 11.1.14: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis); Comparative Law (45 credits)*

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

### **Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) Degrees**

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

The Doctor of Civil Law program is centred around the doctoral thesis, which develops a substantive and original contribution to legal research and knowledge under the supervision of a faculty member. Many doctoral candidates intend on pursuing an academic career, and develop their approach to pedagogy, research, and writing while at McGill.

*section 11.1.16: Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.); Air and Space Law*

The Doctor of Civil Law in the Institute of Air and Space Law is a research degree ideal for scholars intent on deepening and broadening their critical understanding of the law, as well as their original engagement with it. Students must successfully complete a comprehensive examination to be done at the end of the first year, or during the second year of the D.C.L. program. The principal basis for evaluation is a doctoral thesis of up to 400 pages. It must constitute significant contribution to legal knowledge, evidenced in concept and ex





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.

#### **11.1.3.1.3 Master's Degrees**

Candidates for admission to the LL.M. program must hold a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in Law (such as LL.B. or J.D.), 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.

#### **11.1.3.1.4 LL.M. Interdisciplinary Options in Environment and European Studies**

Students who apply for admission to the LL.M. Thesis or Non-Thesis program at the Faculty of Law may specify an interest in these optionsram at the F

McGill Graduate Law offers **Fall term admission only**; the Faculty is not willing to consider applications for



#### **11.1.4.4 Regulation, Technology and Society**

This concentration focuses on the comparative and interdisciplinary study of legal regulation in areas of rapid technological change. It encourages critical reflection on notions of the public interest and its protection in areas as diverse as the biomedical sciences, the environment, the growth of computer networks, and the commercial exploitation of space.

CMPL 641 (4) Theoretical Approaches to Law

### Complementary Courses (7 credits)

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

### Additional Thesis Courses

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

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

## 11.1.6 Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); Bioethics (45 credits)

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

Students following the Bioethics option come from the Faculties of Law, Medicine, Religious Studies, or the Department of Philosophy. Entering students pursuing an LL.M., Bioethics are bound by the requirements of the Faculty of Law's LL.M. program (thesis option). For further information regarding this program, please refer to the Bioethics section. See <http://www.mcgill.ca/biomedicalethicsunit/>.

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

### Thesis Courses (24 credits)

The Master's Thesis programs consist of a coursework component and a thesis of approximately 100 pages. As part of the thesis requirement, a candidate must provide a protocol to his or her supervisor setting out details as to the thesis topic, the deadlines for the completion of the various thesis courses and the schedule of meetings with the thesis supervisor. Modifications to the protocol must be made in writing and submitted to the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies).

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

### Required Courses (10 credits)

BIOE 680 (3) Bioethical Theory  
 BIOE 681 (3) Bioethics Practicum  
 CMPL 641 (4) Theoretical Approaches to Law

### Complementary Courses (11 credits)

One of the following:

BIOE 682 (3) Medical Basis of Bioethics  
 CMPL 642 (3) Law and Health Care  
 PHIL 543 (3) Seminar: Medical Ethics  
 RELG 571 (3) Religion and Medicine

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

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

The Faculty of Law together with the School of Environment and other units at McGill offers a 45-credit LL.M. program, thesis option, in Environment.

This is a research-intensive, interdisciplinary, graduate program focused on developing research interests into a thesis project under the supervision of a faculty member. The program is a full-time, 0.6667 FTE program.

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)**

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**Required Courses (8 credits)**

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

**Complementary Courses (22 credits)**

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

**Additional Research Project Courses**

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

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

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

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

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

**Research Project (17 credits)**

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

CMPL 655	(15)	Research Project 1
CMPL 656	(2)	Research Project 2

**Required Courses (10 credits)**

CMPL 610	(4)	Legal Research Methodology
ENVR 610	(3)	Foundations of Environmental Policy
ENVR 650	(1)	Environmental Seminar 1
ENVR 651	(1)	Environmental Seminar 2
ENVR 652	(1)	Environmental Seminar 3

**Complementary Courses (18 credits)**

15 credits chosen from:

CMPL 500	(3)	Aboriginal Peoples and the Law
CMPL 546	(3)	International Environmental Law and Politics
CMPL 580	(3)	Environment and the Law

and/or other Faculty of Law offerings.

3 credits chosen from:

ENVR 519	(3)	Global Environmental Politics
ENVR 544	(3)	Environmental Measurement and Modelling



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ASPL 690	(4)	Master's Thesis 1
ASPL 691	(3)	Master's Thesis 2
ASPL 692	(6)	Master's Thesis 3
ASPL 693	(12)	Master's Thesis 4

#### **Required Courses (9 credits)**

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

#### **Complementary Courses (11 credits)**

4 credits from the following:

CMPL 610D1	(2)	Legal Research Methodology
CMPL 610D2	(2)	Legal Research Methodology
	(3)	

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

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

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

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

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

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

##### Research Project (15 credits)

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

CMPL 655	(15)	Research Project 1
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##### Required Courses (12 credits)

CMPL 600	(4)	Legal Traditions
CMPL 610	(4)	Legal Research Methodology
CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law

##### Complementary Courses (18 credits)

The remaining 18 credits (or fewer if more credits are earned for the research project) are chosen from among Faculty offerings at the 500 and 600 levels.

##### Additional Research Project Courses

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

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

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

The Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) program allows 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

### Complementary Course

Students are encouraged to take:

CMPL 610 (4) Legal Research Methodology

## 11.1.16 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.

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.

ASPL 701 (0) Comprehensive - Air/Space Law

### Complementary Courses

Students are encouraged to take:

CMPL 610 (4) Legal Research Methodology

CMPL 641 (4) Theoretical Approaches to Law

## 11.1.17 Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.); Comparative Law

The Institute of Comparative Law offers the D.C.L. program in Comparative Law, which allows for the development of substantive and original contributions to le

### **Complementary Course**

Students are encouraged to take:

CMPL 610                      (4)                      Legal Research Methodology

### **11.1.18 Graduate Certificate in Air and Space Law (15 credits)**

The Graduate Certificate in Air and Space Law offered through the Institute of Air and Space Law is a coursework program, appropriate for students with a strong professional orientation.

The certificate is awarded after one term of residence in the Faculty and upon completion of 15 academic credits of graduate law courses. Students must take 9 credits of required Air and Space Law courses and the additional 6 credits may consist of any 500-level or higher law course or other courses offered through the Institute of Air and Space Law. Exceptionally, and with the permission of the Associate Dean, Graduate Studies, the 15 credits may be taken over two terms.

For more information, see our website: <http://www.mcgill.ca/law-gradprograms/programs/certificate-programs/>.

### **Required Courses (9 credits)**

ASPL 633                      (3)                      Public International Air Law

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