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1 Opportunities for Field Study and Study Abroad

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

2 Study Abroad Options

There are four types of Study Abroad options available:

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

2.1 Bilateral Student Exchanges

Bilateral student exchange agreements are tuition exchange agreements that exist between McGill University and one other institution, which has been reviewed and approved by McGill. McGill University has bilateral agreements in many countries including: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Exchange programs can be university-wide or faculty-specific. Faculty-specific agreements are only open to students in the specified faculty.

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

2.2 CRÉPUQ Exchanges

The *Conférence des recteurs et principaux des universités du Québec* has established tuition exchange agreements in which all Quebec university students may participate, regardless of whether or not they are Quebec residents. The listing of CRÉPUQ partners is accessible from <http://echanges-etudiants.crepuq.qc.ca>.

2.3 Field Study Semesters and Off-Campus Courses

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

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

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

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

2.4 Study Away On Your Own

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

3 Africa Field Study Semester

Website: www.mcgill.ca/africa

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

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

Visit the CFSIA website www.mcgill.ca/africa or refer to this publication for the latest program updates.

Offered: Winter term

Location: East Africa

Enrolment Limit: 38 students

Fees: In addition to the regular McGill fees, students will be required to pay the additional costs associated with delivering the courses in the field. These costs include airfare, local travel, all food and accommodation, special admission fees for parks and museums, as well as other field costs. Airfares and currency fluctuation will determine the amount of this charge. The 2013 trip cost is CAD\$12,050. The actual cost for 2014 will be determined by September 2013.

Students can apply for a Mobility Award. See the website for details: www

5 Barbados Interdisciplinary Tropical Studies Field Semester

Website: www.mcgill.ca/bits

Offered: Summer term

Location: Bellairs Research Institute in Barbados

Enrolment Limit: 22 students

Fees: In addition to the regular McGill fees, students will be required to pay the additional costs associated with delivering the courses in the field. These costs include accommodation and most food, as well as other field costs. Fees for 2013 are CAD\$7,000; this does not include airfare.

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

Application Deadline: January 11, 2013 for Summer 2013. Depending on space, there will be a second intake with a deadline date of February 8, 2013.

Application Details: Students must submit a letter of intent, a CV, and a copy of their transcript to the Department of Plant Science, c/o julie.major@mcgill.ca. Further details are available at www.mcgill.ca/bits.

Prerequisites: None

For more information and course lists, see *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > Faculties & Schools > Faculty of Science > Undergraduate > Academic Programs > Field Study > : Field Studies - Minor Field Studies (18 credits)*.

6 Panama Field Study Semester

Website: www.mcgill.ca/pfss

Offered: Winter term

Location: Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) in Panama

Enrolment Limit: 26 students

Fees: Students will be required to pay the additional costs associated with delivering the courses in the field. The cost of the program is approximately CAD\$4,500 (**subject to change**). This amount **does not** include airfare, tuition, insurance, or food. A CAD\$1,000 deposit is required and is non-refundable.

Students can apply for a Mobility Award; see www.mcgill.ca/students/international/financialsupport/mobility for details.

Application Deadline: March 29, 2013 for January 2014 (Winter term of the academic year 2013–2014).

Application Details: Students must submit the Panama application (available on the website), a copy of their transcript, a letter of intent, and a CV to Martine Dolmière, in the Faculty of Science, Dawson Hall, Room 408. See www.mcgill.ca/pfss/application for details.

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

For more information and course lists, see *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > Faculties & Schools > Faculty of Science > Undergraduate > Academic Programs > Field Study > : Field Studies - Minor Field Studies (18 credits)*.

7 Field Study Minor

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8 Exchange Programs

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

8.1 Eligibility

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

The annual Study Abroad Fair will be held early October 2013. Check www.mcgill.ca/students/international for up-to-date information on the Study Abroad Fair.

8.2 Applying for an Exchange

Applications must be submitted on Minerva. Complete application details are found on the Student Exchanges and Study Abroad (SESA) website: www.mcgill.ca/students/international.

8.2.1 Deadlines

All deadlines regarding student exchanges are available at www.mcgill.ca/students/international/goabroad. **Your Faculty Approval** deadline to participate in an exchange is in January. The Faculty of La

9 Financial Assistance

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

9.1 Transfer of Credits from Host Institution

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

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

Before leaving the host institution, students should order two (2) copies of the official transcript for their files, and ensure that the institution sends an official version of the transcript to Student Exchanges and Study Abroad at McGill.

9.2 Universitas 21

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

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

Additional details regarding study abroad, including application procedures, deadlines, eligibility criteria, travel awards, etc., are on the Student Exchanges and Study Abroad (SESA) website: www.mcgill.ca/students/international.

Student Exchanges and Study Abroad (SESA)

Telephone: 514-398-7878

Email: servicepoint@mcgill.ca

10 Internships and Co-op Programs

For information on internships and co-op programs, see *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > University Regulations and Resources > Undergraduate > : Internships, Exchanges, and Co-op Programs*.

11 Off-Campus Summer Programs

McGill offers a number of off-campus summer programs.

11.1 McGill Summer Courses in Italy

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

12 Off-Campus Courses

McGill offers a number of off-campus courses.

Courses:

EPSC 341	(3)	Field School 3
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12.6 English**Course:**

ENGL 347	(3)	Great Writings of Europe 1
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Not Offered: Summer 2013**12.7 Geography**

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

Off-Campus Geography Courses

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

12.8 Italian Studies

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

Courses:

ITAL 206	(6)	Beginners Italian Intensive
ITAL 216	(6)	Intermediate Italian Intensive
ITAL 255	(6)	Advanced Reading and Composition
ITAL 307*	(3)	Topics in Italian Culture
ITAL 309**	(3)	Perspectives on Italy

* **Topic for May 2013:** Landscapes of Struggle: The City and Modernity in Italian Post-War Cinema. Taught in English. For specific details on course content, please consult Prof. E. Bolongaro, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures.

** **Topic for May 2013:** Florence and the Shaping of the Modern Imagination. Taught in English. For specific details on course content, please consult Prof. R. Castro, School of Architecture.

Offered: Please consult the [Class Schedule](#) on Minerva.**Location:** Florence, Italy**Application Deadline:** March 28, 2013**Application Details:** Application forms and information are available at www.mcgill.ca/italian/summer/florence.**Note:** All courses in Florence require permit overrides to register on Minerva. These permits will be issued after March 28, 2013, by Ms. Vanna Fonsato or Dr. Enrica Quaroni, only to students who have applied and paid course costs.**12.9 Music****Course:**

MUAR 387	(3)	The Opera
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Not Offered: Summer 2013

12.10 Political Science

Courses:

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

* **Topic for Summer 2013:** Media Regulation in the Age of the Internet. This course examines a range of public policy issues emerging in both Europe and North America as a result of the Internet's impact on television and other media forms such as content regulation, foreign ownership restrictions, and media concentration. Field trips to Rome and other cities are planned. For specific details about course content, please consult Prof. R. Schultz, Department of Political Science.

Offered: Section 001 (May 6, 2013 – May 31, 2013)

Location: Florence, Italy

Application Deadline: March 28, 2013

Application Details: Application forms and information are available at www.mcgill.ca/italian.



Note: All courses in Florence require permit overrides to register on Minerva. These permits will be issued after March 28, 2013, by Ms. Vanna Fonsato or Dr. Enrica Quaroni, only to students who have applied and paid course costs.

** **Topic for Summer 2013:** The Rise and Decline of the Italian City-State. This course examines the reasons why Italian city-states succeeded politically, economically, and militarily in the Renaissance. In the 1400s, Florence and its neighbours became centres of wealth, power, and art. Yet by the 1600s, the

