



**Study Abroad and Field Studies (Undergraduate)
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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 off-campus and abroad. The following sections provide information regarding opportunities in the following categories:

- [section 2: Field Study Semesters and Off-Campus Courses](#) – participate in programs and courses offered by McGill University in local, regional, and international settings as a complement to classroom learning.
- [section 3: Internships and Co-op Programs](#) – participate in partnerships offered through McGill to gain valuable on-the-job knowledge in your field.
- [section 4: Exchange Programs](#) – study at one of McGill's partner universities while earning credit at McGill, and paying McGill tuition.
- [section 5: Study Away On Your Own](#) – study away at another university while earning credit at McGill. Tuition is paid directly to the host university.

2 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 2.1.1: Africa Field Study Semester](#)), Barbados (see [section 2.1.2: Barbados Field Study Semester](#) and [section 2.1.3: Barbados Interdisciplinary Tropical Studies Field Semester](#)), and Panama (see [section 2.1.4: 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 2.1: 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 2.3: Off-Campus Courses](#).

2.1 Field Study Minor

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For more information and course lists, see [Faculty of Science > Undergraduate > Browse Academic Units & Programs > Field Study > : Field Studies - Minor Field Studies \(18 credits\)](#).

2.1.1 Africa Field Study Semester

Website: www.mcgill.ca/africa

Students from other universities are eligible to apply to the McGill Canadian Field Studies in Africa (CFSIA) and must also meet the criteria for admission to McGill as a Visiting Student. Please see the 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. One final complementary course (3 credits) is taken on campus to complete the Minor program requirements.

2.1.3 Barbados Interdisciplinary Tropical Studies Field Semester

Website: www.mcgill.ca/bits

Offered: Summer term

Location: Bellairs Research Institute in Barbados

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2.2 Off-Campus Summer Programs

McGill offers the following off-campus summer program.

2.2.1 Desautels Faculty of Management

Courses are given abroad in the Summer session and cover essentially the same material as the equivalent courses given in Montreal. They will, however, be heavily influenced by the local business environment. Courses are offered in various locations.

For the most up-to-date information concerning Summer Abroad courses, please visit the Minerva Class Schedule at www.mcgill.ca/minerva.

Application Details: For registration and/or advising, please contact the BCom Student Affairs Office at 514-398-4068.

2.3 Off-Campus Courses

McGill offers a number of off-campus courses.

2.3.1 Animal Science

The following course is offered off campus by the Department of Animal Science.

Off-Campus Animal Science Course

AGRI 325	(3)	Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security
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2.3.2 Architecture

The following course is offered off campus by the School of Architecture.

Off-Campus Architecture Courses

ARCH 379	(3)	Summer Course Abroad
ARCH 519	(3)	Field Course Abroad

2.3.3 Biology

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

Off-Campus Biology Courses

BIOL 331	(3)	Ecology/Behaviour Field Course
BIOL 334D1/BIOL 334D2	(3)	Applied Tropical Ecology
BIOL 335	(3)	Marine Mammals
BIOL 573	(3)	Vertebrate Palaeontology Field Course

2.3.4 Earth & Planetary Sciences

The following courses are two-week field studies (May) in selected branches of the geosciences to examine processes in geology.

Off-Campus Earth & Planetary Sciences Courses

EPSC 231	(3)	Field School 1
EPSC 331	(3)	Field School 2
EPSC 341	(3)	Field School 3

2.3.5 Geography

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

Off-Campus Geography Courses

GEOG 290	(1)	Local Geographical Excursion
GEOG 494	(3)	Urban Field Studies
GEOG 495	(3)	Field Studies - Physical Geography
GEOG 496	(3)	Geographical Excursion
GEOG 499	(3)	Subarctic Field Studies

2.3.6 History & Classical Studies

The Department of History and Classical Studies offers the following field courses.

Off-Campus History & Classical Studies Courses

CLAS 349	(3)	Archaeology Fieldwork: Italy
HIST 262	(3)	Mediterranean and European Interconnections

3 Internships and Co-op Programs

For information on internships and co-op programs, refer to [University Regulations and Resources > Undergraduate > Internships, Exchanges, and Co-op Programs](#), or the [Internship Offices Network website](#).

4 Exchange Programs

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

4.1 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 (24 McGill credits) by the start of the exchange. Students can participate in exchanges for one term or two terms.

Visit www.mcgill.ca/students/international for up-to-date information regarding information sessions and events related to study abroad opportunities.

4.2 Applying for an Exchange

Applications must be submitted on Minerva. Complete application details are found on the International Education website: www.mcgill.ca/students/international.

4.2.1 Deadlines

All deadlines regarding student exchanges are available at www.mcgill.ca/students/international/students-going-abroad. **Your Faculty Approval** deadline to participate in an exchange term/year abroad is in the preceding January (i.e., January 15, 2018, for a term abroad during the 2018-2019 academic year). The Faculty of Law has an earlier deadline. The deadline to submit the supporting documents (if required) for an application to participate in a student exchange for one or two terms of the 2018-2019 academic year is also available on the website.

Detailed information on the application process and deadlines is contained on the International Education website: www.mcgill.ca/students/international.

4.6 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 Service Point at McGill (www.mcgill.ca/students/servicepoint).

5 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.

Contact information for your faculty's Student Affairs Office is available at www.mcgill.ca/students/advising/advisordirectory.

6 Financial Assistance

Awards and financial assistance are available to students to help with the cost of participating in an exchange or field study semester. Further information, as well as application deadlines and eligibility, can be found in the following sections and on McGill's [International Education website](#).

6.1 Exchange Awards and Funding

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

6.4 The Killam Fellowships Program

McGill University participates in The Killam Fellowships Program, which provides exceptional undergraduate students from universities in Canada and the United States with the opportunity to study in the neighbouring country for either one semester or for a full academic year. Established in 2002 through a partnership between the Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States of America and the American Killam Trusts, the goal of the program is to increase mutual understanding between Canada and the United States through academic exchange.

Further information is available on McGill's *International Education website*, or at www.killamfellowships.com.

7 Further Information

Additional details regarding study abroad, including application procedures, deadlines, eligibility criteria, travel awards, etc., are on the International Education website: www.mcgill.ca/students/international.

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