



Access, a project that gives Science students universal access to email, the Internet, and the latest in science software through computer 'infopoints' located in areas of the campus frequented by Science students.

The Faculty of Science offers programs leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.). Admission is selective; fulfilment of the minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance. Admission criteria are described under "[Admission Requirements](#)" beginning on [page 13](#).

There are also two Diploma programs offered in Science. The Diploma in Environment, a 30-credit program available to holders of a B.Sc. or B.A. or equivalent, is described in the section on the McGill School of Environment, [page 471](#). The Diploma in Meteorology is a one-year program available to holders of a degree in Mathematics, Engineering, Physics and other appropriate disciplines who wish to qualify for a professional career in Meteorology. For more information, see Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, [page 362](#). All credits for these diplomas must be completed at McGill.

The concurrent B.Sc./B.Ed. program is designed to provide students with the opportunity to obtain both a B.Sc. and a B.Ed. after a minimum of 135 credits of study. For more information see [section 11.28](#) and the Faculty of Education [section 5.1.3](#).

A Bachelor of Software Engineering program (subject to Ministry of Education Approval) will be offered jointly with the Faculty of Engineering; see Faculty of Engineering section, [page 252](#).

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## 1.4 Student Affairs Office

The Student Affairs Office, located in Dawson Hall, provides assistance in interpreting records as well as general academic information and advice on the following: prerequisites and programs, degree requirements, registration, course change, procedures for withdrawal, deferred exams, supplemental exams, rereads, academic standing, inter-faculty transfer, year or term away, transfer credits, second programs, second degrees, and graduation.

Special requests can be made, in writing, to the Associate Dean (Academic and Student Affairs).

The Committee on Student Standing (CSS) will consider appeals of the Associate Dean's decisions. For information about CSS, see the Associate Dean's secretary.

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## 2 Faculty Degree Requirements

**Each student in the Faculty of Science must be aware of the Faculty Regulations as stated in this Calendar.** While departmental and faculty advisers and staff are always available to give advice and guidance, the ultimate responsibility for completeness and correctness of course selection and registration, for compliance with, and completion of, program and degree requirements, and for the observance of regulations and deadlines *rests with the student*. It is the student's responsibility to seek guidance from the Student Affairs Office if in any doubt; misunderstanding or misapprehension will not be accepted as cause for dispensation from any regulation, deadline, program or degree requirement.

To be eligible for a B.Sc. degree, students must fulfil all Faculty and program requirements as indicated below:

- Minimum Credit Requirement (section 2.1)
- Residency (section 2.2)
- CGPA (section 2.3)
- Time Limit for the Completion of the Degree (section 2.4)
- Program Requirements (section 2.5)
- Course Requirements (section 2.6)

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### 2.1 Minimum Credit Requirement

Each student's minimum credit requirement for the degree is determined at the time of acceptance and is specified in the letter of admission.

Normally, Quebec students who have completed the Diplôme

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For a more detailed description of the Science Freshman Program, students should consult the Arts and Science Freshman Student information available on the Internet, <http://www.mcgill.ca/artscisao>.

### **2.5.2 Faculty, Major, and Honours Programs**

Science students who need 96 or fewer credits to complete their degree requirements are required to have an approved degree program and to select their courses in each term with a view to timely completion of their degree and program requirements. Students must register in one of the following types of departmental programs leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science:

*A Faculty program* is an approved coherent selection of courses giving students a useful concentration in a recognized area. Students in a Faculty program may choose a pattern of study that can range from one yielding a broad education to one specializing in particular areas.

*Major programs* are more specialized than Faculty programs and are usually centred on a specific discipline or department. For prospective teachers, the Faculty also offers Major programs in two subjects that can constitute the Science component of the Concurrent B.Sc./B.Ed. Program. For more information about this joint degree, please consult [section 2.5.5](#).

*Honours programs* typically involve an even higher degree of specialization, often include supervised research, and require students to maintain a high academic standard. Although Honours

**Credit for statistics courses** will be given with the following stipulations:

1. Credit will be given for ONLY ONE of the following introductory statistics courses: 154-227D, 154-257D, 166-350A, 177-373A, 186-215B, 189-203A/B/C/L, 204-204A/B, 280-271A/B, 360-310A.
2. Credit will be given for ONLY ONE of the following intermediate statistics courses: 154-227D, 154-257D, 166-461B, 177-483B, 183-351B, 189-204B, 204-305A/B, 280-272B, 360-411B.
3. Students in Mathematics or Computer Science programs, and students who have already received credit for 189-324B, will NOT receive credit for any of the following: 154-227D, 154-257D, 166-350A, 177-373A, 186-215B, 189-203A/B/C/L, 189-204B, 204-204A/B, 204-305A/B, 280-271A/B, 280-272B, 360-310A, 360-411B.
4. For 500-level statistics courses not listed above, students must consult a program advisor to ensure that no significant overlap exists. Where such overlap exists with a course for which the student has already received credit, credit for the 500 level course will not be allowed.
5. Credit for statistics courses offered by faculties other than Arts and Science requires the permission of the Associate Dean of Science (Academic and Student Affairs), except for students in the B.Sc. Major in Environment, who may take required statistics courses in the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences necessary to satisfy their program requirements.

### 2.6.2 Project Courses

Students may normally receive no more than 12 credits for individual project or independent study courses toward a B.Sc. degree.

### 2.6.3 Courses Outside the Faculties of Arts and Science

Students in the Faculty of Science should consult the statement of regulations for taking courses outside the Faculties of Arts and of Science. The regulations are posted in the Student Affairs Office, Dawson Hall, and on the Internet, <http://www.mcgill.ca/artscisao>. A list of approved/not approved courses in other faculties is posted with the regulations; students may take courses on the approved list and may not, under any circumstances, take courses on the not-approved list. Request for permission to take courses that are not on either list should be addressed to the Associate Dean.

The regulations are as follows:

- except for Music performance courses, courses taught in other faculties *and* specifically listed in the Arts or Science section are considered as courses taught in Arts or Science;
- restrictions apply to Music courses, even those listed in the Arts or Science section, unless the courses are part of a Minor in Music;
- courses in other faculties can be taken as elective courses or as part of a program as specified in the Calendar;
- students may take only 6 credits per year, up to 18 credits in all, of courses outside the Faculties of Arts and of Science;
- students must have the necessary prerequisites and permission of the instructor for such courses;
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## 4 Registration

All students register by MARS, McGill's automated registration system.

New students register in August prior to the first day of classes.



## **8 Academic Standing**

Academic standing is based on students' grade point average

- for *Great Distinction*, the CGPA at graduation must be 3.50 or greater;
- these designations may be withdrawn, in the case of transfer



## 10.5 Joint Honours Programs

Mathematics and Computer Science – see Mathematics and Statistics, also check with the School of Computer Science, since that unit may limit enrolment.

Mathematics and Physics – see Physics

## 10.6 Minor Programs

Atmospheric Science  
 Biology  
 Biotechnology  
 Chemical Engineering – see Chemistry  
 Chemistry  
 Cognitive Science  
 Computer Science  
 Earth and Planetary Sciences  
 Education for Science Students – see Science for Teachers  
 Electrical Engineering – see Physics  
 Environment  
 Geochemistry – see Earth and Planetary Sciences  
 Geography  
 Geographical Information Systems – see Geography  
 Human Nutrition – see Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences entry for School of Dietetics and Human Nutrition  
 Management\* – see Faculty of Science entry for Management  
 Mathematics  
 Music – see Faculty of Science entry for Music  
 Music Technology – application required, see Faculty of Science entry for Music  
 Neuroscience  
 Pharmacology  
 Physics  
 Psychology  
 Statistics – see Mathematics and Statistics  
 Technological Entrepreneurship for Science Students\* – see Faculty of Science entry (awaiting Final approval)

\* Application procedures will be announced in September. Please consult the Student Affairs Office Website.

### Notes:

1. The Minor in Computer Science is not available to students in the following programs: Honours in Computer Science; Honours in Mathematics and Computer Science; Faculty Program in Mathematics and Computer Science.
2. The Minor in Chemical Engineering is only available to students in Chemistry.
3. The Minor in Electrical Engineering is only available to students in the Major Program in Physics.

## 10.7 Internship Programs – Internship Year For Engineering And Science (IYES)

The following programs are also available with an Internship component. For more information, please see [section 2.8](#) in the Faculty of Engineering section.

### Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences

Major in Atmospheric Science  
 Honours in Atmospheric Science

### Computer Science

Major in Computer Science  
 Honours in Computer Science

### Mathematics and Statistics

Major in Mathematics  
 Honours in Mathematics  
 Honours in Applied Mathematics  
 Honours in Probability & Statistics  
 Joint Majors in Mathematics & Computer Science  
 Joint Honours in Mathematics & Computer Science

## Physics

Faculty Program in Physics  
 Major in Physics  
 Honours in Physics  
 Joint Honours Program in Physics & Mathematics  
 Joint Faculty Program in Mathematics, Chemistry & Physics  
 Joint Major Program in Atmospheric Science & Physics  
 Joint Major Program in Physics & Geophysics

## 10.8 Faculty of Arts Major and Minor Concentration Programs available to Science students

For more information, please see the relevant departmental entries in the Faculty of Arts section.

### Major Concentrations

African Studies  
 Anthropology  
 Art History  
 Canadian Studies  
 Classics  
 East Asian Studies  
 Economics  
 English – Literature  
 English – Drama and Theatre  
 English – Cultural Studies  
 Langue et littérature françaises – Létres  
 Langue et littérature françaises – Létres et traduction  
 Langue et littérature françaises – Linguistique du français  
 Geography (Urban Systems)  
 German Language and Literature – see German Studies  
 German Literature and Culture – see German Studies  
 Contemporary German Studies – see German Studies  
 Hispanic Literature and Culture – see Hispanic Studies  
 Hispanic Languages – see Hispanic Studies  
 History  
 Humanistic Studies  
 International Development Studies  
 Italian Studies  
 Italian Studies (Medieval and Renaissance)  
 Jewish Studies  
 Latin-American Studies  
 Linguistics  
 Middle East Studies  
 Music  
 North American Studies  
 Philosophy  
 Political Science  
 Québec Studies  
 Religious Studies – Scriptures and Interpretation  
 Religious Studies – World Religions  
 Russian  
 Sociology  
 Women's Studies

### Minor Concentrations

African Studies  
 Anthropological Archaeology – see Anthropology  
 Anthropology, Socio-Cultural  
 Art History  
 Canadian Ethnic Studies  
 Canadian Studies  
 Catholic Studies  
 Classics  
 East Asian Language and Literature  
 East Asian Cultural Studies  
 East Asian Studies, Advanced  
 Economics  
 English – Literature  
 English – Drama and Theatre  
 English – Cultural Studies  
 Langue et littérature françaises – Létres  
 Langue et littérature françaises – Létres et traduction  
 Langue et littérature françaises – Langue et traduction







The Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences offers four main programs in Atmospheric Science: Honours, Major, Minor, and a Joint Major in Atmospheric Science and Physics. The Honours program is meant for students with high standing. It is based on courses similar to those in the Major program, but provides the opportunity to take advanced optional courses. The Major program, although somewhat less intensive, satisfies the requirements for a professional career as a meteorologist, and like the Honours program equips the student to undertake postgraduate study in meteorology, atmospheric science, and related sciences (for example physical oceanography) at any of the leading universities. The Department also offers a special one-year Diploma program to B.Sc. or B.Eng. graduates.

A degree in Atmospheric Science can lead to a professional career in government service or private industry. The Meteorological Service of Canada has traditionally been the main employer of graduating students, but certain provincial governments and environmental consulting and engineering firms also employ graduates trained in atmospheric science. Positions in teaching and research are available to graduates with M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees. Students interested in any of the undergraduate programs should consult the Undergraduate Adviser, Room 946, Burnside Hall.

An industrial internship year is available to students enrolled in Atmospheric Science programs. IYES, the internship year program in Engineering and Science, is a pre-graduate work experience program available to eligible students and normally taken between their U2 and U3 years. See Faculty of Engineering [section 2.8](#) for further information on IYES.

#### **MINOR PROGRAM IN ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE** (18 credits) [MARS Program Code 6-662000]

The Minor may be taken in conjunction with any program in the Faculty of Science.

##### **Required Courses** (15 credits)

195-214A	(3)	Intro. to the Physics of the Atmosphere
195-215B	(3)	Weather Systems and Climate
195-219B	(3)	Intro to Atmosp. Chemistry or 180-219B
195-308A	(3)	Principles of Remote Sensing or 183-308A
195-315A	(3)	Water in the Atmosphere

##### **Complementary Course** (3 credits)

195-402A	(3)	Atmosphere-Ocean Transports or 195-540A	(3)	Synoptic Meteorology I
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#### **MAJOR PROGRAM IN ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE** (61 credits) [MARS Program Code 1-662000]

##### **Required Courses** (49 credits)

195-214A	(3)	Intro. to the Physics of the Atmosphere
195-215B	(3)	Weather Systems and Climate
195-308A	(3)	Principles of Remote Sensing or 183-308A
195-315A	(3)	Water in the Atmosphere
195-512A	(3)	Atmospheric and Oceanic Dynamics
195-513B	(3)	Waves and Stability
195-540A	(3)	Synoptic Meteorology I
195-541B	(3)	Synoptic Meteorology II
195-546B	(1)	Current Weather Discussion
189-222A,B	(3)	Calculus III
189-223A,B	(3)	Linear Algebra
189-314A,B	(3)	Advanced Calculus
189-315A,B	(3)	Ordinary Differential Equations
198-230A	(3)	Dynamics of Simple Systems
198-232B	(3)	Heat and Waves
198-257A	(3)	Experimental Methods I
308-208A,B	(3)	Computers in Engineering

##### **Complementary Courses** (12 credits)

3 - 6 credits to satisfy a statistics requirement, usually:			
189-203A,B	(3)	Principles of Statistics I	
		or 189-323A,B	(3) Probability Theory
		and 189-324A,B	(3) Statistics

3 credits selected from:

198-333B	(3)	Thermal & Statistical Physics
198-340A	(3)	Electricity and Magnetism

3 - 6 credits ordinarily selected from:

183-522A	(3)	Advanced Environmental Hydrology	
189-317A	(3)	Numerical Analysis	
189-319B	(3)	Partial Differential Equations	
195-414B	(3)	Applications of Remote Sensing	
195-419B	(3)	Adv. In Chem. of Atmosphere or 180-419B	
195-515B	(3)	Turbulence	
198-241B	(3)	Signal Processing	
198-248A	(3)	Physics of Energy	
198-331B	(3)	Mechanics	
198-340A	(3)	Electricity and Magnetism	
198-342B	(3)	Electromagnetic Waves	
198-332B	(3)	Physics of Fluids or 305-331A,B	(3) Fluid Mechanics I

#### **JOINT MAJOR PROGRAM IN ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE AND PHYSICS** (70 credits) [MARS Program Code 1-662200]

This Major provides a solid basis for postgraduate study in meteorology, atmospheric physics, or related fields, and the necessary preparation for embarking on a professional career as a meteorologist directly after the B.Sc.

The program is jointly administered by the Departments of Physics, and Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences. Students should consult undergraduate advisers in both departments.

##### **Required Courses** (67 credits)

195-214A	(3)	Intro. to the Physics of the Atmosphere
195-215B	(3)	Weather Systems and Climate
195-308A	(3)	Principles of Remote Sensing or 183-308A
195-315A	(3)	Water in the Atmosphere
195-512A	(3)	Atmospheric and Oceanic Dynamics
195-513B	(3)	Waves and Stability
195-540A	(3)	Synoptic Meteorology I
195-541B	(3)	Synoptic Meteorology II
195-546B	(1)	Current Weather Discussion
198-230A	(3)	Dynamics of Simple Systems
198-232B	(3)	Heat and Waves
198-257A	(3)	Experimental Methods I
198-258B	(3)	Experimental Methods II
198-331B	(3)	Mechanics
198-333B	(3)	Thermal and Statistical Physics
198-339B	(3)	Measurements Laboratory
198-340A	(3)	Electricity and Magnetism
198-342B	(3)	Electromagnetic Waves
198-446A	(3)	Quantum Physics
189-222A,B	(3)	Calculus III
189-223A,B	(3)	Linear Algebra
189-314A,B	(3)	Advanced Calculus
189-315A,B	(3)	Ordinary Differential Equations

##### **Complementary Course** (3 credits)

198-434A	(3)	Optics	
		or 198-439A	(3) Laboratory in Modern Physics

#### **HONOURS PROGRAM IN ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE** (70 credits) [MARS Program Code 2-662000]

Students can be admitted to the Honours program after completion of the U1 year of the Major in Atmospheric Science program with a minimum GPA of 3.30. Students having completed a U1 year in a different program with high standing may be admitted to the Honours program on the recommendation of the Department.

A minimum GPA of 3.30 in the Honours Program courses (taken as a whole) is required to remain in the program. A CGPA of 3.30 on the total program is also required to graduate with honours.

**Required Courses** (58 credits)

195-214A	(3)	Intro. to the Physics of the Atmosphere
195-215B	(3)	Weather Systems and Climate
195-308A	(3)	Principles of Remote Sensing or 183-308A
195-315A	(3)	Water in the Atmosphere
195-480A,B	(3)	Honours Research Project
195-512A	(3)	Atmospheric and Oceanic Dynamics
195-513B	(3)	Waves and Stability
195-530A	(3)	Climate Dynamics I
195-540A	(3)	Synoptic Meteorology I
195-541B	(3)	Synoptic Meteorology II
195-546B	(1)	Current Weather Discussion
189-222A,B	(3)	Calculus III
189-223A,B	(3)	Linear Algebra
189-314A,B	(3)	Advanced Calculus
189-315A,B	(3)	Ordinary Differential Equations
189-319B	(3)	Partial Differential Equations
198-230A	(3)	Dynamics of Simple Systems
198-232B	(3)	Heat and Waves
198-257A	(3)	Experimental Methods I
308-208A,B	(3)	Computers in Engineering

**Complementary Courses** (12 credits)

3-6 credits to satisfy a statistics requirement, usually:

189-203A,B	(3)	Principles of Statistics I
or 189-323A,B	(3)	Probability Theory
and 189-324A,B	(3)	Statistics

3 credits selected from:

198-333B	(3)	Thermal and Statistical Physics
198-340A	(3)	Electricity and Magnetism

3-6 credits ordinarily selected from:

183-522A	(3)	Advanced Env. Hydrology
189-317A	(3)	Numerical Analysis
195-414B	(3)	Applications of Remote Sensing
195-419B	(3)	Adv. in Chem. of Atmosphere or 180-419B
195-515B	(3)	Turbulence
198-241B	(3)	Signal Processing
198-248B	(3)	Physics of Energy
198-331B	(3)	Mechanics
198-340B	(3)	Electricity and Magnetism
198-342B	(3)	Electromagnetic Waves
198-332B	(3)	Physics of Fluids or 305-331A,B
305-331A,B	(3)	Fluid Mechanics I

**DIPLOMA IN METEOROLOGY** (30 credits)

The Department offers an intensive, one-year program in theoretical and applied meteorology to B.Sc. or B.Eng. graduates of suitable standing in Physics, Applied Mathematics, Engineering, Science, or other appropriate disciplines, leading to a Diploma in Meteorology. The program is designed for students with little or no previous background in meteorology who wish to direct their experience to atmospheric or environmental applications, or who need to fulfill academic prerequisites in meteorology to qualify for employment. For further information, consult the Graduate Coordinator, Burnside Hall, Room 945.

An exemption of up to 6 credits may be allowed for courses already taken. Students granted such exemptions are required to add complementary courses from an approved list to maintain a total credit count of 30 completed at McGill.

**Required Courses** (18 credits)

195-512A	(3)	Atmospheric & Oceanic Dynamics
195-513B	(3)	Waves and Stability
195-530A	(3)	Climate Dynamics I
195-531B	(3)	Climate Dynamics II
195-540A	(3)	Synoptic Meteorology I
195-541B	(3)	Synoptic Meteorology II

**Complementary Courses** (12 credits)

6 credits selected from:

195-308A	(3)	Principles of Remote Sensing or 183-308A
195-315A	(3)	Water in the Atmosphere
195-414B	(3)	Applications of Remote Sensing
195-419B	(3)	Adv. in Chem. of Atmosphere or 180-419B

6 credits ordinarily selected from:

183-522A	(3)	Advanced Env. Hydrology
189-317A	(3)	Numerical Analysis
189-319B	(3)	Partial Differential Equations
195-515B	(3)	Turbulence
198-331B	(3)	Mechanics
198-340A	(3)	Electricity and Magnetism
198-342B	(3)	Electromagnetic Waves
198-332 B	(3)	Physics of Fluids or 305-331A,B
305-331A,B	(3)	Fluid Mechanics I

**INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS – INTERNSHIP YEAR FOR ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE (IYES)**

The following programs are also available with an Internship component. For more information, please see [section 2.8](#) in the Faculty of Engineering section.

Major in Atmospheric Science  
Honours in Atmospheric Science

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

**All courses have limited enrolment.**

The names of course instructors are listed on the Course Timetable available on [infoMcGill](#) via the Web <http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/>.

The course credit weight is given in parentheses after the title.

- Denotes courses not offered in 2001-02.
- ★ Denotes courses taught only in alternate years.

**195-199B FYS: WEATHER, CLIMATE, HISTORY.** (3) (2 hours lectures; 1 hour seminar) (FYS - for first year students only, maximum 25) A seminar course on how weather and climate have influenced human history. The impact of weather and climate on agriculture, disease, demography, economic cycles and history. The Little Ice Age in Europe will be used as an example for study. Methods to establish linkage between weather, climate and history.

**195-210A,B INTRODUCTION TO ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE.** (3) (3 hours lectures) (Open to all students except those who have taken 195-214A.) A survey of the Earth's atmosphere, weather and climate system. Topics include the fundamental processes that determine interactions between the atmosphere, ocean and biosphere; anthropogenic effects such as global warming, the ozone hole and acid rain; a perspective on future climate change.

**195-214A INTRO. TO THE PHYSICS OF THE ATMOSPHERE.** (3) (3 hours lectures) (Prerequisite: CEGEP Physics.) An introduction to physical meteorology designed for students in the physical sciences. Topics include: composition of the atmosphere; heat transfer; the upper atmosphere; atmospheric optics; formation of clouds and precipitation; instability; adiabatic charts.

**195-215B WEATHER SYSTEMS AND CLIMATE.** (3) (3 hours lectures) (Prerequisite: CEGEP Physics or permission of the instructor.) Laws of motion, geostrophic wind, gradient wind. Surface and upper-level charts. Local wind systems, global wind systems. Air masses, fronts and middle latitude cyclones. Thunderstorms, tornadoes and hurricanes. Global climate, climate change. Weather on the "web".

**★195-219B INTRODUCTION TO ATMOSPHERIC CHEMISTRY.** (3) (3 hours lectures) (Prerequisite: CEGEP DEC in Science or permission of instructor.) (Not open to students who have taken 180-219, 180-419 or 195-419.) (Offered in odd years. Students should register in 180-219 in even years.) An introduction to the basic topics in atmospheric chemistry. The fundamentals of the chemical

composition of the atmosphere and its chemical reactions. Selected topics such as smog chamber, acid rain, and ozone hole will be examined.

**195-220A,B INTRODUCTION TO OCEANIC SCIENCES.** (3) (3 hours lectures) (Not open to students who have taken 186-360A or 186-560A.) Air-sea interaction; oceanic properties; global climate change, carbon cycle; polar oceans, sea ice, polynyas; El Niño; remote sensing of oceans; physical control of biological processes in the sea.

● **195-230B CLIMATE AND CLIMATE CHANGE.** (3) (3 hours lectures) (Prerequisite: CEGEP Physics or 183-203.)

**195-250A NATURAL DISASTERS.** (3) (3 hours lectures) (Not open to students who have taken or are taking 186-250.) This course examines the science behind different types of disasters and our ability or inability to control and predict such events. From this course the student will gain an appreciation of natural disasters beyond the newspaper headlines, and will better understand how the effects of disasters can be reduced.

**195-308A PRINCIPLES OF REMOTE SENSING.** (3) (3 hours lectures) (Not open to students who have taken or are taking 183-308.) A conceptual view of remote sensing and the underlying physical principles are presented. Ground-based and satellite systems and various components of the acoustic and electromagnetic spectrum – from visible to microwave – are discussed. Substantial emphasis is devoted to the application of remote sensed data in geography and atmospheric sciences.

● **195-310B PHYSICAL OCEANOGRAPHY.** (3) (3 hours lectures) (Prerequisite: 195-220, 189-141 or equivalent. Not open to students who have taken 186-360A.)

**195-315A WATER IN THE ATMOSPHERE.** (3) (3 hours lectures) (Prerequisite: 195-214.) Global distribution of water in the atmosphere. Moist processes. Global and mesoscale precipitation systems. Quantitative forecasting of precipitation. Extreme precipitation events. Large-scale influences. Precipitation modification.

● **195-330A PHYSICAL METEOROLOGY.** (3) (3 hours lectures) (Prerequisite: 195-214A OR permission of instructor. Not open to students who have taken 195-320A and -321B.)

**195-400D INDEPENDENT STUDY**

**11.3 Biochemistry (507)**

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(*Oncology*); William C. Galley (*Chemistry*); Michael A. Parniak

(*JGH, Lady Davis Inst.*); Peter J. Roughley (*Shriners Hospital*);

Erwin Schurr (*Exp. Medicine, RVH*); Charles Scriver (*Pediatrics,*

*MCH*); Bernard Turcotte (*Exp. Medicine, RVH*); Simon Wing

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Jacques Drouin; B.Sc., Ph.D.(Laval) (*Clin. Res. Inst.*)

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Andre Veillette; B.Sc., M.D.(Laval) (*Clin. Res. Inst.*)

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Biochemistry is the application of chemical, genetic, and biophysical approaches to the study of biological processes at the cellular and molecular level. Biochemists are interested in the dynamic events that occur in cells, for example, in mechanisms of brain function; cellular differentiation; energy utilization by animals and microorganisms and in the molecular basis of inheritance and disease. The biochemist seeks to determine how specific molecules such as proteins, nucleic acids, lipids, vitamins and hormones function in various cellular processes. Biochemists place particular emphasis on the regulation of reactions in living cells. The knowledge and methods developed by biochemists are applied in all fields of medicine, in agriculture and in many chemical and health related industries. Biochemistry is unique in providing basic theoretical training as well as basic practical laboratory training and research in both enzymology and genetic engineering, the two basic components in the rapidly expanding field of Biotechnology.

Three programs are offered by the Department of Biochemistry. The Honours and Major programs provide a sound background for students who wish to have a professional career in biochemistry and can lead to post graduate studies and research careers in hospital, university or industrial laboratories. The Faculty program is less specialized offering students opportunities to select courses in other fields of interest.

During the first year, each program provides basic training in organic, physical and analytical chemistry as well as in biology and physiology. The Honours and Major programs become more specialized in biochemistry during the following two years with additional work in chemistry and biology. The rigorous training in chemistry, which distinguishes the Biochemistry program from Biological Sciences, can lead to admission to the Professional Order of Chemists – a requirement needed to function as a recognized chemist in the Province of Québec.

Students interested in pursuing an *ad hoc* Joint Major or Joint Honours degree between Biochemistry and a second discipline may consult with our Chief Adviser.

The increasing involvement of complex technology in modern society requires personnel trained in both chemistry and biology. With the advent of biotechnology, the combination of chemistry, molecular biology, enzymology and genetic engineering found in the biochemistry program provides the essential background and training in this area as well. The biochemist is in an advantageous position to fulfil this role and assume a wide variety of positions in industry and the health field. These range from research and development in the chemical and pharmaceutical industries to testing as well as research in government and hospital laboratories to management. Many graduates take higher degrees in research and attain academic positions in universities and colleges.

**PRE-PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Entrance requirements for the Faculty, Major and Honours programs are: 6 credits in elementary biology, 6 credits in general chemistry, 3 credits in organic chemistry, 6 credits in calculus, 8-9 credits in physics.

**FACULTY PROGRAM IN BIOCHEMISTRY (55 credits)**

[MARS Program Code 4-142000]

**U1 Required Courses (16 credits)**

507-212B	(3)	Molecular Mechanisms of Cell Function
177-200A	(3)	Molecular Biology
177-202B	(3)	Basic Genetics
180-204A,B	(3)	Physical Chem./Biol. Sci. I
180-222A,B	(4)	Organic Chemistry II

**U1 Complementary Courses (9 credits)**

6 credits selected from:

552-209A	(3)	Mammalian Physiology I
552-210B	(3)	Mammalian Physiology II
528-211A	(3)	Biology of Microorganisms
177-205B	(3)	Biology of Organisms



**U2 Required Courses** (23 credits)

**U2 Required Courses** (15 credits)

**U2 Complementary Courses** (3 credits)

**U2 Complementary Courses** (3 credits)

**U3 Required Courses** (6 credits)

**U3 Complementary Courses** (6 or 9\* credits)

**U3 Complementary Courses** (12 credits)

**MAJOR PROGRAM IN BIOCHEMISTRY** (67 or 70 credits)  
[MARS Program Code 1-142000]

Students may transfer into the Major program at any time provided they have met all course requirements.

**U1 Required Courses** (20 credits)

**U1 Complementary Courses** (9 credits)

**HONOURS PROGRAM IN BIOCHEMISTRY** (76 credits)  
[MARS Program Code 2-142000]

Admission to the Honours program will not be granted until U2.





**MINOR PROGRAM IN BIOLOGY** (24 credits)

[MARS Program Code 6-144500]

The Minor in Biology may be taken in conjunction with any primary program in the Faculty of Science (other than programs offered by the Department of Biology). Students are advised to consult the Undergraduate Adviser in Biology as early as possible (preferably during their first year), in order to plan their course selection.

Six credits of overlap are allowed between the Minor and the primary program.

**Required Courses** (18 credits)

177-200A (3) Molecular Biology  
177-201B (3) Cell Biology and Metabolism  
177-202B (3) Basic Genetics  
177-205B (3) Biology of Organisms  
177-208A (3) Ecology  
177-304A (3) Evolution

**Complementary Courses** (6 credits)

6 credits to be chosen from the Biology Department's course offerings, at the 300 level or above.

**FACULTY PROGRAMS**

In view of the constantly changing job market for B.Sc. graduates in biology, the Department has designed Faculty Programs to allow students to prepare for a wide range of employment opportunities. The programs offer students an opportunity to specialize in more than one area of biology, to broaden the scope of their scientific background. The programs can be tailored to provide a relatively broad spectrum of biology courses, or provide a degree of specialization in biology which approaches that of a Major Program (total 36 to 54 biology credits). The flexibility and scope of these programs will not only enhance the graduate's prospects for employment, but also entrance into graduate studies.

**FACULTY PROGRAM IN BIOLOGY** (54 credits)

[MARS Program Code 4-144500]

**Required Courses** (18 credits)

177-200A (3) Molecular Biology  
177-201B (3) Cell Biology and Metabolism

**Complementary Courses** (36 credits)

Of the Complementary courses at least 6 of the 15 remaining Biology credits and 6 of the 18 Science credits must be above the 200-level, none may be at the 100-level; all are to be approved by the adviser.

**FACULTY PROGRAM IN BIOLOGY AND MATHEMATICS**

(57 credits) [MARS Program Code 4-144700]

**Required Courses** (21 credits)**Complementary Courses** (36 credits)

Advisers: Drs. M. Mackey and L. Glass (Department of Physiology)

**MAJOR PROGRAM IN BIOLOGY** (54 credits)

[MARS Program Code 1-144500]

The Major requires 54 credits comprising 33 as specified below and 21 additional credits which are to be chosen by students in consultation with their adviser.

**U1 Required Courses** (18 credits)**U2 or U3 Required Courses** (6 credits)**U2 or U3 Complementary Courses** (9 credits)**Other Complementary Courses** (21 credits)

To be selected in consultation with the student's adviser. All courses must be at the 300 level or higher; they are to include any seven Biology courses of which at most three may be substituted, given the adviser's consent, with science courses offered by other departments. Unless required by the Major Program, prerequisites for these courses must be taken as electives.

**BIOLOGY CONCENTRATIONS**

The concentrations set out below are only guidelines for specialized training. They do not constitute sets of requirements. Students interested in advanced studies in any biological discipline are strongly advised to develop their skills in computing as appropriate. As an aid to students wishing to specialize, the concentrations list key and other suggested courses by discipline.

**MOLECULAR GENETICS AND DEVELOPMENT CONCENTRATION**

The discoveries that have fuelled the ongoing biomedical and biotechnological revolution have arisen at the intersection of a number of fields of biological investigation, including molecular biology, genetics, cellular and developmental biology and biochemistry. A substantial and significant quantity of this research has been conducted upon model eukaryotic organisms, such as yeast, nematode, the fruit fly, and the mustard weed, Arabidopsis. In the molecular genetics and development concentration students will obtain a comprehensive understanding of how the "model eukaryotes" have advanced our knowledge of the mechanisms responsible for cellular function and organismal development. Graduates from this concentration will be well prepared to pursue higher degrees in the fields of basic biology, biotechnology, and biomedicine or to assume a wide variety of positions in government, universities, and medical and industrial institutions.

Key courses:

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the lecture component but not the laboratory of 177-111A and only with permission of the Associate Dean (Academic and Student Affairs) of Science.

**177-102B CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY METHODS. (1)**

(3.5 hours laboratory) (Exclusion: 177-112B) The laboratory component of 177-112B. May be taken only by transfer students who have completed elsewhere the lecture component but not the laboratory of 177-112B and only with permission of the Associate Dean (Academic and Student Affairs) of Science.

**177-111A PRINCIPLES OF ORGANISMAL BIOLOGY. (3)** (2 lectures and 3 hours laboratory) (Prerequisite: none. Exclusions: CEGEP objective 00UK or equivalent; 177-115B) An introduction to the structure, function and adaptation of plants and animals in the biosphere. Open to all students wishing introductory biology. Attendance at first lab is mandatory to confirm registration in the course.

**177-112B,L CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY.**

present in normal cells. The origins of these oncogenes, their genetic structure, regulation, and the biochemical properties of the oncogene-encoded proteins will be analyzed in an attempt to understand the origins of human and animal cancers.

● ★**177-324A ECOLOGICAL GENETICS.** (3) (2 hours lecture, 1 seminar) (Prerequisite: 177-202B)

**177-327A HERPETOLOGY.** (3) (2 hours lecture; 3 hours laboratory)

(Prerequisite: 177-205B) Principles of biology as exemplified by the study of amphibians and reptiles. (HvaWgY8Y)j6UHjWgY8qIMencod 177-205h7Av





munities and species. Guest Lecturers: Staff from Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute and Panamanian Universities.

★**177-555L FUNCTIONAL ECOLOGY OF TREES.** (3) (Lectures and laboratory taught in residence at the Gault Nature Reserve) (Prerequisites: 177-204A/304A, 177-205B, 177-357A) Functional organization in trees: physiology, architecture, and life history. Emphasis on trees in natural habitats.

**177-560A AQUATIC CONSERVATION.** (3) (2 lecture hours, 1 conference) (Prerequisites: 177-208A/308B and 177-365A or permission) (Not open to students who have taken 177-460A.) An advanced conservation course, focused on marine and freshwater environments. Begins with the ultimate, distal and proximate processes that explain current global calamities. Then considers management responses such as fisheries modifications, protected areas, alternative livelihoods, and habitat restoration. Conferences include group work to produce real conservation action plans.

● ★**177-562B EVOLUTION OF LIFE CYCLES.** (3) ( 2hours lecture, 1 hour seminar) (Prerequisites: Core Program in Biology.) (Not open to students who have taken 177-462B.)

**177-570B ADVANCED SEMINAR IN EVOLUTION.** (3) ( 3hours seminar) (Open to undergraduates by permission.) Detailed analysis of a topic in evolutionary biology, involving substantial original research.

★**177-572A MOLECULAR EVOLUTION.** (3) ( 4hours lecture/seminar) (Prerequisite: 177-300A) (Not open to students who have

**Molecular Biology (Biology)****Molecular Biology (Biochemistry)****Physiology****Plant Biology****Pollution\***

\* These courses may not also be used for a Environmental Engineering Minor by Engineering students.

**General:****COURSE DESCRIPTION****All courses have limited enrolment.**

The names of course instructors are listed on the Course Time-table available on **infoMcGill** via the Web <http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/>.

The course credit weight is given in parentheses after the title.

**202-505A SELECTED TOPICS IN BIOTECHNOLOGY.** (3) (Restricted to U3 students) Current methods and recent advances in biological, medical, agricultural and engineering aspects of biotechnology will be described and discussed. An extensive reading list will complement the lecture material.

**11.6 Chemistry (180)**

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*Chair* — David N. Harpp

*Emeritus Professors*

John F. Harrod; B.Sc., Ph.D.(Birm.)

*(Tomlinson Emeritus Professor of Chemistry)*

Alan S. Hay; B.Sc., M.Sc.(Alta.), Ph.D.(Ill.), D.Sc.(Alta.), F.R.S.,  
F.N.Y., Acad.Sci.*(Tomlinson Emeritus Professor of Chemistry)*

Mario Onyszchuk, B.Sc.(McG.), M.Sc.(W.Ont.), Ph.D.(McG.),  
Ph.D.(Cantab.)

Donald Patterson; M.Sc.(McG.), Doc. Hon. Causa(St-Etienne)

*(Otto Maass Emeritus Professor of Chemistry)*

Arthur S. Perlin; M.Sc., Ph.D.(McG.), F.R.S.C.

A degree in chemistry leads to a wide variety of professional vocations. The large science-based industries (petroleum refining, plastics, pharmaceuticals, etc.) all employ chemists in research, development and quality control. Many federal and provincial departments and agencies employ chemists in research and testing laboratories. Such positions are expected to increase with the currently growing concern for the environment and for consumer protection. A background in chemistry is also useful as a basis for advanced study in other related fields, such as medicine and the biological sciences. For a business career, a B.Sc. in Chemistry can profitably be combined with a master's degree in Business Administration, or a study of law for work as a patent lawyer or forensic scientist.

Chemistry courses at the university level are traditionally divided into four areas of specialization: 1) organic chemistry, dealing with the compounds of carbon; 2) inorganic chemistry, concerned with the chemistry and compounds of elements other than carbon; 3) analytical chemistry, which deals with the identification of substances and the quantitative measurement of their compositions; and 4) physical chemistry, which treats the physical laws and energetics governing chemical reactions. Naturally there is a great deal of overlap between these different areas, and the boundaries are becoming increasingly blurred. After a general course at the collegial level, courses in organic, inorganic, analytical and physical chemistry are offered through the university years. Since chemistry is an experimental science, laboratory classes accompany most undergraduate courses. In addition, courses are offered in polymer, nuclear, theoretical, radio- and biological chemistry to upper year undergraduates.

There are two main programs in chemistry, Honours and Major. The Honours program is intended primarily for students wishing to pursue graduate studies in chemistry. While the Major program is somewhat less specialized, it is still recognized as sufficient training for a career in chemistry. It can also lead to graduate studies although an additional qualifying year may be necessary. There are also a number of Faculty programs available. Interested students may inquire about these at the Student Advisory Office, Room 309A, Otto Maass Chemistry Building.

#### **PRE-PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Students entering from the Freshman program must have included Mathematics 189-140/141, Chemistry 180-121/111 or -120/110, Biology 177-111, Physics 198-131/142, or their equivalents in their Freshman year. Québec students must have completed the DEC with appropriate science and mathematics courses.

#### **REQUIRED COURSES IN CHEMISTRY PROGRAMS**

The required courses in Chemistry programs consist of 56 credits in chemistry, physics and mathematics, listed below. The courses marked with an asterisk (\*) are omitted from the program of students who have successfully completed them at the CEGEP level but the Chemistry courses must be replaced by courses in that dis-





**180-302A,B ORGANIC CHEMISTRY III.** (3) (3 lectures) (Prerequisites: 180-212 and 222.) Topics covered may include the following: aromatics and heterocyclics, carbanions, rearrangements, molecular orbital considerations, polymers and biomolecules.

● **180-307A ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS.** (3) (2 lectures and laboratory with field trips) (Prerequisites: One course in analytical chemistry.)

**180-334A ADVANCED MATERIALS.** (3) (Prerequisites: 180-110/120 or 180-111/121 and 198-101/102 or 198-131/142, or CEGEP Physics and Chemistry, or equivalent. Corerequisite: one of 180-203, 180-204, 180-213, 180-214 or equivalent; or one of 198-230 and 198-232, or equivalent; or permission of instructor.) (Not open to students who have taken or are taking 198-334.) The physicochemical properties of advanced materials. Topics discussed include photonics, information storage, 'smart' materials, biomaterials, clean energy materials, porous materials, and polymers.

**180-345A MOLECULAR PROPERTIES & STRUCTURE I.** (3) (3 lectures) (Prerequisite: 180-213, 189-315. For Chemistry Honours and Majors only.) An introduction to quantum chemistry covering the historical development, wave theory, methods of quantum mechanics, and applications of quantum chemistry.

● **180-350A EARTH, AIR, FIRE, W**





## 11.7 Cognitive Science

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*Program Director* — TBA

Website: <http://www.cogsci.mcgill.ca>

Cognitive Science is the multi-disciplinary study of cognition in humans and machines. The goal is to understand the principles of intelligence with the hope that this will lead to better understanding of the mind and of learning, and to the development of intelligent devices that constructively extend human abilities.

The Minor in Cognitive Science is intended to supplement and support Major or Honours programs in Computer Science, Linguistics, Philosophy, or Psychology. Students wishing to enrol in this Minor must register with the Program Director.



**MAJOR PROGRAM IN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING**  
(72 to 74 credits) (Subject to Ministry of Education approval)  
(Program revision awaiting University approval)

**Complementary Courses** (18 credits)

**JOINT MAJOR PROGRAM IN MATHEMATICS AND  
COMPUTER SCIENCE** See [page 398](#) in the Mathematics and  
Statistics section for complete program information.

**JOINT MAJOR PROGRAM IN PHYSICS AND COMPUTER  
SCIENCE** See [page 416](#) in the Physics section for complete pro-  
gram information.

308-412	(3)	Software for e-commerce
308-420	(3)	Files and Databases
308-424	(3)	Artificial Intelligence 1
308-433	(3)	Personal Software Engineering
308-505	(3)	High-Performance Computer Architecture
308-520	(4)	Compiler Design
308-524	(3)	Theoretical Found. of Prog. Lang.
308-535	(3)	Computer Networks
308-560	(3)	Graph Algorithms and Applications
308-566	(3)	Discrete Optimization
308-575	(3)	Fundamentals of Distributed Algorithms

**HONOURS PROGRAM IN COMPUTER SCIENCE (72 credits)**

Honours students must maintain a CGPA of 3.00 and must have at least this average upon graduation as well.

**Required Courses (45 credits)**

all Major Program required courses, plus  
308-400A,B (3) Technical Project and Report

**Complementary Courses (27 credits)**

24 credits from Major Program complementary courses  
3 credits from Major Program complementary courses in Mathematics

**JOINT HONOURS PROGRAM IN MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE** See [page 401](#) in the Mathematics and Statistics section for complete program information. Students must consult an Honours adviser in both Departments.

**MINOR IN COGNITIVE SCIENCE** Students following Major or Honours programs in Computer Science may want to consider the Minor in Cognitive Science.

**INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS – INTERNSHIP YEAR FOR ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE (IYES)**

The following programs are also available with an Internship component. For more information, please see [section 2.8](#) in the Faculty of Engineering section.

Major in Computer Science  
Honours in Computer Science

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS****All courses have limited enrolment.**

The names of course instructors are listed on the Course Timetable available on [infoMcGill](#) via the Web <http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/>.

The course credit weight is given in parentheses after the title.

- Denotes courses not offered in 2001-02.

Students are strongly recommended to consult [infoMcGill](#) for the latest course offerings.

**Notes:**

- A student cannot receive credit for both 308-202 and 308-208. 308-202 is intended as a general introductory course, while 308-208 is intended for students interested in scientific computations. The credits for either of these courses will not count towards the 60-credit Major in Computer Science.
- 308-203 and 308-250 are considered to be equivalent from a prerequisite point of view, and may not both be taken for credit. Computer Science Major and Honours students are strongly advised to take 189-240 with 308-250 but before 308-251.
- A student cannot receive credit for both 308-330 and 308-530.
- A student cannot receive credit for 308-102 if it is taken concurrently with, or after any of the following: 308-202, 308-203, 308-208, or 308-250.
- 308-431 is restricted to B.Eng. students in Electrical and Computer Engineering. A student cannot receive credit for both 308-431 and 308-251, or for both 308-431 and 308-360 or 308-405.
- Management students may not receive credit for both 308-202 and 635-300. Likewise, they may not receive credit for both 308-203 and 635-301. In addition, Management students may not receive credit for 308-102.
- This course is restricted to students registered in the following programs: Major and Honours in Computer Science, Joint Major in Mathematics and Computer Science, Joint Major Physics and Computer Science, Major in Software Engineering, Bachelor in Software Engineering, Joint Honours in Mathematics and Computer Science, Honours Program in Applied Mathematics, Honours Program in Mathematics, Honours Program in Probability and Statistics, Minor Concentration in Foundations of Computing, Minor Concentration in Computer Science, and Major Concentration in the Foundations of Computing.
- Students registered in the following programs may NOT take this course: Major and Honours in Computer Science, Joint Major in Mathematics and Computer Science, Joint Major Physics and Computer Science, Major in Software Engineering, Bachelor in Software Engineering, Joint Honours in Mathematics and Computer Science, Honours Program in Applied Mathematics, Honours Program in Mathematics, and Honours Program in Probability and Statistics.
- This course is restricted to students registered in the following programs: Major and Honours in Computer Science, Minor in Computer Science, Joint Major in Mathematics and Computer Science, Joint Major Physics and Computer Science, Major in Software Engineering, Bachelor in Software Engineering, Joint Honours in Mathematics and Computer Science, Honours Program in Applied Mathematics, Honours Program in Mathematics, Honours Program in Probability and Statistics, Minor Concentration in Foundations of Computing, Minor Concentration in Computer Science, and Major Concentration in the Foundations of Computing.
- This course is restricted to students registered in the following programs: Major and Honours in Computer Science, Minor in Computer Science, Joint Major in Mathematics and Computer Science, Joint Major Physics and Computer Science, Major in Software Engineering, Bachelor in Software Engineering, Joint Honours in Mathematics and Computer Science, Honours Program in Applied Mathematics, Honours Program in Mathematics, Honours Program in Probability and Statistics, Minor Concentration in Foundations of Computing, Minor Concentration in Computer Science, Major Concentration in the Foundations of Computing, and Minor in Cognitive Science.
- This course is restricted to students registered in the following programs: Major and Honours in Computer Science, Joint Major in Mathematics and Computer Science, Joint Major Physics and Computer Science, Major in Software Engineering, Bachelor in Software Engineering, Joint Honours in Mathematics and Computer Science, Honours Program in Applied Mathematics, Honours Program in Mathematics, Honours Program in Probability and Statistics, Minor Concentration in Foundations of Computing, Minor Concentration in Computer Science, Major Concentration in Foundations of Computing, and Major in Computer Engineering.
- This course is restricted to students registered in the following programs: Major and Honours in Computer Science, Minor in Computer Science, Joint Major in Mathematics and Computer Science, Joint Major Physics and Computer Science, Major in Software Engineering, Bachelor in Software Engineering, Joint Honours in Mathematics and Computer Science, Honours Program in Applied Mathematics, Honours Program in Mathematics, Honours Program in Probability and Statistics, Minor Concentration in Foundations of Computing, Minor Concentration in Computer Science, Major Concentration in Foundations of Computing, and Major in Computer Engineering.
- 308-250 and 308-203 cannot both be taken for credit.
- 308-202 cannot be taken for credit with or after 308-250.



**308-421B DATABASE SYSTEMS.** (3) (3 hours) (Prerequisites: 308-206, 308-251, 308-302) (For restrictions, see Note I.) The relational model of databases, an introduction to object-oriented concepts. Relational algebra, conceptual design of databases, concurrency control issues and databases. (Restriction revision awaiting University approval)

**308-423B DATA COMPRESSION.** (3) (3 hours) (Prerequisites: 308-251, 189-223, 189-323) Information Theory. Huffman, arithmetic and dictionary codes. Context Modelling. Lossy compression and quantization. Signal processing. Applications to text, image, speech, audio and video data.

**308-424A ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE 1.** (3) (3 hours) (Prerequisites: 308-206, 308-251, 308-302) (For restrictions, see Note E.) Introduction to search methods in AI problems. Mechanical theorem-proving techniques, game playing by computers, the minimax and alpha-beta algorithms, and heuristic approaches to state space search problems. (Restriction revision awaiting University approval)

**308-426B AUTOMATED REASONING.** (3) (3 hours) (Prerequisites: 308-424; or 308-302 with 189-340.) Representing and reasoning with knowledge. The case for logics. Introduction to Logic Programming and, for example, PROLOG. Introduction to some Artificial Intelligence applications of Logic Programming: Meta-interpreters, Expert Systems and their implementation, Planning, Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning.

**308-431A ALGORITHMS AND DATA STRUCTURES.** (3) (3 hours) (Prerequisites: 304-222 and 189-363.) (For restrictions, see Note E.) Advanced data structures: heaps, binary search trees, graphs, algorithmic analysis: space-time analysis, worst-case and expected complexity. Examples of searching sorting and merging. Algorithm design: divide-and-conquer, dynamic programming, greedy methods, backtracking. Algorithms: set manipulation, tree traversals. Memory management: hashing, dynamic storage allocation and garbage collection.

**308-433A PERSONAL SOFTWARE ENGINEERING.** (3) (3 hours) (Prerequisite: 308-335B.) This software engineering course teaches students how to develop, manage and improve their personal processes for developing software. Selected software development practices are introduced through 10 small programming exercises. The students then use these programs to analyse data on their personal performance, plan homework projects, and guide their process improvement.

**308-435B BASICS OF COMPUTER NETWORKS.** (3) (3 hours) (Prerequisite: 308-310) (For restrictions, see Note I.) Exposition of the first four layers of the ISO model for computer network protocols. Socket programming. Network administration and configuration and Security issues. (Restriction revision awaiting University approval)

**308-505A HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE.** (3) (3 hours) (Prerequisites: 308-302 and 308-305 or equivalent.) Basic principles and techniques in the design of high-performance computer architecture. Topics include memory architecture: cache structure and design, virtual memory structures; pipelined processor architecture: pipeline control and hazard resolution, pipelined memory structures, interrupt, evaluation techniques; vector processing; RISC vs. CISC architectures; general vs. special purpose architectures; VLSI architecture issues.

**308-506B ADVANCED ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS.** (3) (3 hours) (Prerequisite: 308-330 or 308-360 or 308-405 or 308-431.) The study of computational complexity and intractability: Cook's Theorem, NP-completeness, oracles, the polynomial hierarchy, lower bounds, heuristics, approximation problems.

**308-507A COMPUTATIONAL GEOMETRY.** (3) (3 hours) (Prerequisite: 308-360 or 308-405 or equivalent or co-requisite 506.) Problems in computational geometry; worst-case complexity of geometric algorithms; expected complexity of geometric algorithms and geometric probability; geometric intersection problems; nearest neighbor searching; point inclusion problems; distance between sets; diameter and convex hull of a set; polygon decomposition; the

Voronoi diagram and other planar graphs; updating and deleting from geometric structures.

**308-520A COMPILER DESIGN.** (4) (3 hours, 1 hour consultation) (Prerequisites: 308-273 and 308-302.) The structure of a compiler. Lexical analysis. Parsing techniques. Syntax directed translation. Run-time implementation of various programming language constructs. Introduction to code generation for an idealized machine. Students will implement parts of a compiler.

**308-522A MODELLING AND SIMULATION.** (4) (3 hours) (Prerequisites: 308-251, 308-302, 308-350) Simulation and modeling processes, state automata, Petri Nets, state charts, discrete event systems, continuous-time models, hybrid models, system dynamics and object-oriented modeling.

**308-524B THEORETICAL FOUND. OF PROG. LANG.** (3) (3 hours) (Prerequisite: 308-302, and 189-340 or 189-235) Operational and denotational semantics of programming languages. Equivalence theorems for first-order languages. Lambda calculus. Type-inference, typed lambda calculus. Polymorphism. Elements of domain theory and fixed-point induction.

**308-525B FORMAL VERIFICATION.** (3) (3 hours) (Prerequisites: 308-251, 308-310, 308-330 and 189-340) Propositional logic – syntax and semantics, temporal logic, other modal logics, model checking, symbolic model checking, binary decision diagrams, other approaches to formal verification.

**308-526 PROBABILISTIC REASONING AND AI.** (3) (3 hours) (Prereq-

Reliable and efficient algorithms for solution of equations, linear least squares problems, the singular value decomposition, the eigenproblem and related problems. Perturbation analysis of problems. Algorithms for structured matrices.

**308-547A CRYPTOGRAPHY AND DATA SECURITY.** (3) (3 hours) (Prerequisite: 308-360) (Restriction: Not open to students who have taken 308-647.) This course presents an in-depth study of modern cryptography and data security. The basic information theoretic and computational properties of classical and modern cryptographic systems are presented, followed by a cryptanalytic examination of several important systems. We will study the applications of cryptography to the security of systems.

**308-557B FUNDAMENTALS OF COMPUTER GRAPHICS.** (3) (3 hours) (Prerequisite: 189-223, and 308-251 or -302.) The study of fundamental mathematical, algorithmic and representational issues in computer graphics. The topics to be covered are: overview of graphics process, projective geometry, homogeneous coordinates, projective transformations, quadrics and tensors, line-drawing, surface modelling and object modelling reflectance models and rendering, texture mapping, polyhedral representations, procedural modeling, and animation.

**308-558B FUND. OF COMPUTER VISION.** (3) (3 hours) (Prerequisites: 308-206, 308-360, 189-222, 189-223) (Restriction: not open to students who have taken 308-766 before January 2001.) Biological vision, edge detection, projective geometry and camera modeling, shape from shading and texture, stereo vision, optical flow, motion analysis, object representation, object recognition, graph theoretic methods, high level vision, applications.

**308-560A G**





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186-570A COSMOCHEMISTRY

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