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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 250 doctoral and master's degree programs, and is recognized for excellence across the full range of academic disciplines and professions. Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) collaborates with the Faculties and other administrative and academic units to provide strategic leadership and vision for graduate teaching and research across the University. GPS also oversees the admission and registration of graduate students, disbursing graduate fellowships, supporting postdoctoral fellows, and facilitating the graduation process, including the examination of theses. GPS has partnered with Enrolment Services to offer streamlined services in a one-stop location at [Service Point](#).

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

McGill is ranked as one of Canada's most intensive research universities and among the world's top 25. We recognize that these successes come not only from our outstanding faculty members, but also from the quality of our graduate students and postdoctoral fellows—a community into which we are very happy to welcome you.

I invite you to join us in advancing this heritage of excellence at McGill.

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

3 Important Dates 2012–2013

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

4 Graduate Studies at a Glance

4.1 Graduate and 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>Geography</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>History and Classical Studies</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Institute for the Study of International Development</i>	N/A
: <i>Islamic Studies</i>	M.A., Ph.D.

Faculty of Medicine	Degrees Available
<i>: Communication Sciences and Disorders</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D.
<i>: Epidemiology and Biostatistics</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D., Graduate Diploma
<i>: Human Genetics</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
<i>: Medical Physics</i>	M.Sc.
<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>: Neur</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.

Degree		Prerequisites
Master of Arts	M.A.	Bachelor of Arts in the subject selected for graduate work. See appropriate unit.
Master of Architecture	M.Arch.	Professional degree – McGill B.Sc.(Arch.) degree, or equivalent. Post-professional degree – an M.Arch. (professional degree) or equivalent professional degree.
Master of Business Administration	M.B.A.	An undergraduate degree from an approved university. See : M.B.A. Program .
Master of Business Administration with integrated Bachelor of Civil Law / Bachelor of Laws	M.B.A. with B.C.L./LL.B.	See : M.B.A. Program .
Master of Business Administration with Doctor of Medicine / Master of Surgery	M.B.A. with M.D.,C.M.	See : M.B.A. Program .
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. An acceptable degree in Law or equivalent qualifications. See : Law Admission Requirements and Application 39.028 48Tm(v)Tj1 0 0 1 425.269 54.isst 0 1 532.99 24 585.

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

Master of Arts (M.A.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Master of Education (M.Ed.)

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

Master of Engineering (M.Eng.)

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

Master of Laws (LL.M.)

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

Master of Library and Information Studies (M.L.I.S.)

The Graduate School of Library and Information Studies offers a postgraduate professional program in librarianship. Two years of full-time study or the equivalent are required.

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Information Studies	Non-Thesis	N/A

Master of Music (M.Mus.)

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Music – Composition	Non-Thesis	N/A
Performance	Thesis	Vocal Pedagogy, Jazz Performance, Early Music, Orchestral Instruments and Guitar, Collaborative Piano, Piano, Opera and Voice, Organ and Church Music, Conducting
Sound Recording	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.

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Religious Studies	Non-Thesis	N/A

Master of Science (M.Sc.)

Program Areas	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Agricultural Economics	Thesis	N/A
Animal Science	Thesis	N/A
Atmospheric and Oceanic Science	Thesis	Environment (Thesis)
Biochemistry	Thesis	Bioinformatics, Chemical Biology (Thesis)
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, 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

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

Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.)

This degree was designed to provide postgraduate training of a professional and vocational character, with less emphasis on theoretical knowledge and research than in Master of Science programs, but with no lower standards either for admission or completion of requirements. Two years of full-time study or equivalent are normally required with an emphasis on coursework.

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Animal Science	Non-Thesis	N/A
Bioresource Engineering	Non-Thesis	Environment, Environmental Engineering, Neotropical Environment
Biotechnology	Non-Thesis	N/A
Chemistry	Non-Thesis	N/A
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Non-Thesis	Speech-Language Pathology
Human Nutrition	Non-Thesis (Project), Non-Thesis (Practicum)	N/A
Nursing	Non-Thesis	N/A
Occupational Health	Non-Thesis (Resident), Non-Thesis (Distance)	N/A

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

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

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

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Social Work	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Joint Master of Social Work with B.C.L. and LL.B.	Non-Thesis	N/A

Master of Urban Planning

The program requires a minimum of two years residence and a three-month internship with a member of a recognized planning association.

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Urban Planning	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Transportation Planning, Urban Design (Non-Thesis)

4.4 Doctoral Degrees

The following section lists the doctoral degrees available at McGill, along with their prerequisites. See [section 4.4.1: Doctoral Degree Programs and Specializations](#) for specific programs and options for doctoral degrees.

Degree		Prerequisites
Doctor of Civil Law	D.C.L.	B.C.L. or LL.B. and usually LL.M. See Law.
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 Music.
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.

4.4.1 Doctoral Degree Programs and Specializations**Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.)**

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.

Program	Options	Offered by Faculty/School
Law	Air and Space Law, Comparative Law	Faculty of Law

Doctor of Music (D.Mus.)

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).

Program	Options	Offered by Faculty/School
Music	Composition, Performance Studies	Schulich School of Music

Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

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

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

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

Program	Options	Offered by Faculty/School
Psychiatry	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Urban Planning	N/A	Faculty of Engineering

4.5 Postdoctoral Research

See [section 8: Postdoctoral Research](#) for information about postdoctoral research at McGill University.

- 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, av



Note: The master's degree must have been awarded before initial registration in the doctoral program; otherwise, the admission level will be at Ph.D. 1 and residency will be extended to three years. Once the level of admission is approved, it will not be changed after obtaining the master's degree if the date falls after registration in the program. If a previous awarded degree is a condition of admission, it must be fulfilled before registration in another program.

As a rule, no more than one-third of the McGill program formal coursework can be credited with courses from another university.

Comprehensive Examinations – Doctoral

A comprehensive examination or its equivalent is usually held near the end of Ph.D. 2. The results of this examination determine whether or not students will be permitted to continue in their programs. The methods adopted for examination and evaluation and the areas to be examined are specified by departmental regulations approved by the Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. It is the responsibility of students to inform themselves of these details at the commencement of their programs. For more information, see *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > Guidelines and Policies > : Ph.D. Comprehensives Policy*.

Language Requirements – Doctoral

Most graduate departments in the Faculties of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Education, Engineering, Management, Medicine, and Science do not require a language examination. Students should inquire in their departments if there are any such requirements or whether any other requirements have

English and French language courses offered by the French Language Centre (Faculty of Arts) or the School of Continuing Studies may not be taken for coursework credits toward a graduate program.

All substitutions for coursework in graduate programs, diplomas, and certificates must be approved by GPS.

Courses taken at other institutions to be part of the requirements of a program of studies must be approved by GPS before registration. Double counting is not permitted.

6 General Admission for Graduate Studies

Website:

6.3 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 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 submit the scores along with their other admission material.

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 submit scores from the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT). The test is a standardized assessment offered by the Graduate Management Admission Council to help business schools assess candidates for admission. For further information, see www.mba.com/the-gmat.

6.4 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)

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* The CBT is no longer being offered and CBT results are no longer considered valid, or being reported by ETS.

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 Adv

6.5 Admission to a Qualifying Program

Some applicants whose academic degrees and Standing entitle them to serious consideration for admission to graduate studies, but who are considered inadequately prepared in the subject selected may be admitted to a Qualifying Program for a master's. The undergraduate-level courses to be taken in a Qualifying Program will be prescribed by the department concerned.

Qualifying students are re

6.10 Deferral of Admission

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

Fellowships, Awards,

Postdocs of policies, procedures, and privileges (e.g., orientation sessions, handbooks, etc.), as well as mechanisms for addressing complaints. Academic units should ensure that their policies, procedures and privileges are consistent with these guidelines and the Charter of Students' Rights. For their part, Postdocs are responsible for informing themselves of policies, procedures, and privileges.

1. Definition and Status

i. Postdoctoral status will be recognized by the University in accordance with Quebec provincial regulations. Persons may only be registered with postdoctoral status for a period of up to five years from the date they were awarded a Ph.D. or equivalent degree. Time allocated to parental or health leave is added to this period of time. Leaves for other reasons, including vacation leave, do not extend the term. Postdocs must do research under the supervision of a McGill professor, including Adjunct Professors, who is a member of McGill's academic staff qualified in the discipline in which training is being provided and with the abilities to fulfil responsibilities as a supervisor of the research and as a mentor for career development. They are expected to be engaged primarily in research with minimal teaching or other responsibilities.

2. Registration

i. Postdocs must be registered annually with the University through Enrolment Services. Initial registration will require an original or notarized copy of the Ph.D. diploma. Registration will be limited to persons who fulfil the definition above and for whom there is an assurance of appropriate funding and where the unit can provide assurance of the necessary resources to permit postdoctoral education.

ii. Upon registration, the Postdoc will be eligible for a University identity card issued by Enrolment Services.

3. Appointment, Pay, Agreement of Conditions

i. Appointments may not exceed your registration eligibility status.

ii. In order to be registered as a Postdoc, you must be assured of financial support other than from personal means during your stay at McGill University, equivalent to the minimal stipend requirement set by the University in accordance with guidelines issued by federal and provincial research granting agencies. There are no provisions for paid parental leave unless this is stipulated in the regulations of a funding agency outside the University.

iii. At the outset of a postdoctoral appointment, a written Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education should be drawn up and signed by the Postdoc, the supervisor, and the department head or delegate (see template Letter of Agreement on the web at www.234.662.49.28.TmF0.1.5.8.1.Tf1.0.0.1.4Pps/ar1.5.n,

- i. Postdocs are subject to the responsibilities outlined in the *Handbook on Student Rights and Responsibilities* (“Green Book”), available at www.mcgill.ca/secretariat/policies/students.
- ii. Each academic unit hosting Postdocs should clearly identify Postdocs’ needs and the means by which they will be met by the unit.
- iii. Each academic unit should assess the availability of research supervision facilities, office space, and research funding before recruiting Postdocs.
- iv. Some examples of responsibilities of the department are:
 - to verify the Postdoc’s eligibility period for registration;
 - to provide Postdocs with departmental policy and procedures that pertain to them;
 - to oversee the registration and appointment of Postdocs;
 - to assign departmental personnel (e.g., Postdoc coordinator and Graduate Program Director) the responsibility for Postdocs;
 - to oversee and sign off on the Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education;
 - to ensure that each Postdoc has a supervisor, lab and/or office space, access to research operating costs and necessary equipment;
 - to include Postdocs in departmental career and placement opportunities;
 - to refer Postdocs to the appropriate University policies and personnel for the resolution of conflict that may arise between a Postdoc and a supervisor.
- v. Some examples of responsibilities of the supervisor are:
 - to uphold and transmit to their Postdocs the highest professional standards of research and/or scholarship;
 - to provide research guidance;
 - to meet regularly with their Postdocs;
 - to provide feedback on research submitted by the Postdocs;
 - to clarify expectations regarding intellectual property rights in accordance with the University’s policy;
 - to provide mentorship for career development;
 - to prepare, sign, and adhere to a Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education.
- vi. Some examples of responsibilities of Postdocs are:
 - to inform themselves of and adhere to the University’s policies and/or regulations for Postdocs for leaves, for research, and for student conduct as outlined in the *Handbook on Student Rights and Responsibilities* and the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies *University Regulations and Resources*;
 - to submit a complete file for registration to Enrolment Services;
 - to sign and adhere to their Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education;
 - to communicate regularly with their supervisor;
 - to inform their supervisor of their absences.
- vii. Some examples of the responsibilities of the University are:
 - to register Postdocs;
 - to provide an appeal mechanism in cases of conflict;
 - to provide documented policies and procedures to Postdocs;
 - to provide Postdocs with the necessary information on McGill University student services.

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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

8.4 Leave of Absence for Health and Parental/Familial Reasons

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

Such a leave must be requested on a term-by-term basis and may be granted for a period of up to 52 weeks. Students and Postdocs must make a request for such a leave in writing to their department and submit a medical certificate. The department shall forward the request to Enrolment Services. See procedure

under *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Health and Parental/Familial Leave of Absence Policy*. Students who have been granted such a leave will have to register for the term(s) in question and their registration will show as “leave of absence” on their record. No tuition fees will be charged for the duration of the authorized leave. Research supervisors are not obligated to remunerate students and Postdocs on leave. GPS has prepared a summary table of various leave policies (paid or unpaid) for students and Postdocs paid from the Federal and Quebec Councils through fellowships or research grants. The document is available at www.mcgill.ca/gps/postdocs/becoming/leave under “Information on the Funding Council Leave Policies for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows.”

8.5 Postdoctoral Research Trainees

Eligibility

If your situation does not conform to the *Quebec Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport* (MELS) definition of Postdoctoral Fellow, you may be eligible to attend McGill as a Postdoctoral Research Trainee. While at McGill, you can perform research only (you may not register for courses or engage in clinical practice). Medical specialists who will have clinical exposure and require a training card must register through Postgraduate Medical Education of the Faculty of Medicine—not Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

The category of Postdoctoral Research Trainee is for:

Category 1: An individual who has completed requirements for the Doctoral degree or medical specialty, but the degree/certification has not yet been awarded. The individual will subsequently be eligible for registration as a Postdoctoral Fellow.

Category 2: An individual who is not eligible for Postdoctoral Registration according to the MELS definition, but is a recipient of an external postdoctoral award from a recognized Canadian funding agency.

Category 3: An individual who holds a professional degree (or equivalent) in a regulated health profession (as defined under CIHR-eligible health profession) and is enrolled in a program of postgraduate medical education at another institution. The individual wishes to conduct the research stage or elective component of his/her program of study at McGill University under the supervision of a McGill professor. The individual will be engaged in full-time research with well-defined objectives, responsibilities, and methods of reporting. The application must be accompanied by a letter of permission from the home institution (signed by the Department Chair, Dean or equivalent) confirming registration in their program and stating the expected duration of the research stage. Individuals who are expecting to spend more than one year are encouraged to obtain formal training (master's or Ph.D.) through application to a relevant graduate program.

Category 4: An individual who holds a regulated health profession (as defined under CIHR-eligible health profession), but not a Ph.D. or equiv

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11.1.2 About Environment

Resolving environmental issues requires a dialogue between pure and applied sciences, the social sciences, and humanities. The degradation of the biological and biophysical environment has roots in the structure of human societies while solutions to environmental problems have an impact on human livelihoods.

A number of academic departments and institutes at McGill promote graduate-level research and training on environmental topics and have faculty members whose main research interest falls in this domain. As such, environmental research is widespread throughout the McGill community. The Environment option provides a vehicle whereby discipline-based graduate programs can easily and effectively incorporate collaborations from at least one other discipline into their research.

Goals of the Option

- To provide thesis or non-thesis students in existing graduate programs with an understanding of how knowledge is transferred into action with regard to the environment;
- To develop an appreciation of the role of scientific, political, socioeconomic, and ethical judgments in influencing that process;
- To provide a forum whereby graduate students in environment throughout the University bring their disciplinary perspectives

Epidemiology

M.Sc. – see *Programs, Courses and University Regulations* > Faculty of Medicine > Graduate > Academic Programs > Epidemiology and Biostatistics > : *Master of Science (M.Sc.); Public Health (Non-Thesis) — Environment (60 credits)*

Geography

~~M.A. – see *Programs, Courses and University Regulations* > Faculty of Arts > Graduate > Academic Programs > Geography > : *Master of Arts (M.A.); Geography (Thesis) — Environment (45 credits)*~~

M.Sc. – see *Programs, Courses and University Regulations* > Faculty of Science > Graduate

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