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2.3 General Statement Concerning Higher Degrees

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) oversees all programs leading to graduate diplomas, certificates, and higher degrees, with the exception of some

Faculty of Arts	Degrees Available
: <i>Linguistics</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Mathematics and Statistics</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Philosophy</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Political Science</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Psychology</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Quebec Studies / Études sur le Québec</i>	N/A
: <i>Social Studies of Medicine</i>	N/A
: <i>Social Work</i>	M.S.W., Ph.D.
: <i>Sociology</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
School of Dentistry	Degrees Available
: <i>Dentistry</i>	M.Sc.
Desautels Faculty of Management	Degrees Available
: <i>Desautels Faculty of Management</i>	M.B.A., M.B.A. with Integrated B.C.L./LL.B., M.D./M.B.A., M.B.A./Japan, E.M.B.A., M.M.M., M.M., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate, Diploma
Faculty of Education	Degrees Available
: <i>Educational and Counselling Psychology</i>	M.A., M.Ed., Ph.D., Graduate Diploma
: <i>Information Studies</i>	M.L.I.S., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma
: <i>Integrated Studies in Education</i>	M.A., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate
: <i>Kinesiology and Physical Education</i>	M.A., M.Sc.
Faculty of Engineering	Degrees Available
: <i>Architecture</i>	M.Arch., Ph.D.
: <i>Chemical Engineering</i>	M.Eng., Ph.D.
: <i>Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics</i>	M.Sc., M.Eng., Ph.D.
: <i>Electrical and Computer Engineering</i>	M.Eng., Ph.D.
: <i>Mechanical Engineering</i>	M.Sc., M.Eng., Ph.D.
: <i>Mining and Materials Engineering</i>	M.Sc., M.Eng., Ph.D., Graduate Diploma
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Degree		Prerequisites
Master of Business Administration with integrated Bachelor of Civil Law / Bachelor of Laws	M.B.A. with B.C.L./LL.B.	See : 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.
Master of Laws	LL.M.	An acceptable degree in Law or equivalent qualifications. See : Law Admission Requirements and Application Procedures .
Master of Library and Information Studies	M.L.I.S.	At least a bachelor's degree from a recognized university. See : Information Studies Admission Requirements and Application Procedures .
Master of Management	M.M.	See : Master of Management Programs Admission Requirements and Application Procedures .
Master of Manufacturing Management	M.M.M.	See : Master of Management Programs Admission Requirements and Application Procedures .
Master of Music	M.Mus.	Bachelor of Music or Bachelor of Arts with concentration in the area selected for graduate study. Applicants to the Performance program are required to pass auditions in their speciality. See : Schulich School of Music .
Master of Sacred Theology	S.T.M.	B.A. with specialization in religious studies or theology. See : Religious Studies Admission Requirements and Application Procedures .
Master of Science	M.Sc.	Bachelor of Science in the subject selected for graduate work. See appropriate unit.
Master of Science, Applied	M.Sc.A.	A bachelor's degree in the subject selected for graduate work. See appropriate unit. Bachelor's degree in Social Work including courses in statistics and social science research methods. See : Social Work Admission Requir

Master of Arts (M.A.)

Second Language Education

Thesis, Non-Thesis

Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis)

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

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

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

Agricultural Economics	Thesis	N/A
	Thesis	N/A

Master of Science (M.Sc.)

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 more theoretical knowledge and research than in Master of Science programs, but with no lower standards either for admission or graduation. Two years of full-time study or equivalent are normally required with an emphasis on coursework.

Animal Science	Non-Thesis	N/A
Bioresource Engineering	Non-Thesis	Environment, Environment, Food and Bioprocessing, Neotropical Environment
Biotechnology	Non-Thesis	N/A
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Non-Thesis	Speech-Language
Human Nutrition	Non-Thesis, Non-Thesis (Project), Non-Thesis (Practicum)	Dietetics Credential
Nursing	Non-Thesis	N/A
Occupational Health	Non-Thesis (Resident), Non-Thesis (Distance)	N/A
Occupational Therapy	Non-Thesis	N/A
Physical Therapy	Non-Thesis	N/A
Plant Science	Non-Thesis	N/A

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.

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 recognized planning association.

Urban Planning	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Transportation Planning (Non-Thesis)
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4.3 Doctoral Degrees Available at McGill

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

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Degree		Prerequisites
Doctor of Music	D.Mus.	M.A. in Composition (D.Mus. in Composition) or a master's degree in Performance, and professional and teaching experience (D.Mus. in Performance). See : Schulich School of 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.
Joint Doctor of Philosophy	Ph.D.	Joint Ph.D.s are offered in co-operation with other universities.
<i>Ad Hoc</i> Doctor of Philosophy	Ph.D. (<i>Ad Hoc</i>)	Several departments offer the possibility of directly entering a Ph.D. program on an <i>ad hoc</i> basis, or, with the permission of the supervisor and the approval of the Graduate Program Director, exceptional students may transfer from the master's program to the <i>ad hoc</i> Ph.D. program.

4.3.1 Doctoral Degree Programs and Specializations

Program	Options	Offered by Faculty/School
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.		
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.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Communication Studies	Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts
Computer Science	Bioinformatics	Faculty of Science
Counselling Psychology	N/A	Faculty of Education
Earth and Planetary Sciences	Environment	Faculty of Science
Economics	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Educational Psychology	Human Development, Learning Sciences	Faculty of Education
		Faculty of Education

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

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
Sociology	Environment, Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts

Joint Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

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Graduate Certificates

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

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



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

5 Program Requirements

5.1 Master's Degrees

Residence Requirements – Master's Degrees

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

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

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

Coursework – Master's Degrees

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Research and Thesis – Master's Degrees

All candidates for a research degree must present a thesis based on their own research. The total number of credits allotted to the thesis in any master's program must not be less than 24. The title of the thesis and names of examiners must be forwarded on a *Nomination of Examiners* form, in accordance with the dates on www.mcgill.ca/importantdates, through the Chair of the department concerned at the same time as the thesis is submitted to Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. A thesis for the master's degree, while not necessarily requiring an exhaustive review of work in the particular field of study, or a great deal of original scholarship, must show familiarity with previous work in the field and must demonstrate the ability to carry out research and to organize results, all of which must be presented in good literate style. The thesis will not normally exceed 100 pages; in some disciplines, shorter texts are preferred. Guidelines and deadlines are available at www.mcgill.ca/gps/thesis/guidelines.

Language Requirements – Master's Degrees

Most master's degree programs do not include language requirements, but candidates who intend to proceed to a doctoral degree should take note of any language requirements and are strongly advised to take the examinations in at least one language while working for the master's degree.

5.2 Doctoral Degrees

Residence Requirements – Doctoral

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

Candidates entering Ph.D. 1 must follow a program of at least three years' residency at the University; this is a minimum requirement, and there is no guarantee that the work of the degree can be completed in this time, but students are expected to complete within the maximum specified period. Only exceptional candidates holding a bachelor's degree will be considered for direct admission to Ph.D. 1 level.

It is required that candidates spend the greater part of each summer working on their theses, and those who do not do so are unlikely to complete a satisfactory

Thesis – Doctoral

The thesis for the Ph.D. degree must display original scholarship expressed in good literate style and must be a distinct contribution to knowledge. **Formal notice of a thesis title and names of examiners must be submitted to the Thesis section of GPS on the *Nomination of Examiners* form in accordance with the dates on www.mcgill.ca/importantdates, at the same time as the thesis is submitted.** The list of examiners must be approved by the Department Chair, the supervisor and the student. The Thesis section of GPS should be notified of any subsequent change of title as early as possible. Guidelines and deadlines are available at www.mcgill.ca/gps/thesis/guidelines.

Seven copies of the thesis must be provided by the candidate. Of these, two copies will be retained by the University and five copies returned to the candidate. Some departments may require one or more additional copies. The final corrected copy is submitted electronically.

Special regulations for the Ph.D. degree in particular departments are stated in the entries of those departments.

Thesis Oral Examination – Doctoral

After the thesis has been received and approved, a final oral examination is held on the subject of the thesis and subjects intimately related to it. This is conducted in the presence of a Committee of at least five members presided over by a Pro-Dean nominated by Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. The Chair of the candidate's department and the Thesis Supervisor are regularly invited to be members of the Committee; at least one member of the Committee is appointed from outside the candidate's department. Guidelines are available at www.mcgill.ca/gps/thesis/guidelines.

5.3 Ad Personam Programs (Thesis Option Only)

In very rare circumstances, an applicant who wishes to engage in Master's (thesis option only) or Ph.D. studies of an interdisciplinary nature involving joint supervision by two departments, each of which is authorized by the Government of Quebec to offer its own graduate programs, may be admitted to an *Ad Personam* program. For more information, see www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply/prepare#program and contact the relevant department.

5.4 Coursework for Graduate Programs, Diplomas, and Certificates

Upper-level undergraduate courses (excluding 500 level) may not be considered for degrees, diplomas, and certificates unless they are already listed as required courses in the approved program description. If an upper-level undergraduate course (excluding 500 level) is taken by a graduate student, it must come as a recommendation from the Graduate Program Director in the department. The recommendation must state if the undergraduate course is an additional requirement for the program (must obtain B- or better) or if the course is extra to the program (will be flagged as such on the record and fees will be charged). See document at www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/registration#courseereg.

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 Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures

Website: www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants

Email: servicepoint@mcgill.ca



Deadline: Admission to graduate studies at McGill is competitive; accordingly, late and/or incomplete applications are considered only as time and space permits. Meeting minimum admission standards does not guarantee admission. Admission decisions are not normally subject to appeal or reconsideration and are subject to change. To be considered for entrance fellowships, where available, applicants must verify the deadlines with individual departments.

6.1 Application for Admission

Application information and the online application form are available at www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply. Applicants (with some exceptions) are required to provide the names and email addresses of two instructors familiar with their academic work and who are willing to provide letters of reference in support of the application. McGill will request the reference letters on behalf of the applicant. All applicants must themselves upload an unofficial copy of their complete academic record from each university-levvv

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diplomas, letters of reference, and test scores, become the property of McGill University and will not be returned to the applicant or issuing institution under any circumstance.

A **non-refundable** fee of \$102.60 paid by credit card in Canadian funds **must** accompany the online application. The fee of \$102.60 covers up to two program choices per term. Candidates for Special, Visiting, and Qualifying status must also apply online and pay the application fee. Please note that application fees are subject to change.

It is recommended that applicants submit a list of the course titles in the major subject, since transcripts often give code numbers only. **Transcripts written in a language other than English or French must be accompanied by a translation prepared by a licensed translator.** An explanation of the grading system used by the applicant's university is essential. The applicant should also indicate the major subject area in which further study is desired.

Applications and uploaded supporting documents must be submitted according to individual department specifications and deadlines; see www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/programs. International students are advised to apply well in advance of the application deadlines as immigration procedures may be lengthy. Admission to graduate studies at McGill is highly competitive; accordingly, late and/or incomplete applications are considered only as time and space permits.

The admission decision is based on the recommendation of the graduate department, verification by the Graduate Admissions Unit in Enrolment Services, as well as final approval from Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. In some cases, the Graduate Admissions Committee may also contribute to the final admission decision. Official letters of admission are sent to applicants electronically by Enrolment Services.

6.2 Admission Requirements (Minimum Requirements to be Considered for Admission)



Note: The following admission requirements denote the minimum standard for applicants. Some graduate departments may require additional qualifications or a higher minimum CGPA; applicants are strongly urged to consult the department concerned regarding specific requirements.

Applicants should be graduates of a recognized university and hold a recognized bachelor's degree or its equivalent, as determined by McGill, in a subject closely related to the one selected for graduate work.

The applicant must present evidence of academic achievement: a minimum standing equivalent to a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 out of a possible 4.0 or a CGPA of 3.2/4.0 for the last two full-time academic years. High grades are expected in courses considered by the department to be preparatory to the graduate program. Some departments impose additional or higher requirements.

See www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply/prepare/international/equivalency for information on grade equivalencies and degree requirements from countries in Europe and around the world. These equivalencies and requirements are provided for information only and are subject to change without notice.

6.3 Application Procedures

Application Checklist

All supporting application documents and required supplemental materials must be uploaded directly to the McGill admissions processing system. See www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply/ready#docs for information and instructions.

1. Online Application for Admission

GRE: Graduate Records Examination (see [section 6.4: Admission Tests](#))

Interview: a conversation between the applicant and a McGill representative, using a structured, standardized approach to allow for comparison and analysis of responses from all applicants interviewed; in person, via telephone, *Skype*, etc.

Personal Statement:

Competency in English

N.B. an institutional version of the TOEFL is not acceptable.

2. IELTS (International English Language Testing System): a band score of 6.5 or greater.
3. MELAB (Michigan English Language Assessment Battery): a grade of 85% or higher.
4. University of Cambridge ESOL Certificate in Advanced English (CAE): a grade of "B" (Good) or higher.
5. University of Cambridge ESOL Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE): a grade of "C" (Pass) or higher.
6. Edexcel London Test of English – Level 5 – with an overall grade of at least "Pass."
7. McGill Certificate of Proficiency in English or McGill Certificate of Proficiency – English for Professional Communication: Certificate of Proficiency awarded.

In each case, applicants must ensure that official test results are sent to McGill directly by the testing service. Applications cannot be considered if test results are not available. These scores are general minima; some departments may set higher requirements.

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6.6 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 registered in graduate studies, **but not as candidates for a degree**. Only one Qualifying year (i.e., two full-time terms) is permitted.

In all cases, after the completion of a Qualifying year or term, an applicant interested in commencing a degree program must apply for admission by the application deadlines. Successful completion of the work in the Qualifying program (B- in all courses) does not automatically entitle the student to proceed toward a degree. Qualifying year students must apply for admission to the program for which they seek qualification.

In cases where a department recommends a change of registration from Qualifying program (Fall) to Master's Degree First Year (Winter), **students must apply to the degree program by the Winter departmental application deadlines**. A Qualifying year applicant admitted to a Winter term as a first term of studies must apply for admission for a Fall term as his/her second term of studies.

Students who are ineligible for a Qualifying program may apply to the appropriate undergraduate faculty for admission as regular or Special Students, and seek admission to graduate studies at a later date. The normal admission requirements must be met and the usual procedures followed.

6.7 Admission to a Second Degree Program

A candidate with a given higher degree may apply for admission to a second degree program at the same level but

8 Postdoctoral Research

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

8.1 Postdocs

Postdocs are recent graduates with a Ph.D. or equivalent (i.e., Medical Specialist Diploma) engaged by a member of the University's academic staff, including Adjunct Professors, to assist him/her in research.

Postdocs must be appointed by their department and registered with Enrolment Services in order to have access to University facilities (library, computer, etc.).

8.2 Guidelines and Policy for Academic Units on Postdoctoral Education

The general guidelines listed below are meant to encourage units to examine their policies and procedures to support postdoctoral education. Every unit hosting Postdocs should have explicitly stated policies and procedures for the provision of postdoctoral education as well as established means for informing 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 privile

- i. Postdocs have the same pertinent rights as the ones granted to McGill students in the *Handbook on Student Rights and Responsibilities* (“Green Book”), available at www.mcgill.ca/secretariat/policies/students.
- ii. Postdocs have full graduate student borrowing privileges in McGill libraries through their identity card.
- iii. As a rule, Postdocs who are Canadian citizens or who have Permanent Resident status may take courses for credit. Admission to such courses should be sought by submitting application documents directly to the appropriate program by the Postdoc. They must be admitted by the department offering the courses as Special Students. These Postdocs may only be enrolled as part-time students in non-degree granting programs. They will be charged fees for these courses.
- iv. Postdocs may be listed in the McGill directory. The Computing Centre will grant Postdocs email privileges on the same basis as graduate students upon presentation of a valid identity card.
- v. The Department of Athletics will grant Postdocs access to sports facilities upon presentation of their identity card. A fee will be charged on an annual or term basis.
- vi. Postdocs are mandatory members of the Post-Graduate Students’ Society (PGSS) and an annual association fee is automatically charged. PGSS fees are mandatory. Postdocs are permitted membership in the Faculty Club; an annual fee will be charged for this membership.
- vii. Postdocs are encouraged to participate in Professional Development Workshops provided by Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and Teaching and Learning services. These sessions are usually free of charge.
- viii. Postdocs have access to the services provided by the Ombudsperson.
- ix. Postdocs may enrol as part-time students in the second language written and spoken English/French courses offered by the School of Continuing Studies/French Language Centre. Postdocs will be charged tuition for these courses. International Postdocs may be required to obtain a CAQ and a Study Permit.
- x. Access to student services and athletic services are available to the Postdoc on an opt-in basis. Fees are applicable.

5. Responsibilities

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

9 Graduate Studies Guidelines and Policies

Refer to *Programs, Courses and University Regulations* > *University Regulations and Resources* > *Graduate* > : [Guidelines and Policies](#)

11.1 Environment

11.1.1 Location

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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 together and enrich each other's learning through structured courses, formal seminars, and informal discussions and networking.

Students admitted into the Environment option will be supervised or co-supervised by an accredited McGill faculty member. Their Advisory Committee will include at least one individual from outside the home department. It is expected that the thesis, dissertation, or project, as well as the final seminar presentation, will contain an environmental component and will include a discussion of the applied implications of the research findings. Together with the courses common to the Environment option, specific course requirements for each program are given within the departmental listings cited below.

Program List

The Environment option is currently available with the following graduate programs:

Anthropology

M.A. – see *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > Faculty of Arts > Graduate > Academic Programs > Anthropology > : Master of Arts (M.A.); Anthropology (Thesis) — Environment (48 credits)*

Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences

M.Sc. – see *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > Faculty of Science > Graduate > Academic Programs > Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences > : Master of Science (M.Sc.); Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences (Thesis) — Environment (45 credits)*

Biology

M.Sc. – see *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > Faculty of Science > Graduate > Academic Programs > Biology > : Master of Science (M.Sc.); Biology (Thesis) — Environment (48 credits)*

Ph.D. – see *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > Faculty of Science > Graduate*

Parasitology

M.Sc. – see *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > Faculty of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences > Graduate > Academic Programs > Parasitology > : Master of Science (M.Sc.); Parasitology (Thesis) — Environment (46 credits)*

Ph.D. – see *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > Faculty of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences > Graduate > Academic Programs > Parasitology > : Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.); Parasitology — Environment*

Philosophy

Ph.D. – see *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > Fa1 120.141 674.68 Tmfr*

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