REGISTRATION AND PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS 2005-2006

PART I: REGISTRATION AND COURSE CHANGE

Section I: General Information

1. **Registration Materials**

Returning students in the Faculty of Law must register for courses on the web using "Minerva", McGill's student information system.

The Registration Materials, published yearly, contain the instructions and information regarding Programme Requirements, Registration and Course Change for the 2005-2006 academic year. They include the following documents:

- 1. Registration and Programme Requirements 2005-2006
- 2. Course Offerings 2005-2006
- 3. Course Schedule Fall 2005 and Winter 2006
- 4. Examination Schedule Fall 2005 and Winter 2006

These documents are available on the Faculty's website at www.law.mcgill.ca/register.

For the 2005-2006 academic year, registration and course change in Minerva will take place from *Wednesday, May 4 to Tuesday, September 13, 2005.* Course change for the Winter term commences *September 14, 2005.* The course change period allows students to modify and finalize their programmes of study taking into account factors such as changes in scheduling, course sections, and courses offered.

It is important that you read carefully the Registration Materials and any revisions before you log in to Minerva for Registration and Course Change.

2. Examination Schedule and Examination Conflicts

Please read carefully the examination schedules for Fall 2005 and Winter 2006. YOU MAY <u>NOT</u> MAKE A COURSE SELECTION THAT PRODUCES AN EXAM SCHEDULE CONFLICT. A CONFLICT IS DEFINED AS TWO OVERLAPPING EXAMINATIONS, OR THREE CONSECUTIVE EXAMINATIONS IN TWO DAYS.

3. Academic Counselling

For general strategies on course selection, see below, Section II.4 "*Choosing Courses and Dealing with Minerva*". In addition, the Associate Dean (Academic) and the Assistant Dean (Student Affairs) are available to provide academic counselling. Appointments can be arranged by telephoning 398-5597.

4. Amendments to Registration Materials

The Registration Materials have been drawn up on the basis of the latest available information. Modifications may nevertheless have to be made to these Materials, <u>including the timetable and the examination schedule</u>, during the course of the summer or before the beginning of each term. In addition, new courses or course sections may become available, and courses or course sections may have to be dropped. Every effort will be made to avoid timetable conflicts should any such changes be necessary. Revisions to the Registration Materials are posted on the Faculty's website, and notice of the revisions is sent to students via email. Students should make sure that they access their McGill email account regularly over the summer and during the academic year, and should read the revisions carefully.

5. Student Fees and Fines

All students will receive a fee statement, once their registration has been completed on Minerva. *Payment is due at the end of the month in which the statement is mailed*. Interest will be charged after the due date.

Students whose accounts remain unpaid at the end of October (*end of February for the winter semester*) will be charged a late payment fee of \$25 over and above interest.

Please note that beginning in the Fall term 2005, electronic billing will be the official means of generating tuition bills to all McGill University students. McGill University will replace printed paper Fee statements with an electronic billing system for all students to view their bills on Minerva. As a convenience during the transition to e-Billing, paper bills will continue to be sent in parallel with this new service only until September 2005. Further information on e-Billing can be found on the McGill website at: <u>http://www.mcgill.ca/student-accounts/e-bill/</u>.

Section II: Procedures for Registration

Students entering fourth year: Wednesday, May 4 - Wednesday, May 11 inclusive (Maximum 8 credits per term)

Students entering third year: Friday, May 6 - Wednesday, May 11 inclusive (Maximum 8 credits per term)

Students entering second year: Tuesday, May 10 - Wednesday, May 11 inclusive (Maximum 8 credits per term)

ALL returning students: Thursday, May 12 - Monday, August 1 inclusive (Maximum 18 credits per term)

Hours: On the first day of each registration period, Minerva will open at 8:00 (Montreal time). Otherwise, Minerva is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except for monthly overnight maintenance periods.

1. Accessing and Using Minerva

Web registration through Minerva is <u>mandatory</u> for students entering upper years including those returning from an approved leave of absence or a visiting semester at another law school.

Web registration through Minerva is also <u>mandatory</u> for visiting and exchange students.

In addition, first year, special, visiting, exchange, advanced standing, transfer and Equivalences students must attend for registration in person at the Law Faculty, Chancellor Day Hall, on Tuesday, August 30, 2005.

Step-by-step instructions explaining how to register on Minerva can be found on the Minerva web site at www.mcgill.ca/minerva-students/registration/steps/.

Please take special notice of the following features of Minerva:

(a) ID and PIN

To log in to Minerva, use your 9-digit McGill ID number in combination with your PIN. For further information, please visit the Minerva website at www.mcgill.ca/minerva-students/login/ or call (514) 398-4474.

(b) Course Reference Numbers

In Minerva, each course section is identified by a unique Course Reference Number (CRN) which is assigned randomly in each term. The purpose of a CRN is to identify a specific course section in a specific term.

(c) <u>Multi-term courses</u>

In Minerva, each part of a course that spans multiple terms (such as a D course that spans the Fall and Winter terms) is treated as a distinct course (with a distinct CRN). **STUDENTS MUST REGISTER SEPARATELY FOR EACH PART OF SUCH COURSES.**

Multi-term courses are listed by slightly different course numbers in each term that they span. The last two characters of these courses' number consists of an alpha character (indicating how many terms the course spans) and a number indicating the order of the courses.

For example, to register for Legal Writing, Mooting and Advanced Legal Research, students must register for PRAC 155D1 and PRAC 155D2.

It is each student's responsibility to register for all parts of multi-term courses at the same time. Credit will only be granted upon successful completion of all parts of the course.

Please note that once you are registered in both parts of a full year course, you may not drop the Winter (D2) part of the course, even temporarily, as this will automatically remove the Fall (D1) part of the course.

(d) <u>Registration priorities</u>

After consultation between the Faculty and the Law Students Association, and in order to facilitate access to small enrolment courses and ensure equity among students, the following registration priorities have been programmed in Minerva:

- 1. Students entering fourth year will get first priority access to Minerva starting Wednesday, May 4 at 8:00 (maximum of 8 credits per term).
- 2. Students entering third year will get second priority access to Minerva starting Friday, May 6 at 8:00 (maximum of 8 credits per term).
- 3. Students entering second year will get third priority access to Minerva starting Tuesday, May 10 at 8:00 (maximum of 8 credits per term).
- 4. Starting Thursday, May 12 at 8:00, all students will be able to register for the remainder of their courses until Monday, August 1 (maximum 18 credits per term).

Note that during the Registration period, you may access Minerva and drop and add courses as many times as you desire.

2. Registration at the commencement of the academic year

Returning students do not register in person.

The following students, however, <u>must</u> attend in person on Tuesday, August 30, 2005:

- students who are not in satisfactory academic standing (this category <u>does not</u> include students in probationary standing);
- first year, special, visiting, exchange, advanced standing, transfer and Equivalences students. Exchange and visiting students must also register for their courses on Minerva.

3. Compliance with Programme and Other Requirements

Students are responsible for the correctness and completeness of their records. While the Associate Dean (Academic), the Assistant Dean (Student Affairs) and the Office of Undergraduate Studies staff are available to give advice and guidance, the ultimate responsibility for course selection, compliance with and completion of programme and degree requirements, and observance of regulations and deadlines rests with the student. It is your responsibility to read the programme requirements set out in Part II of these Materials and to seek guidance to clarify doubts or to resolve problems. Students in their final year, in particular, are strongly advised to verify that they will have satisfied the degree requirements for graduation by the end of that year. A degree audit form, available from the Office of Undergraduate Studies, has been prepared to assist you.

4. Choosing courses and dealing with Minerva

Contrary to what is often thought, there is no obvious set of courses that one should have taken by the end of a programme in Law. The recommended approach is to spend some time thinking about the areas that are attractive to *you*, and about the courses that may be essential in light of *your* educational and career plans. Do not assume that a particular complementary or elective course must be taken just because most students take it. Apart from the mandatory course requirements described in Part II, there is no obligatory path imposed by the Faculty. With this in mind, the suggestions that follow may assist you in your course selection:

- Try to plan your course selection over the long term. Take account of the mandatory degree requirements applicable to you, and make plans to meet those requirements over the course of your studies. Do not leave all of the required and complementary credits for the last term of your last year!

- Take account of prerequisites. Many advanced courses that may be of interest to you may only be taken after the basic course in the area has been successfully completed. Students entering second year, in particular, should be sensitive to these requirements, and should select their courses accordingly.

- Diversify: try to achieve some balance between different kinds of courses in any given term (large enrolment lecture courses vs smaller seminars, courses you really want to take and courses you feel you have to take - for whatever reason). Take account of the modes of evaluation and of the timetable, and organize your selection on the basis of realistic expectations.

- Explore what the Faculty has to offer. Whatever your plans are for the future, try to leave some space for a well-rounded education and select a few courses covering different areas

(public law, international law, human rights and social diversity, business law, legal theory, advanced civil law and common law, etc).

Once you have given some thought to your overall programme of studies, and selected courses for the coming academic year, you should prepare for registration on Minerva. Dealing with Minerva for the first time requires some planning. The following suggestions may assist you:

- Clear up any difficulties ahead of time: unpaid fees, holds on your record, forgotten ID or PIN, unavailability of a computer with internet access, etc. If you must register from abroad, make sure that internet access will not present any problems. Give detailed instructions to friends or family members to register for you in the event that you cannot do it yourself.

- A Course Selection Form is available on the web in .pdf format. You can use it to organize a working copy of your course selections. Note that <u>it does not have to be signed</u> by the student or any university official, nor submitted to the University or Faculty. The Course Selection Form is available on the McGill website at:

http://www.mcgill.ca/minerva-students/registration/preparing/.

- Get up early: access to Minerva on the first day of each priority period starts at 8:00. Courses get filled up on a first come, first served basis.

- Be conscious of offer and demand: a few popular courses fill up very quickly. Register first for the courses you really want, and for courses where there are limits on enrolment. Leave the courses with high limits on enrolment for last. You should register for both Fall and Winter terms once registration opens.

- Pay close attention to the following when registering:

- <u>Course restrictions:</u> For example, enrolment limited, or limited to students in a particular year.

- <u>Course prerequisites and/or co-requisites:</u> You should not to register for a course in which you have not completed all the prerequisites.

- <u>Courses that span multiple terms:</u> Make sure you register for ALL parts of the course at the same time. No credit will be granted unless all parts of the course are completed.

- Prepare a few alternative course selections, so as to be ready to change your plans immediately if some of the courses you want turn out to be full. Verify ahead of time that your alternative plans actually work: you may not have time on the day of course registration to verify whether the courses you pick conflict in the timetable or the examination schedule.

- Remember that very few courses remain full by the end of the course change period. Many students register for more credits than they intend to take, and drop courses towards the end of the course change period. If a course you want is full, continue trying to register until the very end of that period. Any increase in enrollment caps is usually done with effect from mid-day on Wednesday of the second week of each term. Advance notice of increases is sent to students via e-mail at their McGill address.

Section III: Procedures for Course Change and Withdrawal

| Course Change through Minerva | | |
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| Fall Term: | Wednesday, May 4 or Friday, May 6 or Tuesday, May 10 to Tuesday, September 13, 2005 (inclusive) | |
| Winter Term: | Wednesday, September 14, 2005 to Tuesday, January 17, 2006 (inclusive) | |
| Hours: | same as for Registration (see Section II) | |

1. Accessing and Using Minerva

All students must use Minerva to change their course selection during Course Change period. During that period, you may access Minerva and drop and add courses as many times as you desire.

During the Course Change period ending September 13, you may add or drop courses for the Fall and Winter Terms. As of Wednesday September 14, you may add or drop courses only for the Winter Term.

2. New Information

Revisions to the Registration Materials are posted on the Faculty's website and on the Law Faculty Notice Board outside the Moot Court. Notice of the revisions is also sent to students via email at their McGill address. Make sure that you are aware of the latest revisions <u>before</u> adding or dropping courses.

3. Course Withdrawal on Minerva after the Course Change period

All students must use Minerva to withdraw from a course during the withdrawal period. The deadlines for course withdrawal with a "W" are:

| FALL TERM: | Wednesday, September 14 - Sunday, October 9, 2005 (inclusive) |
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| WINTER TERM: | Wednesday, January 18 - Sunday, February 12, 2006 (inclusive) |

<u>After the Course Change period</u>, for a limited time, students can drop courses through Minerva and receive a grade of "W" for any course so dropped. "W" indicates "withdrawal with approval" and is not factored into the GPA. Students are entitled to a refund of such fees for courses dropped through Minerva up to, and including September 18, 2005 for the Fall term and January 22, 2006 for the Winter term.

After October 9 in the Fall term or February 12 in the Winter term, students who wish to modify their course selection or to withdraw from a course without academic penalty must obtain the

approval of the Associate Dean (Academic) or the Assistant Dean (Student Affairs) and the decision must be implemented through the Office of Undergraduate Studies. Approval is given only in very exceptional circumstances.

There is a \$25 fee for each course ADDED after the end of the Course Change period in each term and for each subsequent course change approved by the Associate Dean (Academic) or the Assistant Dean (Student Affairs) and made by the Office of Undergraduate Studies.

Section IV: Restrictions on Course Selection

1. Course Sequences as to Years

A small number of courses in the Faculty of Law can be taken only in specified years of the BCL/LLB. The sequencing rules for courses offered in 2005-2006 are as follows:

i) The following courses must be taken in first year:

| PRV1 144 | Civil Law Property |
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| PUB2 101 | Constitutional Law |
| LAWG 100 | Contractual Obligations |
| LAWG 101 | Extra-Contractual Obligations/Torts |
| PUB3 116 | Foundations of Canadian Law |
| PRAC 147 | Introductory Legal Research |

Students in first year may elect to take an additional course in the Winter term, being one of the following:

| PUB2 400 | Administrative Process |
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| PUB2 111 | Criminal Law |
| LAWG 273 | Family Law |
| PUB2 105 | Public International Law |

ii) The following courses must be taken in second year:

| PROC 200 | Advanced Civil Law Obligations |
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| PRV3 200 | Advanced Common Law Obligations |
| PRV4 144 | Common Law Property |
| PRAC 155 | Legal Writing, Mooting and Advanced Legal Research |

iii) The following courses may be taken only after successful completion of four terms in the Faculty:

WRIT 440/441Clerkship A or BWRIT 048Group AssistantWRIT 433Legal Clinic (Fall/Winter)WRIT 016/017Legal Methodology Teaching Group 1 or 2WRIT 400Senior Essay

WRIT 434 Summer Legal Clinic

- iv) The following course may be taken only in the final year of study:
 - WRIT 461 Writing and Drafting Project

2. Limited Enrolment Courses

For various reasons, the Faculty sets a maximum enrolment in all lecture and seminar courses. These are identified in the Course Offerings 2005-2006.

The allocation of places in limited enrolment courses is made exclusively on the basis of first come, first served. Minerva will automatically refuse access to a course selection when the applicable limit has been reached. AT THIS TIME, WAITLISTS ARE <u>NOT</u> ESTABLISHED FOR ANY COURSES.

Students often have difficulty gaining access to courses they would like to take, in part because many students register for more credits than they actually intend to take. Students should therefore make every effort to determine early which courses they wish to keep, so as to free up spaces in closed courses. There is a lot of movement in enrolment, in particular in the first two weeks of term. In our experience, there are only a few courses which still remain closed at the end of the course change period, so students are encouraged to keep trying to register throughout that period.

3. Minimum and Maximum Credits for "Full-time" Status

Full-time students must register for a <u>minimum of twelve credits in each term</u>. They may register for a <u>maximum of eighteen credits per term</u>. Permission to exceed that maximum or to change to part-time status must be obtained from the Associate Dean (Academic). Permission will be granted only if exceptional circumstances are shown. The only exception is for students in their final term who may register for only the number of credits necessary to satisfy their degree requirements for graduation.

4. Maximum Number of Non-Course Credits

The total number of non-course credits taken throughout the programme may not exceed fifteen. The following courses fall within the category of non-course credits:

| Advanced Mooting 1 (3) |
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| Advanced Mooting 2 (3) |
| McGill Law Journal - Editor-in-Chief (6) |
| McGill Law Journal - Executive Editor (6) |
| McGill Law Journal - Managing Editor (6) |
| McGill Law Journal - Senior Editorial Board (3) |
| McGill Law Journal - Senior Management Board (2) |
| McGill Law Journal - Associate Editor (4) |
| McGill Law Journal - Case Comments Editor (4) |
| McGill Law Journal - Book Reviews Editor (4) |
| McGill Law Journal - Junior Editorial Board (3) |
| McGill Law Journal - Junior Management Board (2) |
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| WRIT 048 | Group Assistants (2) |
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| WRIT 330 | McGill Law Journal - Electronic Editor (3) |
| WRIT 331 | McGill Law Journal - Citations Editor (4) |
| WRIT 433 | Legal Clinic (Fall/Winter) (6) |
| WRIT 434 | Summer Legal Clinic (3) |
| WRIT 440 | Clerkship A (6) |
| WRIT 441 | Clerkship B (3) |
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Students should note that if they take less than twenty-seven graded credits in any given academic year, they will not be eligible for the Dean's Honours List for that year. Note that courses for which a pass/fail grading method is assigned count as "graded credits". However, courses taken outside the Faculty for which a student elects the satisfactory/unsatisfactory grading option are not included in the 27-credit count. Note that the Faculty of Law does not permit students to elect this grading option for Law courses.

Students with renewable scholarships should also pay close attention to the minimum number of graded credits required by the terms of their scholarship.

5. Equalization in Courses with Several Sections

Students are advised that, where there are two or more sections of a course, they must ensure that they register in the proper section. **No unofficial section changes will be recognized.** Although the Faculty does not precisely equalize enrolment numbers among various sections of a course, each section is assigned a maximum enrolment figure with availability determined on a first-to-register basis. In addition, if the registration in one section of a course is more than double the registration in any other section, sections may be equalized.

6. Other Restrictions in Course Selection

The courses entitled Research Seminar may be taken <u>only twice</u> during a student's law programme.

The following courses can be taken <u>only once</u>:

Group Assistants, Legal Methodology Teaching Groups, Clerkships, Legal Clinics, and Supervised Student-Initiated Seminars.

The Writing and Drafting Project (1 credit) may be taken only once, in the final year of study, with the approval of the Associate Dean (Academic) and the instructor of the course to which the credit is to be added. (See course description in Course Offerings 2005-2006 for further information.)

7. Special Registration Requirements

Because each is a credit equivalence that is granted upon application, special registration requirements apply to the following courses: Essays, Group Assistants, Legal Methodology Teaching Group, Legal Clinic, McGill Law Journal, Competitive Moots, Court Internships, Human Rights Internships and Major Internships. Please see Course Offerings 2005-2006 for more information on these courses.

PART II: IMPORTANT PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES

Note: this section should be read in conjunction with the Academic Regulations, Resolutions and Policies of the Faculty of Law

Section I: Minimum Standards of Performance

1. The Five Year Rule

To be eligible for their BCL and LLB degrees, candidates must complete the required number of credits within five years of initial registration in the programme. (Academic Regulation 5) Faculty regulations permit part-time study (defined as less than twelve credits to a minimum of nine credits) in very exceptional circumstances. (Academic Regulation 53) Where part-time study is authorized, the five-year rule is extended to seven years. (Academic Regulation 54)

In computing this five year period any year or years spent on an approved leave of absence is not included. (Academic Regulation 6)

2. Withdrawals, Termination of Studies and Entitlement to Graduate

Candidates who do not achieve a sessional Grade Point Average of 1.50 will be required to withdraw from the Faculty. Candidates who achieve a sessional Grade Point Average of between 1.50 and 1.99 will be permitted to continue their studies but must achieve at the end of the subsequent session either a sessional Grade Point Average of 2.50 or a cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.00. (Academic Regulation 49)

Candidates must have a cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.00 to be entitled to graduate. (Academic Regulation 50)

Candidates who are required to withdraw from the Faculty may be authorized by the Faculty Admissions Committee to continue their studies if exceptional reasons for the required withdrawal exist. (Academic Regulation 52)

3. Rereads of Failing Assignments

All written assignments in a course for which a failing final grade is assigned by the examiner are reread automatically by the co-examiner before the communication of final grades in the course. (Academic Regulation 32)

4. Failures in Required Courses

A student who fails to obtain credit for a required course and who does not write, or who fails, the supplemental examination, must re-register for that course in the next term in which it is offered.

Section II: Supplemental and Deferred Examinations

1. Supplemental Examinations

Regular supplemental examinations are available to a student who has failed a course, but is not required to withdraw from the Faculty. (Academic Regulations 38-39)

Regular supplemental examinations may be written in up to two courses which do not exceed a total of seven credits together, <u>or</u> in any one course even if it exceeds seven credits. (Academic Regulation 39)

2. Deferred Examinations

Deferred examinations are available to students who for medical reasons or analogous causes cannot write examinations at the normal time. (Academic Regulation 45) Students must inform the OUS, prior to or within twenty-four hours of the examination, of the reasons for requesting permission to write a deferred examination. Supporting documentation, such as a doctor's note, is normally required.

Deferred examinations are not available to a student who has commenced to write a regular examination unless the student is taken ill in the examination room.

3. Procedures for Supplemental and Deferred Examinations

Applications for supplemental and deferred examinations are made to the OUS.

Supplemental and deferred examinations are written at the Law Faculty in the month of August. (Academic Regulation 40) A student who has failed a course in the final year of studies may be permitted, upon application, to write a special supplementary examination at a time other than August. (Academic Regulation 43) For more information contact the OUS.

The grade received on a supplemental examination is final. Both the original grade and the supplemental grade appear on the student's transcript and are factored into the GPA. (Academic Regulation 44) No provision can be made for further deferral of supplemental or deferred examinations.

Section III: Extensions

The Faculty's current regulations on extensions for the submission of assignments state as follows:

Supervised essays. A supervised essay is due on the fifth working day prior to the last working day of the examination period of the term for which it is being written, unless another and earlier date has been fixed by the instructor by arrangement with the student in question and communicated to the Associate Dean (Academic).

Other essays and papers. Essays and papers in any other course are due on the fifth working day prior to the last working day of the examination period of the term for which they are being written unless another and earlier date (not earlier than the first day of the examination period) is fixed by

the instructor and announced within one week from the commencement of lectures, and communicated to the Associate Dean (Academic).

In-term assignments. The foregoing provisions do not apply to mid-term, or other in-term, assignments in a course; these being due at the dates fixed by the instructor.

Late assignments. In the absence of a medical certificate or analogous circumstances, any required paper or essay submitted after its due date and time shall be assessed a penalty of one grading unit per day late (including weekend days). (Academic Regulation 27)

Students are reminded that this regulation is strictly enforced out of fairness to all students. Students should take cognizance of this policy in planning their academic workload and other commitments and make note of the *dates and times* of deadlines. If there is a medical reason justifying an extension, students must obtain a signed doctor's certificate. Requests for extensions must be submitted in writing to the Assistant Dean (Student Affairs) and must be accompanied by supporting documentation.

PART III: DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BCL/LLB PROGRAMME

Section I: Duration of the BCL/LLB Programme

The BCL/LLB programme offers an opportunity to learn the Civil Law and Common Law traditions within a single, integrated course of studies. It is designed to permit flexibility as to its duration. At a normal pace of fifteen credits per term, the programme can be completed in seven terms, or three and a half years.

It is possible to accelerate the completion of the programme by taking one additional course in the Winter term of first year, by completing Summer credits, and by taking a higher number of credits during the regular academic year, up to a maximum of 18 credits. Permission to exceed that number requires the permission of the Associate Dean (Academic) and is given only in very exceptional circumstances.

Students should note that there are tradeoffs in accelerating the programme. These include more limited access to small-enrolment courses (as the fourth-year priority registration is lost), and the possible negative impact on academic success resulting from a heavy course load.

It is possible to extend the completion of the programme over four full academic years. However, to retain full-time status, a minimum of 12 credits must be taken in each term (with the exception that in their final term, students are permitted to take only the number of credits necessary to complete the programme even if that is less than 12). Extending the programme can allow the meeting of other commitments on the part of students, taking full advantage of all opportunities in the BCL/LLB programme, including full-year exchanges, and participating in the Faculty of Law's Advanced Programmes (Minors, Majors, Honours) described below. More generally, a lighter course load may have a positive impact on academic success.

Section II: Course Requirements

1. Nomenclature for Law Courses

Required Courses: Law courses that are absolutely required in the programme. All students enrolled in the BCL/LLB programme must successfully complete these courses in order to graduate.

Complementary Courses: Law courses that appear on a restricted list from which students must take a minimum number of credits. All students enrolled in the BCL/LLB programme must successfully complete the minimum number of credits required in each group of complementary courses in order to graduate.

Elective Courses: Law courses that are purely optional.

2. Required Courses

A. Required Courses in First Year:

| PRV1 144 | Civil Law Property | 5 credits |
|----------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| PUB2 101 | Constitutional Law | 6 credits |
| LAWG 100 | Contractual Obligations | 6 credits |
| LAWG 101 | Extra-Contractual Obligations/Torts | 5 credits |
| PUB3 116 | Foundations of Canadian Law | 4 credits |
| PRAC 147 | Introductory Legal Research | 3 credits |

Note that in the second semester of the first year, students <u>may</u> take **one** of the following courses:

| PUB2 400 | Administrative Process | 3 credits |
|----------|--------------------------|-----------|
| PUB2 111 | Criminal Law | 3 credits |
| LAWG 273 | Family Law | 3 credits |
| PUB2 105 | Public International Law | 3 credits |

B. Required Courses in Second Year:

| PROC 200 | Advanced Civil Law Obligations | 2 credits |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| PRV3 200 | Advanced Common Law Obligations | 2 credits |
| PRV4 144 | Common Law Property | 4 credits |
| PRAC 155 | Legal Writing, Mooting and Advanced | |
| | Legal Research | 2 credits |

C. Other Required Courses:

| PUB2 111 | Criminal Law | 3 credits |
|----------|---|-----------|
| PROC 124 | Judicial Institutions and Civil Procedure | 4 credits |

3. Complementary Courses

A. Complementary Civil Law Courses:

Students must take at least 4.5 credits from the following list of advanced civil law and trans-systemic courses.

The following civil law courses count for their <u>full</u> credit weight in the Complementary Civil Law basket:

| PRV4 448 | Administration of the Property | |
|----------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| | of Another | 3 credits |
| LEEL 470 | Employment Law | 3 credits |
| BUS2 461 | Insurance Law | 3 credits |
| LEEL 369 | Labour Law | 3 credits |
| PRV2 270 | Law of Persons | 3 credits |

| PROC 349 | Lease, Enterprise & Suretyship | 3 credits |
|----------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| LAWG 518 | Specialized Topics in Law 8 | |
| | (Secured Transactions in Quebec) | |
| | (2005-2006 only) | 3 credits |
| PRV1 255 | Successions | 3 credits |

The following integrated or trans-systemic courses count for <u>half</u> their credit weight in the Complementary Civil Law basket:

| BUS2 365 | Business Associations | 4 credits |
|----------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| PRV5 483 | Consumer Law | 3 credits |
| LAWG 415 | Evidence (Civil Matters) | 3 credits |
| LAWG 273 | Family Law | 3 credits |
| LAWG 300 | Family Property Law | 3 credits |
| WRIT 016 | Legal Methodology Teaching Group 1 | 4 credits |
| WRIT 017 | Legal Methodology Teaching Group 2 | 4 credits |
| LAWG 316 | Private International Law | 3 credits |
| LAWG 200 | Sale | 4 credits |
| LAWG 400 | Secured Transactions | 4 credits |

B. Complementary Common Law Courses:

Students must take at least 4.5 credits from the following list of advanced common law and trans-systemic courses.

The following common law courses count for their <u>full</u> credit weight in the Complementary Common Law basket:

| PRV5 182 | Advanced Torts | 2 credits |
|----------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| PRV4 449 | Equity and Trusts | 3 credits |
| PRV4 451 | Real Estate Transactions | 3 credits |
| PRV3 434 | Remedies | 3 credits |
| PRV4 435 | Restitution | 3 credits |
| PRV4 456 | Wills and Estates | 2 credits |

The following integrated or trans-systemic courses count for <u>half</u> their credit weight in the Complementary Common Law basket:

| BUS2 365 | Business Associations | 4 credits |
|----------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| PRV5 483 | Consumer Law | 3 credits |
| LAWG 415 | Evidence (Civil Matters) | 3 credits |
| LAWG 273 | Family Law | 3 credits |
| LAWG 300 | Family Property Law | 3 credits |
| WRIT 016 | Legal Methodology Teaching Group 1 | 4 credits |
| WRIT 017 | Legal Methodology Teaching Group 2 | 4 credits |
| LAWG 316 | Private International Law | 3 credits |
| LAWG 200 | Sale | 4 credits |
| LAWG 400 | Secured Transactions | 4 credits |

C. Complementary Human Rights and Social Diversity Courses

Students must take at least three credits from the following list of courses:

| CMPL 500 | Aboriginal People and the Law | 3 credits |
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| PUB3 115 | Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms | 3 credits |
| CMPL 573 | Civil Liberties | 2 credits |
| CMPL 570 | Protection of Minorities | 2 credits |
| CMPL 556 | Comp. Const. Protection of Human Rights | 2 credits |
| CMPL 575 | Discrimination and the Law | 3 credits |
| CMPL 504 | Feminist Legal Theory | 3 credits |
| CMPL 516 | International Development Law | 3 credits |
| CMPL 565 | International Humanitarian Law | 3 credits |
| CMPL 571 | International Law of Human Rights | 3 credits |
| LEEL 482 | Law and Poverty | 3 credits |
| PUB2 419 | Law and Psychiatry | 3 credits |
| PUB2 105 | Public International Law | 3 credits |
| CMPL 511 | Social Diversity and the Law | 3 credits |

4. Additional Credit Requirements

In addition to completing the course requirements listed above, students must accumulate an additional 44 or 47 credits (depending on whether or not they have completed an additional course in first year) in order to satisfy the 105 credits required to obtain the BCL/LLB. These credits must be law credits with the following exception:

For students having entered the Faculty in September 2004 or later, these other credits may include up to six non-law credits.

For students having entered the Faculty in September 2003 or earlier, these other credits may include up to twelve non-law credits with the permission of the Assistant Dean (Student Affairs).

5. Outside Credit

A limited number of the credits required for the BCL/LLB degree may be obtained as follows:

Outside Law Credits: Approved courses given by other law faculties.

Outside Non-Law Credits: Approved courses given by other faculties of McGill University or other universities.

A. Outside Law Credits

Students having successfully completed two terms in the Faculty may apply to receive credit for outside law courses for a maximum of 2 courses per term, not exceeding 6 credits per term. Prior approval of the Assistant Dean (Student Affairs) must be obtained. Application forms for outside credits are available at the OUS.

Students who apply to take outside law courses in a Québec faculty of law must also complete the online application to transfer credits available on the website of the CREPUQ at www.crepuq.qc.ca (click on *Autorisation d'études hors établissement*).

B. Outside Non-Law Credits

In the 2003-04 academic year, Faculty Council resolved that the number of non-law credits for which students in the BCL/LLB programme may register be reduced from 12 to 6. The same resolution eliminated the requirement that the Assistant Dean (Student Affairs) approve non-law courses and the restrictions on language courses. This change has now been approved by the University Senate and applies to students having entered the Faculty in September 2004 or later.

Students who entered the Faculty in September 2003 or earlier are not affected by this change. However, they may opt into the new regime. Students who wish to do so must fill out the appropriate form at the OUS.

Students who wish to receive credit for non-law courses are subject to the following guidelines:

Guidelines for Students Having Entered the Faculty in September 2004 or Later

Students who have successfully completed two terms in the Faculty may apply to receive credit for outside non-law courses. Non-law courses may be taken at other faculties of McGill University or of other universities. Students may complete a maximum of <u>six</u> non-law credits during the course of their studies.

No Faculty approval is required for non-law courses taken at McGill. However, students cannot register on Minerva for such courses; they must complete a registration form for non-law courses and submit it to the OUS who will complete the registration on their behalf. For courses taken outside McGill, prior approval to transfer credits from another institution must be obtained from the Assistant Dean (Student Affairs).

Students who apply to take outside law courses in a Québec university must complete the online application to transfer credits available on the website of the CREPUQ at www.crepuq.qc.ca (click on *Autorisation d'études hors établissement*).

Students are reminded that non-law courses are meant to encourage genuine interest in subjects having a complementary character to, or an interdisciplinary connection with, their legal studies, in the pursuit of an intellectually rigorous liberal education. While students are free to choose their non-law courses, they are strongly encouraged to consider the following when making their selection:

- (a) The nature and scope of their pre-law academic record: Non-law courses should not duplicate work already done and should be of a higher level than work already accomplished in a given discipline.
- (b) Their programme of studies within the Law Faculty: Non-law courses should, in their scope and character, be a complement to legal studies leading to a law degree. In particular, non-law courses should not be pursued in the Summer term merely to reduce or supplement the number of credits taken in the Fall and Winter terms.

Guidelines for Students Who Entered the Faculty in September 2003 or Earlier

Students who have successfully completed two terms in the Faculty may apply to receive credit for outside non-law courses. Non-law courses may be taken at other faculties of McGill University or of other universities. Students may take a maximum of <u>twelve</u> non-law credits in the course of their law programme. No more than six non-law credits may be taken in any term, including the Summer term.

Prior Approval of the Assistant Dean (Student Affairs) must be obtained. Authorization forms for non-law courses are available at the OUS. Students who apply to take outside law courses in a Québec university must complete the online application to transfer credits available on the website of the CREPUQ at www.crepuq.qc.ca (click on *Autorisation d'études hors établissement*).

Factors taken into account in the consideration of an application to register in non-law courses include:

(a) The nature and scope of the applicant's pre-law scholastic record.

Courses must not duplicate work already done and must be of a higher level than work already accomplished in a given discipline.

(b) The academic record of the applicant within the Law Faculty.

To be eligible to register for non-law courses, an applicant must have successfully completed all law credits for which the student was registered in the term immediately preceding the term in which the non-law course is to be taken.

However, where a student has been given permission to register for non-law courses during the Fall or Winter term, entitlement to those credits is not contingent on whether all Law Faculty courses taken concurrently with the non-law courses are passed.

(c) The programme of studies followed by the applicant within the Law Faculty.

In addition, candidates applying for non-law credits should have completed, or be in the process of completing, or intend to complete a substantial number of recommended courses.

(d) The scope and character of the proposed non-law course as a complement to legal studies leading to a law degree.

- (e) The reasons offered by the student for taking the course.
- (f) The number of non-course law credits (Legal Clinic, Law Journal, Moots, etc.) taken.

Students are reminded of the spirit of Regulation 9 governing non-law credits: the encouragement of genuine interest in subjects having a complementary character to, or an interdisciplinary connection with, their legal studies, in the pursuit of an intellectually rigorous liberal education. In particular, outside credits should not be pursued in the Summer term merely to reduce or supplement the number of credits taken during the Fall and Winter terms.

Language instruction courses, and in particular those aimed at improving proficiency in either English or French, do not fall within the spirit of Regulation 9.

6. Minimum Writing Requirement

All students must fulfil the Minimum Writing Requirement by one of the following methods:

- 1. Writing an essay in a two-credit or three-credit course in which the essay constitutes no less than 75% of the final weight of grading assigned to the course; <u>OR</u>
- 2. Writing a term essay; <u>OR</u>
- 3. Writing an article, note or comment of equivalent substance that is published or accepted for publication in the <u>McGill Law Journal</u> and approved by the Faculty Adviser of the Journal.

The work submitted in order to satisfy the Minimum Writing Requirement must be done independently, rather than by two of more students working together.

PART IV: DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR, MINOR AND HONOURS PROGRAMMES

In 2001, the University approved the creation of three new advanced undergraduate programmes for the Faculty of Law: a Majors Programme, a Minors Programme, and an Honours Programme.

These programmes represent the final component of the revision of the Faculty's curriculum which started in 1995. The reduction of the length of the programme to 105 credits, made possible because of integrated teaching, opened up new possibilities for those students wishing to spend four academic years at McGill. The Honours, Majors and Minors Programmes are thus envisaged as elements which are purely optional and supplementary to the regular programme leading to the BCL/LLB. They all involve taking between 15 to 18 credits over and above the 105 credits required to obtain the BCL/LLB. Students can only choose one of the three advanced law programmes.

Section I: Major Programmes

The Majors programme consists of a series of four designated Major Concentrations: Commercial Negotiation, Dispute Resolution, International Governance and Development, and Trial and Appellate Practice. Each Major Concentration is articulated around a synthetic "skill-set" driven by a transversal theme and inspired by a trans-disciplinary approach. Law and non-Law courses may be combined with the practical experience acquired during an internship to allow students to test the "skill-set" in a practical setting. The required writing of an independent essay allows students to integrate the various academic and clinical strands of their chosen Major Concentration.

The Majors are broader in scope than the Minors (described below) in that they reach back into the "basic" BCL/LLB Programme to require students to choose, as part of their 105 credits, at least 18 credits from designated options corresponding to each specific Major Concentration. Students must complete an additional 18 credits in the Major for a total of 123 credits. At least 6 of the 36 total credits for the Major must be taken in non-law courses. Students may take more than 6 non-law credits for the Major. However, the total number of non-law credits taken by a students doing a B.C.L./LL.B. with Major can never exceed 18 for students having entered the Faculty in September 2003 or earlier. For students having entered the Faculty in September 2004 or later, that total may not exceed 12 credits.

The Major Concentrations Programme is open to all law students having completed two terms in the Faculty. Students must declare a Major no later than the deadline for registration for their third year.

Upon the successful completion of at least 36 credits in an approved Major Concentration, 18 of which are in addition to the basic 105 total credit requirement for the BCL/LLB programme, and at least 6 of which must be non-law credits, students will be granted at the time of graduation a "BCL/LLB with Major Concentration in [specific Major option]".

1. Major Concentration in Commercial Negotiation

A. Complementary Courses (Group 1)

Students must take **one** of the following courses:

| WRIT 491 | Term Essay 1 |
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| WRIT 492 | Term Essay 2 |
| WRIT 493 | Term Essay 3 |
| WRIT 494 | Term Essay 4 |
| WRIT 495 | Term Essay 5 |
| WRIT 496 | Term Essay 6 |

The essay must be written on a subject related to Commercial Negotiation. The essay is to be written in the fourth year of the programme, normally in the Winter term, in order to allow the student to integrate the various academic and clinical strands of the Major. As is the case for all term essays, approval of the Associate Dean (Academic) is required. Application forms are available from the OUS.

B. Complementary Courses (Group 2)

Students must take at least **33 credits** from the following list of courses, of which at least **6 credits** must be non-Law credits:

| Law: | |
|------------|--|
| BUS2 367 | Business Organizations |
| CMPL 508 | Research Seminar 1 (approval required) |
| CMPL 509 | Research Seminar 2 (approval required) |
| CMPL 515 | International Carriage of Goods by Sea |
| CMPL 521 | Trade Regulation |
| CMPL 524 | Entertainment Law |
| CMPL 543 | Law and Practice of International Trade |
| CMPL 544 | International and Domestic Documentary Sales |
| LAWG 200 | Sale |
| LAWG 400 | Secured Transactions |
| LAWG 500 | Complex Legal Transactions 1 |
| LAWG 501 | Complex Legal Transactions 2 |
| PROC 349 | Lease, Enterprise and Suretyship |
| PRV4 435 | Restitution |
| PRV5 483 | Consumer Law |
| WRIT 301 | Commercial Law Internship |
| WRIT 481 | First Research Seminar (approval required) |
| WRIT 482 | Second Research Seminar (approval required) |
| | |
| Economics: | |
| ECON 546 | Game Theory |

Managing Organizational Teams

2. Major Concentration in Dispute Resolution

ORGB 420

A. Complementary Courses (Group 1)

Students must take **one** of the following courses:

| Term Essay 1 |
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| Term Essay 2 |
| Term Essay 3 |
| Term Essay 4 |
| Term Essay 5 |
| Term Essay 6 |
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The essay must be written on a subject related to Dispute Resolution. The essay is to be written in the fourth year of the programme, normally in the Winter term, in order to allow the student to integrate the various academic and clinical strands of the Major. As is the case for all term essays, approval of the Associate Dean (Academic) is required. Application forms are available from the OUS.

B. Complementary Courses (Group 2)

Students must take at least **33 credits** from the following list of courses, of which at least **6 credits** must be non-Law credits:

| Law: | |
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| CMPL 502 | Canon Law |
| CMPL 508 | Research Seminar 1 (approval required) |
| CMPL 509 | Research Seminar 2 (approval required) |
| CMPL 513 | Talmudic Law [*] |
| CMPL 517 | Comparative Legal Institutions |
| CMPL 518 | Policies, Politics, and the Legislative Process |
| CMPL 521 | Trade Regulation |
| CMPL 533 | Resolution of International Disputes |
| LEEL 369 | Labour Law |
| PUB2 400 | Administrative Process |
| WRIT 300 | Dispute Resolution Internship |
| WRIT 440 | Court and Administrative Tribunals Clerkship |
| WRIT 481 | First Research Seminar (approval required) |
| WRIT 482 | Second Research Seminar (approval required) |
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^{*} Students cannot take both CMPL 513 Talmudic Law and JWST 316 Social and Ethical Issues in Jewish Law.

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| Educational an | d Counselling Psychology: | |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| EDPC 501 | Helping Relationships | |
| EDPC 502 | Group Processes and Individuals | |
| Islamic Studies | s: | |
| ISLA 706 | Islamic Law | |
| Jewish Studies: | | |
| JWST 316 | Social and Ethical Issues in Jewish Law ^{**} | |
| Management: ORGB 633 | Managerial Negotiations | |
| Political Science | ce: | |
| POLI 677 | International Crisis, Conflict, War | |

Social Work: SWRK 374 Community Development/Social Action

3. Major Concentration in International Development and Governance

A. Complementary Courses (Group 1)

Students must take **one** of the following courses:

| WRIT 491 | Term Essay 1 |
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| WRIT 492 | Term Essay 2 |
| WRIT 493 | Term Essay 3 |
| WRIT 494 | Term Essay 4 |
| WRIT 495 | Term Essay 5 |
| WRIT 496 | Term Essay 6 |

The essay must be written on a subject related to International Development and Governance. The essay is to be written in the fourth year of the programme, normally in the Winter term, in order to allow the student to integrate the various academic and clinical strands of the Major. As is the case for all term essays, approval of the Associate Dean (Academic) is required. Application forms are available from the OUS.

B. Complementary Courses (Group 2)

Students must take at least **33 credits** from the following list of courses, of which at least **6 credits** must be non-Law credits:

| Law: | |
|----------|--|
| ASPL 637 | Space Law and Institutions |
| CMPL 508 | Research Seminar 1 (approval required) |

^{**} Students cannot take both CMPL 513 Talmudic Law and JWST 316 Social and Ethical Issues in Jewish Law.

| CMPL 509 | Research Seminar 2 (approval required) | |
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| CMPL 516 | International Development Law | |
| CMPL 521 | Trade Regulation | |
| CMPL 533 | Resolution of International Disputes | |
| CMPL 546 | International Environmental Law | |
| CMPL 565 | International Humanitarian Law | |
| CMPL 570 | Comparative and International Protection of Minorities' Rights | |
| CMPL 571 | International Law of Human Rights | |
| CMPL 579 | Current Problems of the International Legal Order | |
| PUB2 105 | Public International Law | |
| WRIT 020 | International Human Rights Internship | |
| WRIT 302 | International Governance Internship | |
| WRIT 481 | First Research Seminar (approval required) | |
| WRIT 482 | Second Research Seminar (approval required) | |
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| Anthropology: | | |
| ANTH 439 | Theories of Development | |
| ANTH 342 | Gender, Inequality and the State | |
| | | |
| Economics: | | |
| ECON 453 | International Economics | |
| | | |
| Geography: | | |
| GEOG 408 | Geography of Development | |
| GEOG 410 | Geography of Underdevelopment: Current Problems | |
| | | |
| Management: | | |
| MPGO 469 | Managing Globalization | |
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| Political Science: | | |

POLI 522 Politics of Developing Areas

4. Major Concentration in Trial and Appellate Practice

A. Complementary Courses (Group 1)

Students must take **one** of the following courses:

| Term Essay 1 |
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| Term Essay 2 |
| Term Essay 3 |
| Term Essay 4 |
| Term Essay 5 |
| Term Essay 6 |
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The essay must be written on a subject related to Trial and Appellate Practice. The essay is to be written in the fourth year of the programme, normally in the Winter term, in order to allow the student to integrate the various academic and clinical strands of the Major. As is the case for all term essays, approval of the Associate Dean (Academic) is required. Application forms are available from the OUS.

B. Complementary Courses (Group 2)

Students must take at least **33 credits** from the following list of courses, of which at least **6 credits** must be non-Law credits:

| Law: | |
|--------------|--|
| CMPL 508 | Research Seminar 1 (approval required) |
| CMPL 509 | Research Seminar 2 (approval required) |
| LAWG 415 | Evidence (Civil Matters) |
| LAWG 426 | Evidence (Criminal Matters) |
| PRAC 188 | Advanced Mooting 1 |
| PRAC 195 | Advanced Mooting 2 |
| PROC 425 | Judicial Law and Evidence |
| PROC 459 | Civil Litigation Workshop |
| PRV3 434 | Remedies |
| PUB2 420 | Trial Advocacy |
| PUB2 421 | Advanced Criminal Law |
| PUB2 422 | Criminal Procedure |
| PUB2 424 | Sentencing in Canadian Law |
| WRIT 303 | Court Practice Internship |
| WRIT 440 | Court and Administrative Tribunals Clerkship |
| WRIT 481 | First Research Seminar (approval required) |
| WRIT 482 | Second Research Seminar (approval required) |
| Communicatio | ons: |
| ENGC 649 | Audience Analysis |
| Economics: | |
| ECON 546 | Game Theory |
| Philosophy: | |
| PHIL 210 | Introduction to Deductive Logic |
| PHIL 415 | Philosophy of Language |
| Sociology: | |
| SOCI 350 | Statistics in Social Research |
| SOCI 511 | Movements/Collective Action |

Section II: Minors Programme

The BCL/LLB with Minor programme is open to all students enrolled in the Faculty of Law, and allows them to graduate with a Minor offered by McGill's Faculties of Arts or Science upon the completion of the requirements for that Minor. Students must complete 18 credits in addition to the 105 credits needed for the BCL/LLB programme. Some Science Minors are 24 credits. In such cases, law students will be allowed to count six credits of their 24-credit Minor Programme towards their Law degree. All Minors offered in the Faculties of Arts and Science are open to law students. Students should note that they may NOT enroll in a Minor in Management.

Students may enroll in a Minor after completion of two full time semesters in the Faculty. Students must meet with an advisor from the appropriate Department to select the courses required to complete the Minor, and have the advisor sign their Minor Approval Form (available at the OUS). Upon submission of the completed form to the Assistant Dean (Student Affairs) at the Faculty of Law, the Minor will be entered onto the student's transcript. Students will be registered in the selected courses by the OUS. They should, however, confirm their registration on Minerva. Students are reminded that they may not take more than six non-law credits per term.

Once a Minor has been declared, students are expected to complete it. If a student abandons or fails to complete the Minor, no credit taken toward the completion of a Minor may be transferred to count toward the BCL/LLB.

Section III: Honours Programme

The Honours programme aims to provide within the BCL/LLB programme a space in which advanced legal research of the highest quality can be pursued. It represents a bridge to the pursuit of graduate studies in law. Alternatively, it offers a unique opportunity for advanced research for those students who cannot proceed to graduate studies, for financial or other reasons. At its core is the research and drafting of an extended written project, the Honours Thesis, to be completed over a period of one and a half academic years. The goal is to provide students with an opportunity to produce a substantial work of publishable quality. The Honours programme thus represents a concrete instance of including in the undergraduate programme the special vocation of the McGill Faculty of Law for research and academic excellence.

There is no automatic admission to the Honours programme, and space is limited due to resource constraints. Students who have completed two years of full-time studies in the Faculty of Law may apply for admission. Selection will be based on the candidate's academic record in the Faculty, the strength of the research proposal, and the availability of supervision. A minimum law CGPA of 3.00 is required, but it is expected that students admitted will in fact have a higher law CGPA. Students wishing to apply must develop a research project in consultation with a member of the Faculty and submit a thesis proposal of approximately 1200 words. The Honours thesis is expected to be approximately 30 000 to 35 000 words in length, and is graded on a Pass/Fail basis by the supervisor and another examiner. The standard for obtaining a Pass reflects the goal of the Honours programme: to produce a substantial work of publishable quality.

The sequence for students wishing to participate in the Honours programme is as follows: In the Fall of the third year, interested students submit an application for admission to the Honours programme based on a research project developed in the previous months with the assistance of a Faculty member. Applications this year must be handed in by **Friday**, **9 September 2005 at 15:00, at the OUS.** An application form is available at the OUS. Students will be informed of the result of their application shortly thereafter.

Students admitted to the Honours programme register for the course Honours Thesis 1 (3 credits) either in the Winter or Summer term of their third year. In their fourth year, students in the Honours programme normally register for the courses Honours Thesis 2 (6 credits) in the Fall term and Honours Thesis 3 (6 credits) in the Winter term.

The thesis must be submitted by the end of the fourth academic year. For 2005-2006, the due date is **Monday**, **April 3**, **2006** at **15:00**, at **the OUS**, to allow the supervisor and another examiner to grade it

in time for the student to graduate in June. Students are encouraged to submit at an earlier date in the event the thesis is sent back for further revision by the supervisor or co-examiner.

Progress reports are required to be submitted to the OUS by the student and supervisor at the end of each of the terms in which the student is registered for Honours Thesis 1 and Honours Thesis 2.

A student having successfully completed the Honours programme will be awarded the degree of BCL/LLB (Honours) upon graduation.

PART V: EXCHANGE AND STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMMES

Every year, approximately 40 law students are authorized to participate in one of several exchange programmes available at the Faculty, or to attend another institution as visiting students.

Exchange students spend one term of study at an institution with which McGill has an exchange agreement. Exchange students pay their tuition fees at McGill and receive credit equivalence for the courses taken at the host institution. **Visiting students** spend one term of study at an institution with which McGill does not have an exchange agreement. Visiting students pay tuition fees at the host institution and receive credit equivalence for the courses taken there. Both exchange and visiting students must obtain the permission of the Faculty in order to study at another institution.

1. Partner Institutions

The Faculty of Law is a partner in a number of exchange agreements with leading institutions around the world. These include: the University of Melbourne and the University of New South Wales in Australia, the Universita di Torino in Italy, the Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, the Universiteit Maastricht and the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam in the Netherlands, the National University of Singapore, the Universitat de Barcelona in Spain, the University of Edinburgh in the U.K. and the Vermont Law School (Environmental Law Center) in the U.S. The Faculty is also a member of the *North American Consortium on Legal Education* which offers exchanges with the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM) and the Universidad Panamericana in Mexico, as well as George Washington University, the University of Arizona and the University of Houston in the U.S.

McGill University is also a partner in a number of bilateral agreements with universities around the world. The complete list of partner institutions may be found on the website of the McGill Student Exchange Office at: http://www.mcgill.ca/student-records/exchanges/. Note that not all of these institutions have law faculties. In addition, some agreements may specifically exclude the Faculty of Law. For more information, contact the McGill Student Exchange Office.

In addition, McGill University is part of the CREPUQ network which includes dozens of universities around the world, in particular in France. For a complete list of CREPUQ partners, please visit the following website: http://echanges-etudiants.crepuq.qc.ca/.

Students may also request permission to study for one term at an institution with which there is no established exchange programme. If permission is granted, the student is responsible for applying directly to the host institution. In order to attend another institution as a visiting student, one must have sound academic reasons for wanting to study at that institution or, alternatively, compelling personal circumstances must exist.

2. Application Process

Students interested in participating in an exchange programme or in studying abroad as visiting students are strongly encouraged to attend the information session held in mid-October. For all 2006-2007 exchange and study abroad programmes, students must submit an application package (including an application form, a statement of reasons for wishing to take the desired programme, a *curriculum vitae* and

a transcript of law grades) to the Assistant Dean (Student Affairs) by mid-November, at a date to be announced later. Students will be informed of the result of their application by letter before the beginning of the Winter term.

The decision to grant permission to a student to participate in an exchange or a study abroad programme is based on the student's reasons for wanting to undertake law studies at the host institution, and the student's academic record in the Faculty of Law. Students must have completed the first two years of the McGill programme. In addition, students are required to have a cumulative GPA of 2.70 or better.

3. Credit Equivalence

The Assistant Dean (Student Affairs), in consultation with the student, will establish the student's curriculum of study for the exchange or study abroad programme. Students require written confirmation of the Assistant Dean (Student Affairs) that the courses they have selected are approved for credit towards their McGill degrees. Students are expected to take the equivalent of 15 McGill credits per term only. Students are generally granted permission to study at another institution for one term.

Upon receipt of an official transcript sent directly by the student's host institution, successfully completed transfer credits are entered on the McGill transcript (without grades) and are credited towards the law programme in accordance with the written direction of the Assistant Dean (Student Affairs).