REGISTRATION AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 2009-2010

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PART I: GENERAL REGISTRATION 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 Program Requirements, Registration and Course Change for the 2009-2010 academic year. They include the following documents:

- 1. Registration and Program Requirements 2009-2010
- 2. Course Offerings 2009-2010
- 3. Course Schedule Fall 2009 and Winter 2010
- 4. Examination Schedule Fall 2009 and Winter 2010

These documents are available on the Faculty's website at http://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/courses/.

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. Registration Dates

For the 2009-2010 academic year, registration on Minerva will begin on *Tuesday, May 5, 2009*. In order to facilitate access to small enrolment courses and ensure equity among students, registration priorities have been programmed in Minerva. These priorities, established after consultation between the Faculty and the Law Students Association, are as follows:

- 1. Students entering fourth year start to register on Minerva on *Tuesday, May 5 at 8:00* (maximum of 8 credits per term).
- 2. Students entering third year start to register on Minerva on *Thursday, May 7 at 8:00* (maximum of 8 credits per term).
- 3. Students entering second year start to register on Minerva on *Tuesday, May 12 at 8:00* (maximum of 8 credits per term).
- 4. Starting *Thursday, May 15 at 8:00*, all students can register for the remainder of their courses (maximum 18 credits per term).

Returning students must register for at least one course by *Monday, July 27, 2009*. Students may add and drop Fall term courses on Minerva until *Tuesday, September 15, 2009* (inclusive); they may add and drop Winter term courses on Minerva until *Tuesday, January 19, 2010* (inclusive). See below for more information for course change and course withdrawal.

A complete calendar of dates can be found in the McGill Undergraduate Programs Calendar 2009-2010 available online at: http://coursecalendar.mcgill.ca/

3. Late Registration

Returning students who fail to register for at least one course by Monday, July 27, 2009 may do so within the period designated by the University for Late Registration. They will be assessed a late registration fee as follows:

Late registration between Tuesday, July 28, 2009 and Tuesday, September 1, 2009: \$50 Late registration between Wednesday, September 2, 2009 and Tuesday, September 15, 2009: \$100.

4. Course Change Period

After initial registration, students can add and drop courses as many times as they wish on Minerva during the Course Change period. The deadlines for course change on Minerva are as follows:

FALL TERM COURSES: September 15, 2009 (inclusive)

WINTER TERM COURSES: January 19, 2010 (inclusive)

5. Course Withdrawal

After the Course Change period, 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. 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:

With refund of fees: Sunday, September 20, 2009 (inclusive) Without refund of fees: Sunday, October 18, 2009 (inclusive)

WINTER TERM:

With refund of fees: Sunday, January 24, 2010 (inclusive) Sunday, February 14, 2010 (inclusive)

6. Late Change Fee

There is a \$25 fee for each course change made by the Student Affairs Office after the end of the Course Change period. Such changes must be approved by the Associate Dean (Academic) or the Assistant Dean (Student Life and Learning).

7. Compliance with Program and Other Requirements

Students are responsible for the correctness and completeness of their records. While the Associate Dean (Academic), the Assistant Dean (Student Life and Learning) and the Student Affairs Office staff are available to give advice and guidance, the ultimate responsibility for course selection, compliance with and completion of program and degree requirements, and observance of regulations and deadlines rests with the student. It is your responsibility to read the program requirements set out in Part II below, and to seek guidance to clarify doubts or to resolve problems. Students entering 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 Student Affairs Office, has been prepared to assist you.

8. Examination Schedule and Examination Conflicts

Please read carefully the examination schedules for Fall 2009 and Winter 2010. 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*.

Religious Conflicts

Students may apply for special arrangements for an examination that falls during religious holy days. Students must contact Ms. Nancy Czemmel in the SAO to make arrangements by the following dates:

Fall term examinations: Friday, November 20, 2009 Winter term examinations: Friday, March 26, 2010

Students with a conflict will be required to write the examination in advance of the regular examination, normally on the first available work day preceding the regular examination. Students will be asked to sign a confidentiality form in which they undertake not to discuss the examination with anyone until after the regular examination has been written.

9. Academic Advising

For general strategies on course selection, see below, Part III. In addition, the Associate Dean (Academic) and the Assistant Dean (Student Life and Learning) are available to provide academic advising. Appointments can be arranged by telephoning (514) 398-5597.

10. 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, including the course and examination schedules, during 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 cancelled. 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.

PART II: DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BCL/LLB PROGRAM

Section I: Duration of the BCL/LLB Program

The BCL/LLB program 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 program can be completed in three and a half years.

It is possible to accelerate the completion of the program in order to finish in three years 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.

Students should note that there are tradeoffs in accelerating the program. These include more limited access to small-enrolment courses (as the fourth-year priority registration is lost), the potential negative impact on academic success resulting from a heavier course load, the necessity of taking summer courses, and 18-credit terms in 2nd and 3rd year.

It is also possible to extend the completion of the program 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 program even if that is less than 12). Extending the program can allow the meeting of other commitments on the part of students, taking full advantage of all opportunities in the BCL/LLB program, including exchanges and non-course options, and participating in the Faculty of Law's Advanced Programs (Minors, Majors, Honours) described in Part V below.

Section II: Course Requirements

1. Nomenclature for Law Courses

Required Courses: Law courses that must be completed to fulfil the requirements of the program. Students have no choices among required courses.

Complementary Courses: A set of alternative law courses that can be taken to fulfil the requirements of the program. Students must choose a specified number of courses from the set.

Elective Courses: Law courses that are purely optional.

2. Required Courses

A. Required Courses in First Year:

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

B. Required Courses in Second Year:

| PROC 200 | Advanced Civil Law Obligations (3) |
|----------|--|
| PRV3 200 | Advanced Common Law Obligations (3) |
| PRV4 144 | Common Law Property (4) |
| PRAC 155 | Legal Writing, Mooting and Advanced Legal Research (2) |

C. Other Required Courses:

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

3. Complementary Civil Law and Common Law 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. Note that all listed courses are not offered every year.

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

| PRV4 448 | Administration of the Property of Another (3) | offered 2009-10 |
|----------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| LEEL 470 BUS2 461 | Employment Law (3) Insurance (3) | offered 2009-10 offered 2009-10 |
| PRV2 270 | Law of Persons (3) | |

| PROC 349 | Lease, Enterprise & Suretyship (3) | |
|----------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| PRV1 255 | Successions (3) | offered 2009-10 |

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) | 2 sections offered 2009-10 |
|-----------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| PRV 5 483 | Consumer Law (3) | offered 2009-10 |
| LAWG 415 | Evidence (Civil Matters) (3) | offered 2009-10 |
| LAWG 273 | Family Law (3) | 2 sections offered 2009-10 |
| LAWG 300 | Family Property Law (3) | |
| CMPL 522 | Medical Liability (3) | |
| LAWG 316 | Private International Law (3) | offered 2009-10 |
| LAWG 200 | Sale (4) | offered 2009-10 |
| LAWG 400 | Secured Transactions (4) | offered 2009-10 |
| | | |

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) | offered 2009-10 |
|----------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| PRV4 449 | Equity and Trusts (3) | offered 2009-10 |
| PRV4 451 | Real Estate Transactions (3) | |
| PRV3 434 | Remedies (3) | |
| PRV4 435 | Restitution (3) | offered 2009-10 |
| PRV4 456 | Wills and Estates (2) | offered 2009-10 |

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

| BUS2 365 PRV 5 483 LAWG 415 LAWG 273 LAWG 300 CMPL 522 | Business Associations (4) Consumer Law (3) Evidence (Civil Matters) (3) Family Law (3) Family Property Law (3) Medical Liability (3) | 2 sections offered 2009-10 offered 2009-10 offered 2009-10 2 sections offered 2009-10 |
|---|--|--|
| LAWG 316 LAWG 200 LAWG 400 | Private International Law (3) Sale (4) Secured Transactions (4) | offered 2009-10 offered 2009-10 offered 2009-10 |

C. Examples

For more clarity, here are two examples of ways in which students can fulfil the civil law and common law complementary course requirements.

EXAMPLE A

Insurance (3): 3 credits towards civil law Restitution (3): 3 credits towards common law

Family Law (3): 1.5 credits towards civil law and 1.5 credits towards common law

Total: 4.5 credits towards civil law and 4.5 credits towards common law – requirement met

EXAMPLE B

Business Associations (4): 2 credits towards civil law and 2 credits towards common law Family Property Law (3): 1.5 credits towards civil law and 1.5 credits towards common law Private International Law (3): 1.5 credits towards civil law and 1.5 credits towards common law

Total: 5 credits towards civil law and 5 credits towards common law – requirement, met with one "extra" credit counting in "additional credit requirements" (see below).

4. 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) | offered 2009-10 |
|----------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| PUB3 115 | Canadian Charter of Rights and | |
| | Freedoms (3) | offered 2009-10 |
| CMPL 573 | Civil Liberties (2) | |
| CMPL 575 | Discrimination and the Law (3) | |
| CMPL 504 | Feminist Legal Theory (3) | |
| PUB2 451 | Immigration and Refugee Law (3) | offered 2009-10 |
| LAWG 503 | Inter-American Human Rights (3) | |
| PUB2 502 | International Criminal Law (3) | offered 2009-10 |
| CMPL 516 | International Development Law (3) | offered 2009-10 |
| CMPL 565 | International Humanitarian Law (3) | offered 2009-10 |
| CMPL 571 | International Law of Human Rights (3) | offered 2009-10 |
| LEEL 482 | Law and Poverty (3) | offered 2009-10 |
| PUB2 419 | Law and Psychiatry (3) | offered 2009-10 |
| PUB2 105 | Public International Law (3) | 3 sections offered 2009-10 |
| CMPL 511 | Social Diversity and the Law (3) | offered 2009-10 |

5. Additional Credit Requirements

In addition to completing the course requirements listed above (which total 60 credits), students must accumulate an additional 45 elective law credits in order to satisfy the 105 credits required to obtain the BCL/LLB. These credits may include up to six non-law credits.

6. Outside Credits

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

Outside Law Credits: Approved courses taken at other faculties of law.

Outside Non-Law Credits: Approved courses taken at other faculties at 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 6 credits (see below for the total number of outside credits allowed). Prior approval of the Assistant Dean (Student Life and Learning) must be obtained. Application forms for outside credits are available at the SAO and on the SAO website: http://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/undergrad-forms/.

Exchange and Study Abroad Programs

Students who participate in an approved exchange or study abroad program may obtain a maximum of 15 law credits during their exchange or study abroad term. Information on exchange and study abroad programs is available on the SAO website at: http://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/undergrad-programs/exchange/.

B. Outside Non-Law Credits

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 other universities. Students may complete a maximum of <u>six</u> non-law credits during the course of their studies (see below for the total number of outside credits allowed).

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 SAO who will complete the registration on their behalf. For courses taken outside McGill, prior approval to undertake credits from another institution must be obtained from the Assistant Dean (Student Life and Learning). Application forms for outside credits are available at the SAO and on the SAO website: http://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/undergrad-forms/.

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 program 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.

C. Outside Courses Taken at a Quebec University

Students who apply to take outside courses (law or non-law) in a Québec university 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).

D. Total Number of Outside Credits Permitted (Law and Non-Law Credits)

Unless they are participating in an approved exchange or study abroad program, students may obtain a maximum of 12 outside credits to count towards their BCL/LLB: 6 outside law credits and 6 outside non-law credits. Students who do not wish to complete non-law credits may choose to take an additional 6 outside law credits (for a total of 12 outside law credits).

Students who participate in an approved exchange or study abroad program may obtain a maximum of 21 outside credits to count towards their BCL/LLB: 15 exchange/study abroad (law) credits and 6 outside credits (law and/or non-law credits).

7. 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 law course in which the essay constitutes no less than 75% of the final weight of grading assigned to the course; OR
- 2. Writing a Term Essay (WRIT 49X); OR
- 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.

Section III. 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 2009-2010 are as follows:

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

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

Students in first year may elect to take an additional course in the Winter term, being one of the following (when they are offered in the Winter term):

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PUB2 400 Administrative Process (3)
PUB2 111 Criminal Law (3)
LAWG 273 Family Law (3)
PUB2 105 Public International Law (3)
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ii) The following courses must be taken in second year:

| PROC 200 | Advanced Civil Law Obligations (3) |
|----------|--|
| PRV3 200 | Advanced Common Law Obligations (3) |
| PRV4 144 | Common Law Property (4) |
| PRAC 155 | Legal Writing, Mooting and Advanced Legal Research (2) |

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

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WRIT 440
               Clerkship A (6)
               Clerkship B (3)
WRIT 441
               Group Assistants (2)
WRIT 048
               Legal Clinic 1 (6)
WRIT 433
               Legal Clinic 2 (3)
WRIT 434
WRIT 435
               Legal Clinic 3 (3)
WRIT 016
               Legal Methodology Teaching Group 1 (4)
WRIT 017
               Legal Methodology Teaching Group 2 (4)
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WRIT 400 Senior Essay (6)
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iv) The following course may be taken only in the final year of study:

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WRIT 461 Writing and Drafting Project (1)
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2. Minimum and Maximum Credits for "Full-time" Status

Full-time students must register for a *minimum of twelve (12) credits in each term*. 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.

Students may register for a maximum of eighteen (18) credits per term.

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. A student's intention to graduate in 3 years is not an exceptional circumstance that warrants exceeding the maximum credit load.

3. Minimum Residency Requirement

The B.C.L./LL.B. program requires full-time attendance for at least three (3) academic years.

4. Maximum Number of Non-Course Credits

The total number of non-course credits taken throughout the program may not exceed fifteen. The courses listed below fall within the category of non-course credits. Students will be registered by the SAO for these courses.

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PRAC 188
               Advanced Mooting 1 (3)
PRAC 195
               Advanced Mooting 2 (3)
WRIT 440
               Clerkship A (6)
               Clerkship B (3)
WRIT 441
               Group Assistants (2)
WRIT 048
               Legal Clinic 1 (6)
WRIT 433
WRIT 434
               Legal Clinic 2 (3)
WRIT 435
               Legal Clinic 3 (3)
WRIT 016
               Legal Methodology Teaching Group 1 (4)
WRIT 017
               Legal Methodology Teaching Group 2 (4)
WRIT 301
               Major Internship (6)
               International Human Rights Internship (6)*
WRIT 020
WRIT 001
               McGill Law Journal - Editor-in-Chief (6)**
WRIT 002
               McGill Law Journal - Executive Editor (6)
WRIT 003
               McGill Law Journal - Managing Editor (6)
               McGill Law Journal - Senior Editorial Board (3)
WRIT 004
WRIT 332
               McGill Law Journal - Senior Management Board (2)
WRIT 008
               McGill Law Journal - Associate Editor (4)
               McGill Law Journal - Case Comments Editor (4)
WRIT 009
WRIT 010
               McGill Law Journal - Book Reviews Editor (4)
WRIT 011
               McGill Law Journal - Junior Editorial Board (3)
WRIT 333
               McGill Law Journal - Junior Management Board (2)
WRIT 330
               McGill Law Journal - Electronic Editor (3)
WRIT 331
               McGill Law Journal - Citations Editor (4)
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^{*} Human Rights Internships only counts for 3 non-course credits.

^{**} Journal courses are undergoing credit changes – pending University approval.

Students should note that if they take less than twenty-seven (27) graded credits in any given academic year, they will not be eligible for the Dean's Honour List for that year. Note that law 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. Other Restrictions in Course Selection

The following courses may be taken <u>only twice</u> during a student's law program: Legal Clinic (3 credits); Research Seminars.

The following courses can be taken <u>only once</u>: Group Assistants, Legal Methodology Teaching Groups, Clerkships, Legal Clinic (6 credits) and 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). (See course description in *Course Offerings 2009-2010* for further information.)

6. Special Registration Requirements

Special registration requirements apply to the following courses because each is a credit equivalence that is granted upon application: Term and Senior Essays, Group Assistants, Legal Methodology Teaching Group, Student-Initiated Seminar, Legal Clinic, McGill Law Journal, Advanced Mooting (Competitive Moots), Court Clerkships, Human Rights Internships and Major Internships. Please see *Course Offerings* 2009-2010 for more information on these courses.

PART III: COURSE REGISTRATION ON MINERVA

1. Minerva

Minerva is McGill's self-service web-based administrative system. 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/.

Unless otherwise indicated, Minerva is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except for monthly overnight maintenance periods.

Please take special notice of the following features of Minerva:

(a) 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.

(b) Multi-term courses

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.

2. Choosing courses and Using Minerva

Apart from the mandatory course requirements (see Part II, section II above), there is no obligatory path imposed by the Faculty. 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 many students take it.

Students having difficulties selecting courses may seek academic advice from the Associate Dean (Academic) and/or the Assistant Dean (Student Life and Learning). Appointments can be arranged by telephoning (514) 398-5597.

A. Course Selection

The following are suggestions that 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, e.g. JICP, and should select their courses accordingly. You may not register for a course for which you have not completed all the prerequisites.
- 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).
- Be conscious of offer and demand: a few popular courses fill up very quickly. Be prepared to use your priority registration credits to select your preferred section in required courses. Register first for required courses, the sections/courses you really want, and courses with limited enrolment. Register for both Fall and Winter terms.

• 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.

B. Using Minerva

Once you have given some thought to your overall program of studies, and selected courses for the coming academic year, you should prepare for registration on <u>Minerva</u>. Again, the following suggestions may assist you:

- Clear up any difficulties ahead of time: unpaid fees, HOLDS on your record, forgotten ID or PIN, computer and internet access availability, etc. If you must register from abroad, make sure that internet access will not present any problems.
- A Course Selection Form is available on the web as a working document. You can use it to organize your course selections. The Course Selection Form is available on the McGill website at: http://www.mcgill.ca/files/minerva-students/Minerform.pdf.

3. Limited Enrolment Courses

The Faculty sets a maximum enrolment in all lecture and seminar courses based on such criteria as the nature of the course, pedagogy, enrolment history, the size of available classrooms and resource allocation issues. Enrolments are indicated on Minerva.

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.

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.

4. Waitlists

Waitlists in selected courses will be opened for registration on Minerva as of June 15th, 2009. Course details will be announced via email by the SAO. See also the SAO website for further information: www.mcgill.ca/law-studies.

Once waitlists are opened, students will be able to put themselves on <u>one</u> waitlist per term by using Minerva's **Registration Menu**. Each waitlisted course will have a limit put on the number of students allowed on the waitlist.

How waitlists work

Waitlists are based on a process that sends e-mail messages to students at certain stages based on their position on waitlists and then issues permits-to-register to those waitlisted students it deems to be eligible for a vacant spot in a course. There are three types of waitlist e-mails:

- the introductory e-mail sent to any student who successfully adds themselves to a waitlist; it gives an overview of how waitlists work and when and how the student can expect to receive notifications (McGill e-mail only)
- the top-five e-mail, sent to all students who move into and through the top five positions of the waitlist

- the permission-to-register e-mail, which informs the student there is a vacancy in the course and that the student has a set amount of time to register; this e-mail also informs the student if they fail to register within the allotted time, they will be dropped from the waitlist

The waitlist process runs nightly Sunday through Thursday, shortly before midnight. The process identifies CRNs with waitlisted students and open spaces, determines which students are eligible to register in those open spaces and give permits to those students to allow them to register. The system then sends out e-mails very early in the morning Monday through Friday (there is no waitlist processing on weekends or over the Christmas break.).

It is important to check your email. Waitlist email messages will inform you of your deadline to register if a place in the course section becomes available. The deadline may be as much as a week or two away or as short as a couple of hours during the course change period.

If you miss the deadline specified in the email, you will be automatically removed from the waitlist and the place will be offered to the next student on the list. For further information on waitlists, go to: http://www.mcgill.ca/minerva-students/registration/waitlist/.

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.

PART IV: 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 program. (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. Passing grades

In order to obtain credit for their courses, candidates in the BCL/LLB program must obtain a passing grade. The following grades are awarded by the Faculty:

Compulsory Courses

Passing grades: A; A-; B+; B; B-; C+; C

Failing grades: D; F

Complementary and Elective Courses
Passing grades: A; A-; B+; B; B-; C+; C; D

Failing grade: F

4. Rereads of Failing Evaluations

All written evaluations 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)

Section II: Supplemental and Deferred Examinations

1. Supplemental Examinations

Regular supplemental examinations are available to a student who has failed a law course, but is not required to withdraw from the Faculty. In compulsory courses, grades of D and F are failing grades; in complementary and elective courses, the grade of F is a failing grade. (Academic Regulations 28, 38-39)

Regular supplemental examinations may be written in up to two law courses which do not exceed a total of seven credits together. (Academic Regulation 39)

Students who wish to write a supplemental examination must apply via Minerva. A non-refundable fee of 35\$ for each examination (maximum of 70\$) is assessed at the time of application.

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.

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 SAO, prior to or within twenty-four hours of the examination, of the reasons for requesting permission to write a deferred examination. The completion of the Deferral Application form and supporting documentation, i.e. 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. Supplemental and Deferred Examinations

The deadline to submit applications for supplemental and deferred examinations are as follows:

Fall 2009 Courses

Deferred examinations: Friday, January 15, 2010 Supplemental examinations: Monday, March 1, 2010

Winter 2010 Courses

Deferred examinations: Saturday, May 15, 2010 Supplemental examinations: Thursday, July 15, 2010

Note that students applying to write a deferred examination must have first obtained permission from the SAO within the deadlines provided in section 2 above.

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 SAO.

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

All assignments that are to be submitted to the SAO are due at 15:00 on their due date.

The Faculty's regulations on extensions for the submission of assignments are stated below. Students are reminded that these regulations are strictly enforced out of fairness to all students. Students should take cognizance of these 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 Student Affairs Officer (Nancy Czemmel) and must be accompanied by supporting documentation.

Term and Senior 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).

The submission dates and times for the 2009-2010 academic year are as follows:

Fall term 2009: Tuesday, December 15, 2009, 15:00 Winter term 2010: Monday, April 23, 2010, 15:00 Summer term 2010: Wednesday, August 11, 2010, 15:00

Other final essays and papers. Final essays and papers in any other law 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 other in-term evaluations in a course, these being due at the dates fixed by the instructor.

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

Take-home examinations. Take home examinations are subject to a different regime. They shall be assessed penalties on an hourly basis depending on the overall length of the examination.

PART V: DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR, MINOR AND HONOURS PROGRAMS

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

These programs represent the final component of the revision of the Faculty's curriculum which started in 1995. The reduction of the length of the program 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 Programs are thus envisaged as elements which are purely optional and supplementary to the regular program 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 programs.

Section I: Major Programs

The Majors programme consists of two designated Major Concentrations: Commercial Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, and International Human Rights and Development. 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 a mandatory 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 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 in Commercial Negotiation and Dispute Resolution

Total credits: 36

This Major consists of 36 credits, 18 of which are in addition to the 105 total credit requirement for the BCL/LLB program, for a total of 123 credits. At graduation, students are granted a BCL/LLB with Major concentration in Commercial Negotiation and Dispute Resolution.

A. Required Course (6 credits)

WRIT 300D1/D2 Major Internship (6)

Internship in the area of Commercial Negotiation and Dispute Resolution. The internship is done in the fourth year of the program. Placement must be approved by the Major Advisor.

B. Complementary Courses (30 credits)

3 credits from the following courses:

| Term Essay 1 (3) |
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| Term Essay 2 (3) |
| Term Essay 3 (3) |
| Term Essay 4 (3) |
| Term Essay 5 (3) |
| Term Essay 6 (3) |
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The essay must be written on a subject related to Commercial Negotiation and Dispute Resolution. The essay is to be written in the fourth year of the program, normally in the Winter term, in order to allow the student to integrate the various academic and clinical strands of the Major. Topic must be approved by Associate Dean (Academic).

27 credits from the following courses, of which at least 6 must be non-law credits:

Law courses (15-21 credits)

| BUS1 432 | Bankruptcy (3) |
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| BUS2 365 | Business Associations (4) |
| BUS2 367 | Business Organizations (3) |
| BUS2 504 | Securities Regulation (3) |
| BUS2 505 | Corporate Finance (3) |
| CMPL 508 | Research Seminar 1 (approval required) (2) |
| CMPL 509 | Research Seminar 2 (approval required) (2) |
| CMPL 515 | International Carriage of Goods by Sea (3) |
| CMPL 521 | Trade Regulation (3) |
| CMPL 524 | Entertainment Law (3) |
| CMPL 533 | Resolution of International Disputes (3) |
| CMPL 543 | Law and Practice of International Trade (3) |
| CMPL 544 | International and Domestic Documentary Sales (3) |
| CMPL 568 | Extrajudicial Dispute Resolution (3) |
| CMPL 574 | Government Control of Business (3) |
| LAWG 200 | Sale (4) |
| LAWG 400 | Secured Transactions (4) |
| LAWG 500 | Complex Legal Transactions 1 (3) |
| LAWG 501 | Complex Legal Transactions 2 (3) |
| LAWG 511 | Specialized Topics in Law 1 (approval required) (1) |

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| LAWG 512 | Specialized Topics in Law 2 (approval required) (1) |
| LAWG 513 | Specialized Topics in Law 3 (approval required) (2) |
| LAWG 514 | Specialized Topics in Law 4 (approval required) (2) |
| LAWG 515 | Specialized Topics in Law 5 (approval required) (2) |
| LAWG 516 | Specialized Topics in Law 6 (approval required) (3) |
| LAWG 517 | Specialized Topics in Law 7 (approval required) (3) |
| LAWG 518 | Specialized Topics in Law 8 (approval required) (3) |
| LAWG 521 | Supervised Student-Initiated Seminar 1 (approval req.) (3) |
| LAWG 522 | Supervised Student-Initiated Seminar 2 (approval req.) (3) |
| LEEL 369 | Labour Law (3) |
| PROC 349 | Lease, Enterprise and Suretyship (3) |
| PRV4 451 | Real Estate Transactions (3) |
| PRV4 500 | Restitution (3) |
| PRV5 483 | Consumer Law (3) |
| PUB2 417 | Corporate Taxation (3) |
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Non-Law courses (6-12 credits)

Note: Students who take 6 non-law credits as part of their Major may count an additional 6 non-law credits towards their BCL/LLB. Students who take 9 non-law credits as part of their Major may count an additional 3 credits towards their BCL/LLB. Students who take 12 non-law credits as part of their Major may not count additional non-law credits towards their BCL/LLB.

Economics:

ECON 223

| ECON 305 ECON 310 ECON 546 | Industrial Organization (3) Introduction to Behavioural Economics (3) Game Theory (3) |
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| Management: | |
| BUSA 395 BUSA 481 BUSA 493 | European Economy & Business (3) North America: Business Markets (3) Global Economic Competitiveness (3) |
| INDR 459 INDR 492 INDR 496 MGCR 211 MGCR 293 MGCR 382 MGCR 423 | International Labour Relations (3) Public Policy in Industrial Relations (3) Collective Bargaining (3) Introduction to Financial Accounting (3) Managerial Economics (3) International Business (3) Organizational Policy (3) |
| MGPO 383 MGPO 440 MGPO 445 MGPO 450 MGPO 460 MGPO 468 MGPO 469 MGPO 470 MGPO 567 | International Business Policy (3) Strategies for Sustainability (3) Industry Analysis & Competitive Strategy (3) Ethics in Management (3) Managing Innovation (3) Managing Organizational Politics (3) Managing Globalization (3) Strategy and Organization (3) Business in Society (3) |
| ORGB 325 ORGB 380 | Negotiations and Conflict Resolution (3) Cross Cultural Management (3) |

Political Economy of Trade Policy (3)

ORGB 420 Managing Organizational Teams (3)

Political Science:

POLI 243 International Politics of Economic Relations (3)

or another non-law course related to Commercial Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, approved by the Major Advisor.

2. Major in International Human Rights and Development

Total credits: 36

This Major consists of 36 credits, 18 of which are in addition to the 105 total credit requirement for the BCL/LLB program, for a total of 123 credits. At graduation, students are granted a BCL/LLB with Major concentration in International Human Rights and Development.

A. Required Course (6 credits)

WRIT 300D1/D2 Major Internship (6)

Internship in the area of International Human Rights and Development. The internship is done in the fourth year of the program. Placement must be approved by the Major Advisor.

B. Complementary Courses (30 credits)

3 credits from the following courses:

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

The essay must be written on a subject related to International Human Rights and Development. The essay is to be written in the fourth year of the program, normally in the Winter term, in order to allow the student to integrate the various academic and clinical strands of the Major. Topic must be approved by Associate Dean (Academic).

27 credits from the following courses, of which at least 6 must be non-law credits:

Law courses (15-21 credits)

| CMPL 508 | Research Seminar 1 (approval required) (2) |
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| CMPL 509 | Research Seminar 2 (approval required) (2) |
| CMPL 516 | International Development Law (3) |
| CMPL 521 | Trade Regulation (3) |
| CMPL 533 | Resolution of International Disputes (3) |
| CMPL 543 | Law & Practice of International Trade (3) |
| CMPL 546 | International Environmental Law (3) |
| CMPL 565 | International Humanitarian Law (3) |
| CMPL 571 | International Law of Human Rights (3) |
| LAWG 503 | Inter-American Human Rights (3) |
| LAWG 511 | Specialized Topics in Law 1 (approval required) (1) |
| LAWG 512 | Specialized Topics in Law 2 (approval required) (1) |
| LAWG 513 | Specialized Topics in Law 3 (approval required) (2) |

| LAWG 514 | Specialized Topics in Law 4 (approval required) (2) |
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| LAWG 515 | Specialized Topics in Law 5 (approval required) (2) |
| LAWG 516 | Specialized Topics in Law 6 (approval required) (3) |
| LAWG 517 | Specialized Topics in Law 7 (approval required) (3) |
| LAWG 518 | Specialized Topics in Law 8 (approval required) (3) |
| LAWG 521 | Supervised Student-Initiated Seminar 1 (approval req.) (3) |
| LAWG 522 | Supervised Student-Initiated Seminar 2 (approval req.) (3) |
| PUB2 105 | Public International Law (3) |
| PUB2 451 | Immigration & Refugee Law (3) |
| PUB2 502 | International Criminal Law (3) |
| PUB2 503 | Comparative Federalism (3) |

Non-Law courses (6-12 credits)

Note: Students who take 6 non-law credits as part of their Major may count 6 additional non-law credits towards their BCL/LLB. Students who take 9 non-law credits as part of their Major may count an additional 3 credits towards their BCL/LLB. Students who take 12 non-law credits as part of their Major may not count additional non-law credits towards their BCL/LLB.

Anthropology:

| ANTH 212 | Anthropology of Development (3) |
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| ANTH 342 | Gender, Inequality and the State (3) |
| ANTH 418 | Environment and Development (3) |
| ANTH 439 | Theories of Development (3) |

Economics:

| ECON 223 | Political Economy of Trade Policy (3) |
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| ECON 306D1/D2 | Labour Economics and Institutions (6) |
| ECON 313 | Economic Development 1 (3) |
| ECON 314 | Economic Development 2 (3) |
| ECON 316 | The Underground Economy (3) |
| ECON 426 | Labour Economics (3) |

Geography:

| GEOG 200 | Geographical Perspectives: World Environmental Problems (3) |
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| GEOG 210 | Global Places and Peoples (3) |
| GEOG 216 | Geography of the World Economy (3) |
| GEOG 408 | Geography of Development (3) |
| GEOG 410 | Geography of Underdevelopment: Current Problems (3) |

International Development:

| INTD 200 | Introduction to | International Deve | elonment (3) |
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Management:

| MGPO 469 | Managing Globalization (3) |
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| MGPO 475 | Strategies for Developing Countries (3) |
| ORGB 380 | Cross Cultural Management (3) |

Political Science:

| POLI 227 POLI 243 POLI 300D1/D2 POLI 323 POLI 324 POLI 340 POLI 345 POLI 351 POLI 354 POLI 362 POLI 474 POLI 522 Sociology: | Developing Areas/Introduction (3) International Politics of Economic Relations (3) Developing Areas/Revolution (6) Developing Areas/China and Japan (3) Developing Areas/Africa (3) Developing Areas/Middle East (3) International Organization (3) Crisis, Conflict and War (3) Approaches to International Political Economy (3) Political Theory and International Relations (3) Inequality and Development (3) Seminar: Developing Areas (3) |
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| SOCI 254 SOCI 265 SOCI 353 SOCI 370 SOCI 484 SOCI 519 SOCI 550 | Development and Underdevelopment (3) War, States and Social Change (3) Inequality and Social Conflict (3) Sociology: Gender and Development (3) Emerging Democratic States (3) Gender and Globalization (3) Developing Societies (3) |

or another non-law course related to Int'l Human Rights and Development, approved by the Major Advisor.

Section II: Minor Program

The BCL/LLB with Minor program 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 program. Some Science Minors are 24 credits. In such cases, law students will be allowed to count six credits of their 24-credit Minor Program 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 SAO). Upon submission of the completed form to the Assistant Dean (Student Life and Learning) 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 SAO. 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, except as 6 non-law credits.

Section III: Honours Program

The Honours program aims to provide within the BCL/LLB program 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

program thus represents a concrete instance of including in the undergraduate program the special vocation of the McGill Faculty of Law for research and academic excellence.

There is no automatic admission to the Honours program, 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 program: to produce a substantial work of publishable quality.

The sequence for students wishing to participate in the Honours program is as follows: In the Fall of the third year, interested students must submit an application for admission to the Honours program 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*, *October 9*, *2009 at 15:00*, *at the SAO*. An application form is available at the SAO. Students will be informed of the result of their application shortly thereafter.

Students admitted to the Honours program 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 program 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 2009-2010, the due date is **Wednes** *day*, *April 7*, *2010 at 15:00*, *at the SAO*, 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 SAO 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 program will be awarded the degree of BCL/LLB (Honours) upon graduation.