

PhD Program Requirements & Timeline

A minimum of six terms in residence and 30 credits are required to be eligible for the PhD degree.

The 30 credits are completed through the following graduate courses:

MIMM 611	Graduate Seminar 1	3 credits
MIMM 612	Graduate Seminar 2	3 credits
MIMM 713	Graduate Seminar 3	3 credits
MIMM 613	Current Topic Seminars 1	3 credits
MIMM 614	Current Topic Seminars 2	3 credits
MIMM 615	Current Topic Seminars 3	3 credits
MIMM 721	PhD Research Progress Report 1	1 credit
MIMM 722	PhD Research Progress Report 2	1 credit
MIMM 723	PhD Research Progress Report 3	1 credit
MIMM 701	Comprehensive Examination	0 credits
MIMM 617 & 619	Reading and Conference 1	3 credits
	Reading and Conference 2	3 credits
	Reading and Conference 3	3 credits

Additional program requirement

After completion of the Current Topics Seminars courses (MIMM 613-615), attendance to 8 seminars per term is mandatory until thesis submission. A minimum of four seminars should be attended from the Infection and Immunity Seminar Series offered by the Department. Students should confirm attendance at these seminars on a sign-in sheet available in the amphitheater.

A maximum of four life sciences-related seminars presented by principal investigators can be attended at McGill University or its affiliated centers (MUHC, LDI, IRCM). Students are required to confirm attendance to these seminars by having the Current Topics Seminar Attendance Form or the seminar's poster signed by the professor hosting the seminar. The signed form/poster should be submitted to the MIMM 613-615 Course Coordinator within one week of seminar attendance.

PhD students not complying with this requirement will not be eligible to the departmental travel awards and fellowships for returning students.

Timeline for students who internally transfer to the PhD program

For students entering the MSc program in Fall

Year 1

Fall Term

MIMM 611	Graduate Seminar 1
MIMM 613	Current Topics Seminars 1

Winter Term

MIMM 614	Current Topics Seminars 2
MIMM 617*	Reading and Conference 1**

Year 2

Fall Term

MIMM 612	Graduate Seminar 2 (Transfer seminar)
MIMM 722	PhD Research Progress Report 1
MIMM 615	Current Topics Seminars 3

Winter Term

MIMM 617*	Reading and Conference 2
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Year 3

Fall Term

MIMM 701	Comprehensive examination
MIMM 723	PhD Research Progress Report 2

Winter Term

MIMM 617*	Reading and Conference 3
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Year 4

Fall Term

MIMM 723	PhD Research Progress Report 3
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Winter Term

MIMM 713	Graduate Seminar 3#
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* Or another substitute Reading and Conference course, with the approval of the Graduate Program Director (Dr. Sylvie Fourier).

**You may register to a Reading and Conference course in any term (except summer terms). It is highly recommended to complete one R&C course within the first year.

The final PhD seminar (Graduate Seminar 3) is usually presented during the final term of the student's program.

Timeline for students who internally transfer to the PhD program

For students entering the MSc program in Winter

Year 1

Winter Term

MIMM 611	Graduate Seminar 1
MIMM 613	Current Topics Seminars 1

Fall Term

MIMM 614	Current Topics Seminars 2
MIMM 619*	Reading and Conference 1**

Year 2

Winter Term

MIMM 612	Graduate Seminar 2 (Transfer seminar)
MIMM 722	PhD Research Progress Report 1
MIMM 615	Current Topics Seminars 3

Fall Term

MIMM 619*	Reading and Conference 2
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Year 3

Winter Term

MIMM 701	Comprehensive examination
MIMM 723	PhD Research Progress Report 2

Fall Term

MIMM 619*	Reading and Conference 3
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Year 4

Winter Term

MIMM 723	PhD Research Progress Report 3
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Fall Term

MIMM 713	Graduate Seminar 3#
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Timeline for students who internally transfer to the PhD program

For students entering the MSc program in Summer

Year 1

Summer Term

MIMM 611 Graduate Seminar 1

Fall Term

MIMM 613 Current Topics Seminars 1
MIMM 619* Reading and Conference 1**

Year 2

Winter Term

MIMM 612 Graduate Seminar 2 (Transfer seminar)
MIMM 722 PhD Research Progress Report 1
MIMM 614 Current Topics Seminars 2

Fall Term

MIMM 619* Reading and Conference 2

Year 3

Winter Term

MIMM 701 Comprehensive examination
MIMM 723 PhD Research Progress Report 2
MIMM 615 Current Topics Seminars 3

Fall Term

MIMM 619* Reading and Conference 3

Year 4

Winter Term

MIMM 723 PhD Research Progress Report 3

Fall Term

MIMM 713 Graduate Seminar 3#

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