2020-2021 Information for Employers

The McGill Faculty of Law

- Ranked amongst the top 20 best schools to study law worldwide for three consecutive years
- One in five Supreme Court of Canada clerks over the past 10 years have been McGill Law grads
- Over 8000 alumni in more than 100 countries across the world: 81% Canada, 8% USA, 11% International
- Eligibility to sit any Canadian bar, the New York and Massachusetts bars, and others around the globe

The BCL/JD Program

McGill Law students graduate with two law degrees: a Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) and Juris Doctor (JD). Our students are introduced to integrated or "transsystemic" teaching in the first year of the program. The fundamental concepts of civil law and common law, as well as Indigenous and world legal traditions, are studied comparatively within a single course.

The Faculty admits academically accomplished students from across Canada and around the world. Most students enter with a first-class honours university degree, and many have graduate degrees and/or professional experience. All students are required to be bilingual in English and French. Some students are admitted with a Diploma of Collegial Studies (D.C.S.) after completing a post-secondary college-level program unique to Quebec.

Our curriculum features opportunities for problem-based learning, translation of knowledge into action, and the development of skills critical to engaged, effective and enlightened lawyers. Information about our curriculum can be found at http://www.mcgill.ca/law/future.

The BCL/JD program is a full-time first level professional law degree. The program is 105 credits and most students complete it in 3.5 years. It is possible to complete the program in three years by taking additional summer credits and by carrying heavier course loads in some fall and winter semesters. Some students opt to complete the program in four years in order to take lighter course loads in some semesters, or pursue a Minor, Major or Honours program. Students may also pursue one of our Joint Degree programs in collaboration with the Desautels Faculty of Management (MBA) and the School of Social Work (MSW).

Profile of the McGill Law Class of 2022

- 11% first-generation university students
- 28% belong to a visible or racialized minority
- 16% self-identify as part of the LGBTTQ+ community
- 3% self-identify as Indigenous
- 54% have English as a first language
- 25% have French as a first language
- 21% indicated "other" as a first language