

McGILL LAW ADMISSIONS

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McGill

Faculty of Law
Faculté de droit

Agenda

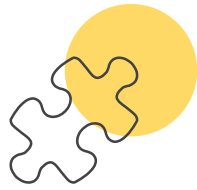
1. Why law?
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Pourquoi le droit?

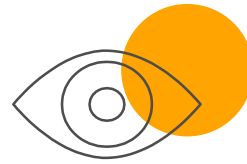
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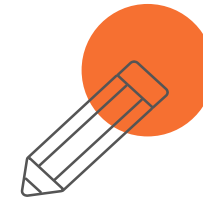
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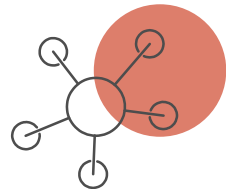
Analytical Thinking



Critical Analysis



Writing and Synthesis of
ideas



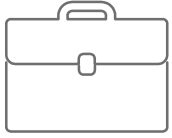
Communication and
presentation



Research



Negotiation



Flexible and Dynamic Career

- Mobility and international opportunity
- Encounters with variety of sectors
- Can have an impact as an advocate as well as policy maker

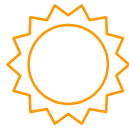


WHY McGill Law?



BCL/LLB program:

unique and
renowned world
wide



Transsystemic

Fundamental concepts of the civil law, common law and Indigenous legal traditions are studied within a single course.

Unique method of instruction fosters analytical ability, critical reflection and openness to diverse approaches to legal problems.

Focus on teaching in a research institution leads to rich encounters with legal scholarship and mentorship.



Bilingual

Passive bilingualism: develop legal skills in Canada's two official languages.

Required: substantial reading ability in, and aural comprehension of, both English and French. May submit written work, exams and ask questions in class in either language.

Texts in both languages are assigned in all 1st year courses and many upper-year courses.



Dual Degree

Graduate with two law degrees: Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) and Bachelor of Common Law (LLB, equivalent to JD).

Eligible to sit the Bar in all Canadian provinces, some US states, and some European jurisdictions.

Traditional and nontraditional career avenues.

World class faculty and education at relatively low tuition.

{ GLOBAL REACH }

Social Media Membership
(@LawMcGill)

 **5,540**

 **4,111**

 **2,278**

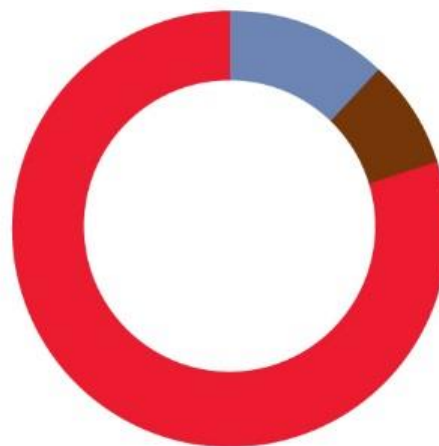
8,652 alumni
around the world

113 countries of
residence

75% practice law

25% have pursued
other careers

Alumni
Network



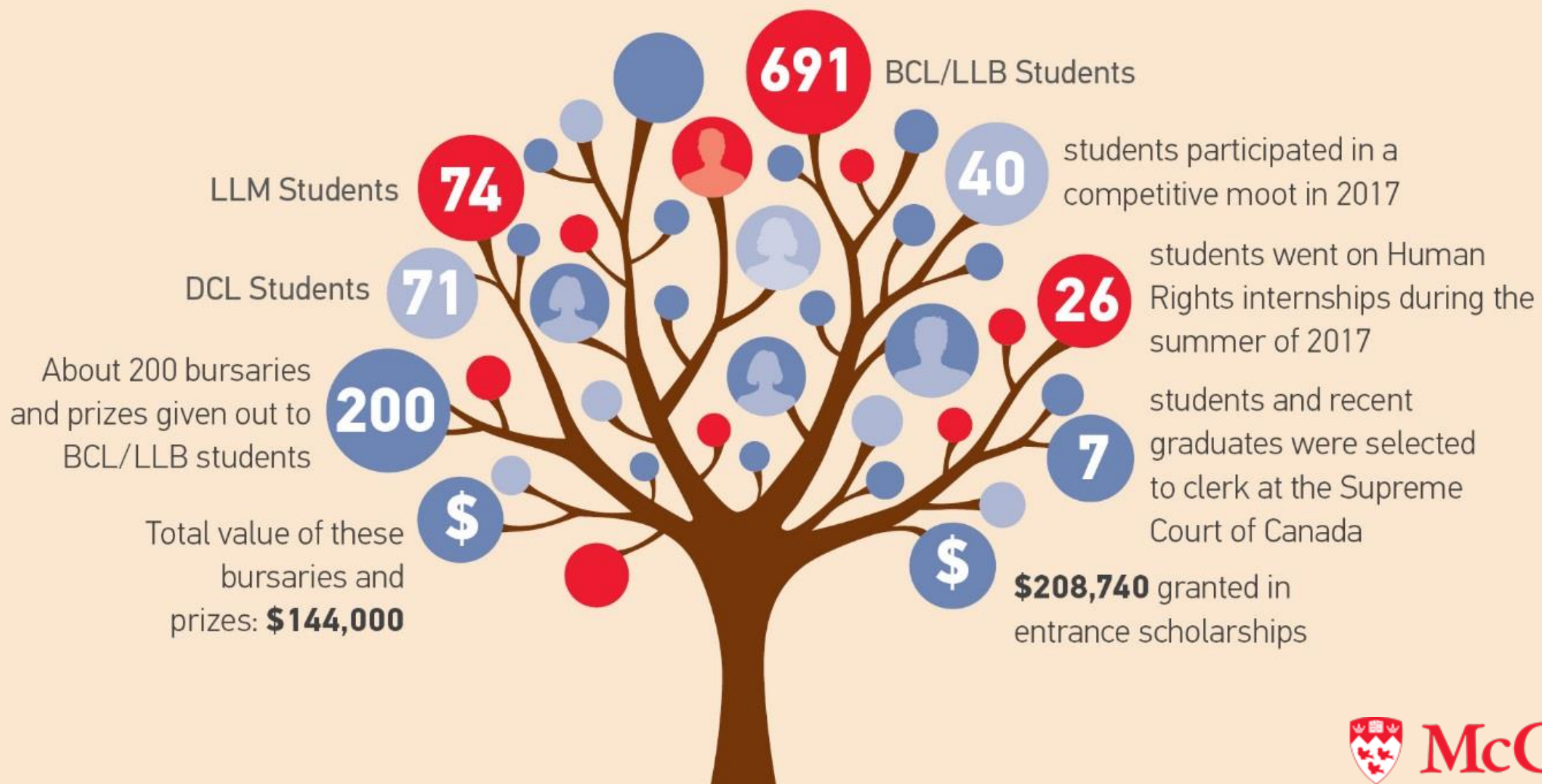
 **79%** Canada

 **9%** USA

 **12%** International



{ STUDENT BODY: SOME HIGHLIGHTS }



{ ADMISSIONS 2017-2018 }

Students



— 24% CEGEP students

— 16% completed graduate studies

— 11% first-generation university students

— 27% belong to a visible or racialized minority

— 13% self-identify as part of the LGBTTTQ* community

— 5% of the 2017 entering class self-identify as Indigenous students

First language



1,290 candidates applied

18 mother tongues

89 birth cities in 24 countries

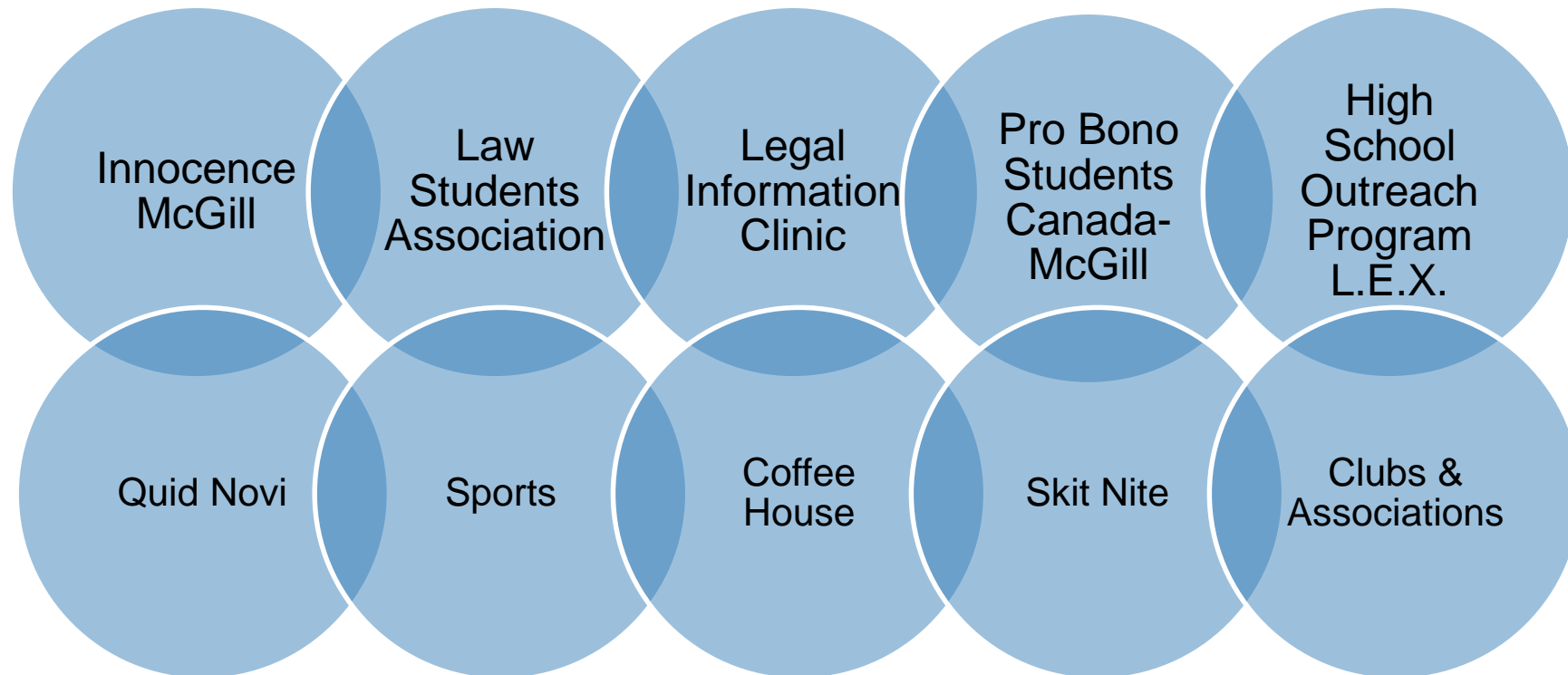
181 BCL/LLB students admitted

23: average age of first-year students

37 dual citizens

Student life and community engagement

There is always something happening on McGill's campus, whether at the Faculty of Law or beyond. Myriad clubs and activities, a full roster of visiting speakers and plenty of opportunities for community service promise enriching ways to apply your legal education, as well as create a life-long network of colleagues and friends.



2019 annual tuition and fees

4,469.96\$ Quebec Tuition Fees

9,646.16\$ Non-Quebec Canadian Tuition Fees

42,325.66\$ International Tuition Fees



A group of approximately 20 students are sitting in a circle on a green lawn. They are dressed in casual attire, including t-shirts, button-down shirts, and shorts. Some students are holding papers or books. The setting is outdoors, with a black metal fence in the background and a tree trunk visible. The overall atmosphere is one of a collaborative learning or discussion session.

Student Experience

BCL/LLB overview

1L

Criminal Justice
Constitutional Law
Contractual Obligations
Foundations
Extra-Contractual Obligations
Integration workshop

Upper years required courses

Property
Legal Ethics and Professionalism
Advocacy
Judicial Institutions and Civil
Procedure
Business Associations

Writing Requirement

Essay worth 75 % final grade of a 2
or 3 credit law course or
Term essay or
McGill Law Journal article

Complementary Courses

Minimum 3 credits from each of:
- Civil Law Immersion
- Common Law Immersion
- Social Diversity, Human Rights and
Indigenous Law
- Principles of Administrative Law

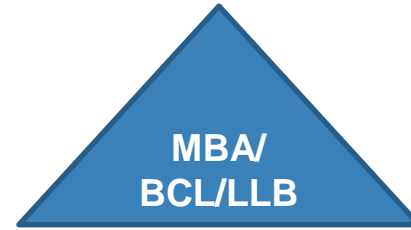
Elective Courses

44 elective credits
- max 6 outside law credits
- max 6 non law credits
- maximum 21 credits exchange/study
abroad

Non-Course Credit

max 15 credits from:
-Advanced Mooting (3)
-Clerkships (3-6)
-Group Assistant (2)
-Legal Clinic (3-6)
-Legal Meth Teaching Group (4)
-McGill Law Journal (2-6)
-International Human Rights Internship (3)

Program is 105 credits completed in 3, 3.5 or 4 years



Majors

Commercial Negotiation and Dispute Resolution; International Human Rights and Development. Additional 18 credits.

Minors

In Arts, Science, or Management (18 additional credits, some science Minors require 24 additional credits).

Honours

(15 additional credits) includes major research and writing component (apply after two years of completed full time studies in Law). Minimum of 3.0 GPA

Majors, minors,
honours and
joint degrees

Candidates interested in pursuing either joint degree program must apply separately to, and be admitted by, both faculties.

Experience pratique

In-Course: skills and problem-based learning

- Legal Ethics & Professionalism (year 2)
- Advocacy
- Integration and Focus Weeks
- Collaborative workshops and innovative learning in many courses

For-credit experiential learning

- International Human Rights Internships
- Community Legal Clinic Placements
- Court Clerkships (CA, CS, CQ, Tribunal de la jeunesse, cour municipale)
- Legal Information Clinic at McGill, Pro Bono Students, L.E.X.
- Law Journals

Experience pratique

In-course

Cour d'appel du Québec
Cour supérieure du Québec
Cour du Québec, chambre civile
Cour du Québec, chambre criminelle
Cour du Québec, chambre de la
jeunesse

Tribunal administratif du Québec
Bureau de décision et révision en
valeurs mobilières
Cour municipale de la Ville de Montréal
Cour du Québec du district de Laval,
Laurentides, Lanaudière

After graduation

Supreme Court of Canada
Federal Courts
Federal Court of Appeal
Tax Court
Court of Appeal of Ontario
Quebec Court of Appeal

International Tribunals,
International Court of Justice;
Chambers of the International Criminal
Tribunal for Rwanda
Chambers of the Special Court for
Sierra Leone

Benefits

Gain insight into oral and
written advocacy, court
procedures, and the judicial
decision-making process

Develop excellent research,
writing, and reasoning skills

At some courts, clerks have
the chance to consider and
learn about policy issues as
well as strictly legal issues.

CDO: Career Development Office

The experienced team in the CDO helps students identify and achieve their career goals, plans exploratory and networking events, facilitates recruitment and interview processes for a range of employers across Canada and beyond, including:

From...

Law firms
Governments
NGOs
International Organizations
Universities
Alternative Careers

In...

Montreal
Toronto
Vancouver
Calgary
Quebec City
Ottawa
New York / US
International

Events

Career days: traditional and non-traditional legal careers
On-campus interviews (employers interview selected McGill law students)
Networking and mentoring
Workshops: exploratory, CV writing, Interview skills



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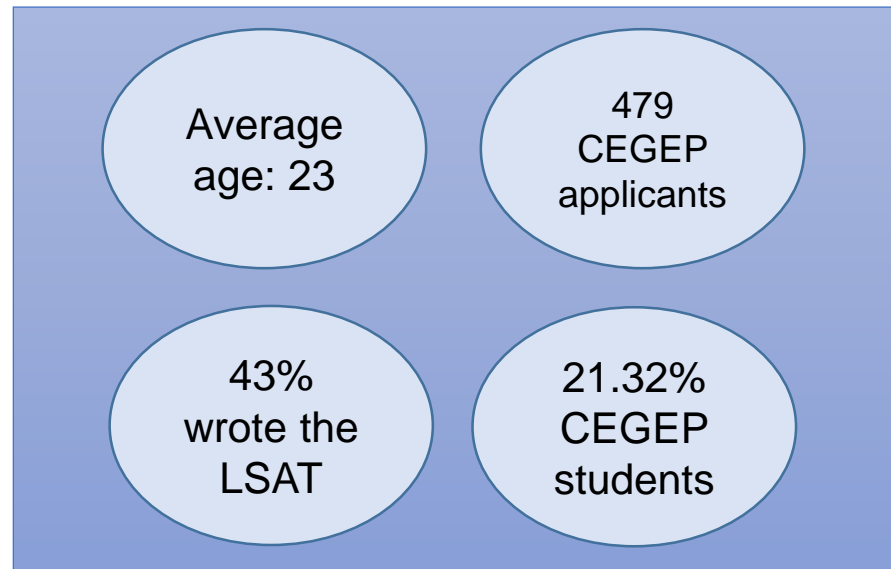
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site :
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Faire ses
recherches
et assister
aux sessions
d'information

Stats:

2018 entering class



Score	Undergrad %	LSAT	R-Score
Highest	95	174	40.15
75 th percentile	88	166	35.46
Average	85	162	34.87
25 th percentile	83	159	33.85
Lowest	73	150	32.15

Admissions Policy

**Passive
Bilingualism**

Comprehension,
not writing and
speaking

DIVERSITY
of the class
(geographic,
ethnic, academic,
linguistic, socio-
economic, etc.)

Objective:

Select applicants best
suited to studying law in
McGill's uniquely
comparative,
transsystemic and
bilingual environment

Well-rounded

Community Engagement
Intellectual curiosity
Insight
Leadership
Openness
Maturity

HOLISTIC
evaluation
process

Committee
review

- CV
- Academic record
- Linguistic abilities
- Personal statement
- 2 References

Eligibility Requirements

Education

DEC/Quebec French Baccalaureate (Marie de France & Stanislas)
Or DEC and one year of university studies
Or at least 60 credits of university studies.

Linguistic

Passive bilingualism policy
Assessed by the application materials, transcripts, CV
Follow-up testing if necessary

Application Requirements

Academic record

Complete academic record of all post-secondary studies (CEGEP applicants should provide their Permanent Code).

Committee looks for consistency, improvement, difficulty and range of coursework

LSAT: why and when to write it

CV

Tailored as appropriate for an application to law

Highlight achievements of academic and extra-curricular nature

Include number of hours worked during the academic year

Two pages maximum

Academic
Record

CV and
Personal
Statement

2
References

Application Requirements

Personal Statement

Authentic

Not a summary of the CV or our own web materials

Written in the language in which the candidate feels most able to express him or herself well (English or French)

Why law? Why McGill? Why “you” —what does the candidate have to contribute to the program, the community, the legal profession?

Candidate should be self-critical. Edit, edit, edit. Submit only when final.

500 words, indicate the word count at the end.

Références

2 références, académiques préférées

Procédure d’entrevue

Environ 25 minutes

En présence de deux professeurs de la Faculté

Bilingue

Se présenter en personne à la Faculté ou par vidéoconférence

Les entrevues ont lieu en février, avril et en mai.

Apply online

Web Application

Online application

www.mcgill.ca/law-admissions/undergraduates/

Supporting documents must be uploaded via Minerva (but not references)

Checking the status of your application on Minerva

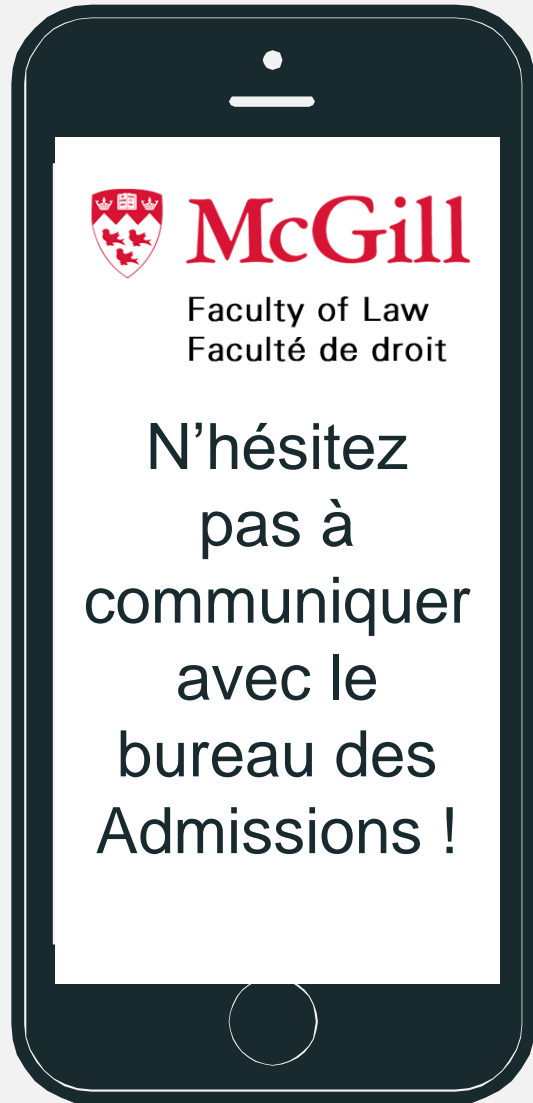
It is your responsibility to make sure that your application is complete

Check Minerva regularly

Please allow 48 hours Minerva to be updated, especially around deadlines

CALENDRIER DU CYCLE D'ADMISSION

1 ^{er} septembre	Ouverture de la demande d'admission en ligne	1 ^{er} mars	Date limite pour déposer une demande d'admission (catégorie CEGEP)
Début septembre	Début de l'année scolaire Venez nous rencontrer à l'une de nos séances d'information sur les admissions (ou visionnez en ligne). Nous pourrions venir vous rendre visite! Consultez en ligne a liste de nos événements de recrutement.	1 ^{er} avril	Les candidats admis tôt ont jusqu'à cette date pour accepter notre offre et payer le dépôt.
Fin octobre	Portes Ouvertes de McGill - Venez rencontrer l'équipe des admissions en droit et nos Étudiants-Ambassadeurs.	Avril-mai	Vous pourriez être convoqué en entrevue (candidats CEGEP) Premières offres d'admission pour les candidats CEGEP Début de la liste d'attente Fin de l'année scolaire La plupart des décisions sont prises pour la fin mai.
1 ^{er} novembre	Date limite pour déposer une demande d'admission (plusieurs catégories)	1 ^{er} mai	Date limite pour déposer une demande d'admission (catégorie Transfert)
Janvier	Début de la session d'hiver Dernier test de LSAT accepté Offres d'admission débutent et continueront jusqu'en mai	Juin-août	Offres aux candidats de la liste d'attente en fonction des places disponibles
Février	Séance d'information pour les candidats admis	Juillet	Début de l'inscription aux cours pour les nouveaux étudiants admis
		Août	Orientation et inscription en personne à la Faculté de droit.



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THANKS!

Any questions?

