



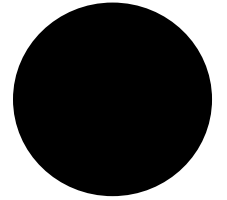
# International Exchange

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# Exchange **Benefits**

- **One term or year** at a host institution (for one year, you need to submit a request through application and will be considered if space permits)
- **Earn credits** towards your degree
- **Pay McGill tuition**
  - You pay for 15 credits per term no matter how many credits you complete abroad
  - Must be enrolled as a full-time student at the host institution





## When to go on Exchange

- U0 may not apply to go on exchange even if you have advanced standing credits (no refund will be granted if you do apply in U0)
- U2 is the **Ideal Year**
- U3 could **delay** graduation ( must see adviser)
- You must be registered full-time at the time of application
- Available Exchange Terms
  - Fall and Winter



# GPA Requirements

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- 3.0 CGPA
  - Minimum requirement to be eligible for an exchange program
- 2.7 to 3.0 CGPA
  - Application may be considered on case by case basis in consultation with exchange partners for Management schools
  - No guarantee of a nomination nor acceptance
  - A higher CGPA may be required to be a competitive applicant for the more popular exchange destinations

# Application Process

- Minerva application goes live in December for the Fall term & full year exchanges.
  - Deadline to submit on-line exchange application for the Fall term: January 15
- Minerva application goes live mid-April for the Winter term exchange.
  - Deadline to submit on-line exchange application for the Winter closes mid-June
- Non-refundable fee is applied, and MUST be paid before next year registration begins to avoid registration holds



# Steps in the Application Process

- You can select maximum of 4 schools (in order of preference)
- For a full year, students must submit the request through the following link, in addition to the application form: <https://www.mcgill.ca/servicepoint/fullyearexchange>
- Statement of purpose
  - Write a statement for each host (approximately a paragraph per host institution)
  - Why these particular schools are a good fit for you
  - Statement should not be used to make personal requests (ex; going with friends)
  - Your statement is for internal purposes only and is not sent to the host institution

# Listing Courses

- List of courses
  - Minimum of 5-8 per institution per term
- Why List these courses?
  - Choose institutions that have a good selection of courses for your program
  - Courses on you list may not be available during your exchange term. They are not guaranteed
  - Database show past equivalencies only, does not reflect current course offerings at the host institution.





# Course Equivalency System

Welcome to McGill University's Course Equivalency System.

Here is how you can search the equivalency database:

- Under **Course** - enter the **Course** information (Title, Subject, or Course Number) and select whether it is a **McGill** or an **External** course.

To further refine your search you can:

- Under **External Institution** - select a **Country** and the **State/Province** (if applicable).
- Enter the **Name** of the Institution. Only universities that McGill has approved for Exchange/Study Away are included.
- Under **Status** - by default, the search result will *exclude expired decisions*. If you want to see expired course equivalencies make sure to check the box.
- The results are limited to 100 records. We suggest that you refine your search for better results .

Need help? Visit our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

**NOTE:** If you are a McGill student, faculty or staff, **Login**, click **Home** to see additional options. For example, if you can't find a course equivalency or an external institution in the search, you can use the **Submit a new Request** functionality to request an equivalency or determine if an institution is in the database.

**Course**

McGill  External

Course Number

Title

**External Institution**

Country

State/Province

Institution Name

**Status**

Equivalent

Not Equivalent

Include Expired Decisions

The main page allows you to search by McGill course number or by the Host course number



# The System

Enter Host University, to view all approved courses from there

Course

McGill  External

Course Number

Title

External Institution

Country

Select... ▼

State/Province

Institution Name

Status

Equivalent

Not Equivalent

Include Expired Decisions

No space required when searching up with a course number

**Always** select expired decisions, whether you search by course # or institution



**DON'T**

Submit course  
equivalency  
requests for  
your exchange  
application.

This is not the  
time to do so.



# Transfer Credits

A maximum number of credits are permitted to transfer outside McGill for Exchange, Study Away, IUTs:

- 12 McGill credits for your major
- 6 McGill credits for your concentration or minor
  - Exception: IB Concentration
- 9 McGill credits for management core
- No limit for elective credits
- 6 McGill credits of topics courses towards any specialization (includes courses taken at McGill and other institutions)



## Research and Budget

It is your responsibility to research key information about your host school:

- Country, City, School
- Add/drop deadlines
- Examination schedule
- Housing/campus residence options
- Start/End date
- Wellness/academic support (SAA)
- Language of study
- Budget

A photograph of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France, taken at sunset. The tower is the central focus, with its intricate lattice structure clearly visible. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with soft clouds. In the foreground, there are some trees and a street with a few cars, including a white van. The overall atmosphere is warm and scenic.

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# Special Rules

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## China

- Some schools do not accept Chinese Nationals (Peking and Tsinghua)

## HEC-Paris

- Does not accept student that have done school in France or have done a FB from anywhere in the world, including cégep/French Bacc.

## Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Brazil

- Language Restrictions

CPA required courses may not be taken outside of McGill (All accounting courses will not be approved)

# University Selection

- Management Specific Schools
- General Schools Open to all Faculties, aka “*The Lottery*”
- Demand is high and spaces are limited (4 to 8 spots per year)
- Application permits up to 4 choices
  - Must be in order of preference
  - You must be willing to go to any your choices submitted in the application

**Once you have submitted your 4 choices,  
you cannot make any changes.**



# The Nomination

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- Management Decisions are based on:
  - CGPA
  - Statement of Purpose

A decision will be made on your nomination about **one month** after the application deadline through Minerva

**Once nominated, you cannot request to change your nomination. However, you may choose to decline it.**

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# Not Nominated

If you have not be nominated to any of your 4 choices, we will contact you by email with alternative options from:

- Remaining spaces available in Management specific schools.
- You may be considered for the lottery for General Schools (depending on availability)

**Do NOT schedule an appointment with an adviser to find out why you were not nominated to one of your 4 choices.**

**It is competitive and space is limited!**



# Lottery Process: General Schools

- Nominations are based on a Lottery System:
  - Decisions are made by the central Exchange Office in Enrolment Services
  - Your name will be added into a pool with other McGill students
  - System generates a list of faculties in no particular order
  - Student names are added based on the rank list that BCom sends the Exchange Office
  - You will hear about your nomination sometime in mid February





# After Your Nomination

Allow up to 2-3 months wait before hearing from the host university

All information and assignments will be provided through MyCourses, check regularly

Look out for important emails from Safety Abroad.

- MUST complete travel registry and pre-departure information, or else exchange will be cancelled

For timelines and what to expect, you should visit the McGill Abroad website

- Review the fact sheet of the host university, all dates are provided there.

# Where do I go for help?

## BCom Office

Preliminary nominations

Course equivalencies

Planning

Connecting you with past exchange students

## Exchange Office

Lottery process

Final approval of nominations

Liaison with host institutions

Cancel exchange

## Other

Mobility bursary

External funding (e.g., CLIC)

Visa

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