



Bienvenue

Welcome

First Year Resources- how do we help?

- Virtual drop-in advising assistance during registration in June – check New Students Bcom webpage for link.
 - Orientation and advising sessions before classes begin in August
 - Daily drop-in advising during course change – August to mid-September
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- Individual mandatory advising appointment required in the fall term – October through end of November
 - Exchange information sessions –fall term for U1 students interested in applying for Fall 2027 exchange
 - Academic advising 12 months a year!
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- Dedicated email: "New BCom student"
<bcom.newstudent@mcgill.ca>



Registration Support and Orientation

- **Drop-in Virtual Advising throughout June registration**

Zoom link on the New Student Webpage;

<https://www.mcgill.ca/desautels/programs/bcom/new-students>

- **Faculty Orientation – Discover McGill**

Monday, August 24, Leacock 132, 9:30 AM

- **Academic Orientation Sessions –**

Ask all of your questions and meet your Advisors in Person

Tuesday, August 25, time and location TBD, check the webpage above.

How do you contact us?

June- through start of classes:

- Use the New BCom student email

bcom.newstudent@mcgill.ca

Academic advisors will help through email and set up a virtual meeting, if necessary.

Appointment Booking online from September-

- BCom insight link from our Contact us Page or in the BCom Hub in My courses or come in person to Room 228 for help to book.

What is the role of an academic advisor?

- Answer questions about degree requirements and university policies and procedures
- Review your progress and degree plans and connect you to campus resources
- Provide assistance and support when you experience challenges that affect your studies
- Discuss the impact of academic decisions BEFORE you take action or risk missing a deadline
- Follow and support your transition and progress from application to graduation.



Where to go with your questions?

Academic Advisors

- **Who?** BCom Student Affairs Office
- **Where?** 2nd floor Bronfman (Rm 228)
- Academic and university degree support and guidance
- Ask about: program options (Majors, Concentrations, Honours), degree requirements and progression tracking, credit allocation, course load, withdrawals and more
- Common reasons to meet an advisor:

Am I on track? Will I graduate? I am struggling. I got sick and missed classes. I want to go on exchange. I want to take a Leave of Absence, I need help planning my course selection.

Career Managers and Peer Advisors

- **Who?** Career Management
- **Where?** 6th floor Bronfman
- Summer jobs and internships= where to search, letters of support, (job experience highly recommended but not required for BCom program)
- CV help, mock interviews
- Support in navigating career goals and planning, networking, weekly email newsletter, industry visits
- Host: Jaclyn Fisher Career Fair : Friday, September 18, 2026
- Chose to meet a Career coaches about your major or a Trained Student Peers

Academic or mental health support?

Course related support

- Professors can help with individual course material: attend office hours or ask for a meeting
- Read the outlines carefully.
- Ask your questions early.
- Attend class and tutorial sessions
- Watch for MUS tutoring sessions before midterms and finals.
- Math Tutoring Hub- Burnside Hall
- Use resources in My Courses – learning resources

Health and Wellness Resources

- **Local Wellness Advisors (LWA)**
- **Who?** Alice, BCom LWA
- **Where?** Book an appointment online
- Other LWAs available for international students, residence, LGBTQ+ students, BIPOC students.
- **BCom Student Ambassadors** -tabling, yoga, therapy dogs, classroom visits
- **Student Wellness Hub-**
Book appointments with a wide variety of professionals: doctors, nurses, dieticians, counsellors and more

Other resources for BCom students

International Student Services

- Advising for study permit and immigration questions related to work permits
- Buddy program and activities aimed to support international students
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/>

Student Accessibility and Achievement

- Access advisors help students with accommodations, SAA Exam office
- See if you are eligible to register on their website. Prepare before you arrive!
- Medical forms available on SAA website.
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/access-achieve/>

Service Point & Student Accounts

- *ID cards*
- *Documentation: Proof of enrolment letters, legal documents, transcripts, Student Opus Card and more*
- *E bill questions & all tuition issues*
- *Transcripts –*
<https://www.mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/finalmarks>
- *Legal Documents (Study Permits, Tuition Categories)*
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/servicepoint/>

Third Parties – Quebec Privacy Laws

- McGill staff cannot review your academics with your parents, guardians or siblings or other third parties under Provincial Privacy Laws.
- Written authorization is required from any student who wishes to give consent to a third party
- It is strongly recommended that third parties receive authorization only in serious medical or urgent situations.
- Students are expected to register and seek advising independently. Academic advisors are here to help!

BCOM degree breakdown

120 credit requirement for all students to graduate

24-30 credits for:

- A- U0 foundation year OR B- U1 Advanced Standing credits pre-McGill (plus missing math)
- **3 credits Experiential Learning credits** (usually in U2 or U3, at McGill only)
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/desautels/about/lewtas-office-experiential-learning>
- **42 * credits core courses** (MGCR courses, taken from U0 through U2-U3)

30+ credits of program courses

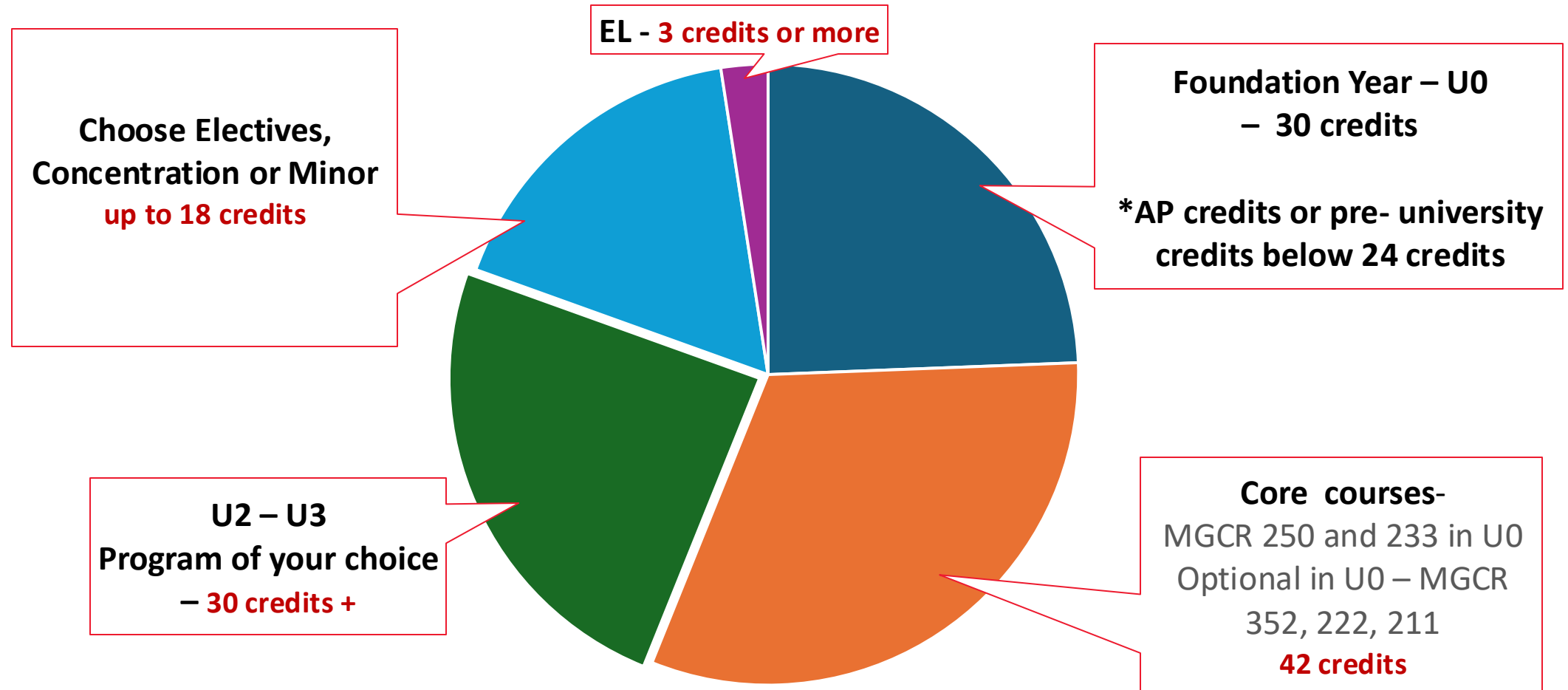
- ONE Major = 30 credits (36 credits for ECON MAJOR, 36 credit core)
- Major General Management:
- EITHER TWO Concentrations 15 credits each OR
- ONE Concentration and One Minor Concentration in another faculty 15 credits and 18 credits
- Honours in Investment Management – 45 credits start in U2, Apply in Winter U1 (MGCR 211, 341 and 271 prerequisites)
- Major in International Management – credits vary – International Business with a Minor Concentration plus exchange term or Internship or Research for credit and optional language courses. (this is the only program that REQUIRES a minor.)

* Remaining credits to reach 120 – electives or an additional program.

<https://www.mcgill.ca/desautels/programs/bcom/academics/programstructure>

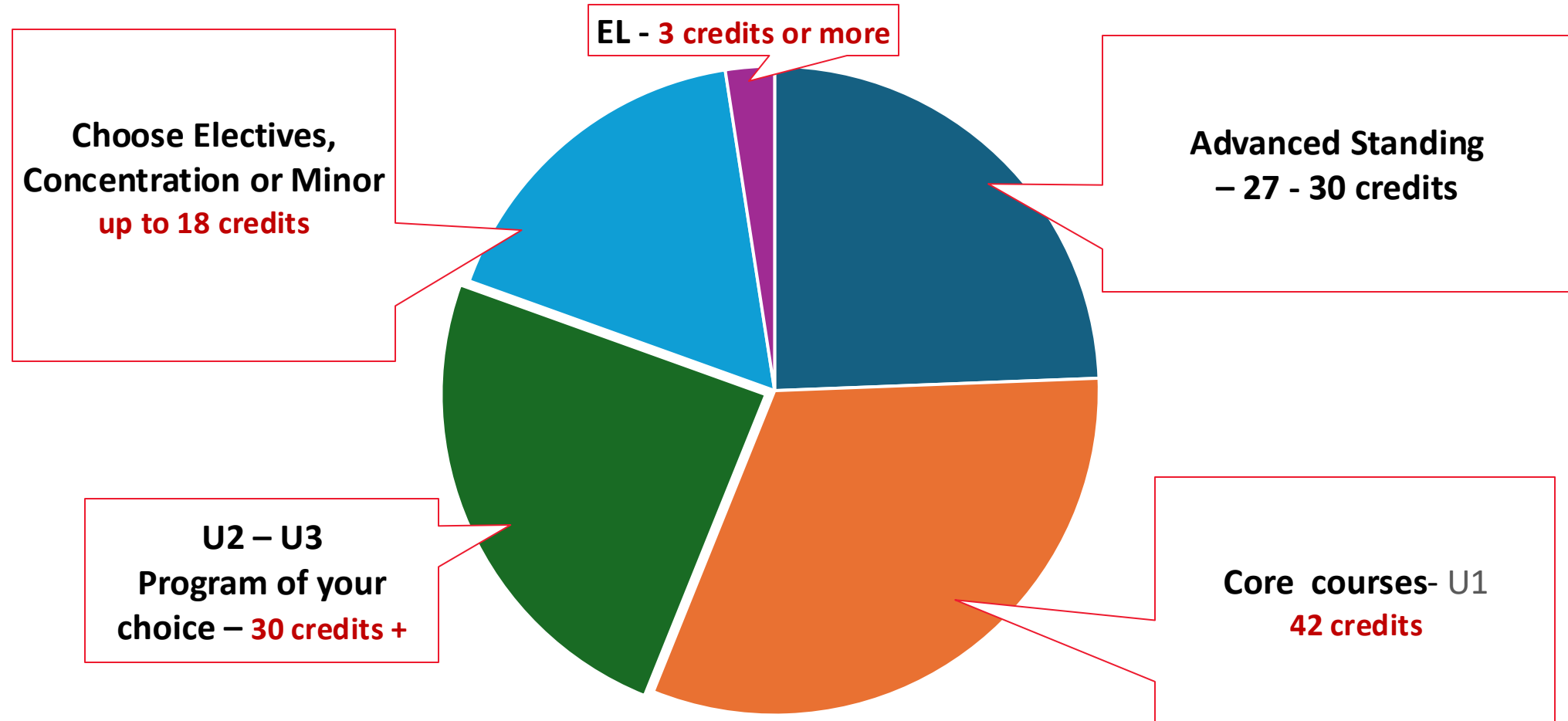
BCom degree breakdown

120 credits to graduate – Starting in U0



BCom degree breakdown

120 credits to graduate – Starting in U1



How to know your Year and when to register?

Minerva – Student Records Menu – Registration

You will find the date when you can add courses here.

+Permit & override information – None except for CEGEP students for MGCR 271 (prerequisites from CEGEP MATH)

U0= students from High School, students with AP exams or Bologna Signatory

U1= students from CEGEP, French Baccalaureate, International Baccalaureate, A Levels

Receive from 24-30 credits toward McGill degree

Advanced Standing- credits vs exemptions

*** FOR ADVANCED STANDING OR TRANSFER CREDITS:

<https://www.mcgill.ca/transfercredit/>

Do I need to take Math at McGill? And which Math courses do I need?

CEGEP	Completed Math in DEC with admission requirements- Cal 1, Cal 2 and Linear Algebra, no additional Math courses required for most BCom Majors and Concentrations	<u>Interested in the MATH minor or Major?</u>	Pure& Applied Math DEC students = no additional Math prerequisites required	Social Science DEC students should consult the Math Dept Advisor (usually need to take MATH 140, 141, and 133)
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Do I need to take Math at McGill?

*If you know you are receiving credit and exemption for MATH 140, MATH 122 do not register in these courses.

Which Math courses do I need?

French Baccalaureate	With Math Specialization	Receive credit for MATH 122 and MATH 140, MUST TAKE MATH 123 or MATH 133	With Math 123 in fall, *MGCR 271 and MGCR 341 in Winter – Email BCom New student for a permit
	Without Math specialization	Must take MATH 122	Must take Math 123

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Which Math courses do I need?

International Baccalaureate	HL MATH	Receive credit for MATH 122 and MATH 140, MUST TAKE MATH 123 or MATH 133	With Math 123 in fall, *MGCR 271 and MGCR 341 in Winter – Email BCom New student for a permit
	SL MATH	Must take MATH 122	Must take Math 123
Bologna Signatory Countries	Consult Advanced standing table :*** FOR ADVANCED STANDING OR TRANSFER CREDITS: https://www.mcgill.ca/transfercredit/	Usually need to take MATH 122	Usually need to take MATH 123

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Which Math courses do I need?

A Levels	Most Math A levels grant credit for MATH 122 or MATH 140 *If you took AL Accounting do not take MGCR 211	Receive credit for MATH 122 and MATH 140, MUST TAKE MATH 123 or MATH 133	With Math 123 in fall, MGCR 271 and MGCR 341 in Winter – Email BCom New student for a permit
AP CALC AB= MATH 140, (MATH 122)	AP CALC BC = MATH 140 (MATH 122) & MATH 141	AP MATH STUDENTS Must still take Math 123 or MATH 133.	*no Credit granted for AP STATS= MATH 203
U0 students without Advanced standing credit	MUST TAKE MATH 122 or MATH 140	MUST TAKE MATH 123 or MATH 133	For Minor or Major in Math – MATH 141 required as prerequisite, counts as elective
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Pre McGill University or College Courses

- Send your final official university or college transcript to:
officialschooldocs@mcgill.ca

<https://www.mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/finalmarks>

- You will need to work with an academic advisor to review transfer credits and equivalency. Email the New BCom Student email and attached your transcript and college and course code information
- Dual enrollment students will likely register in U0 until the courses and credits can be evaluated.
- DO NOT register in courses at McGill you THINK might be similar or overlap with courses you took at another university or college.
- Wait for the Winter term to register in these courses when you have your transfer credits finalized!

Science Placement Tests, Science Math Courses Registration

Placement Tests for Math courses –

If you feel you have advanced Math learning sign-up to take a placement test in August.

This is your only chance to place out of MATH requirements by being exempted. Credit is not earned for a placement test.

<https://www.mcgill.ca/exams/dates/science> = form

Held in August.

Registration Dates- MATH 140, MATH 141, MATH 133!

Open to BCOM students from Thursday June 25, 10 am only.

Spaces not guaranteed, priority for Faculty of Science students.

Important Reminders:

- Students Must register for FALL AND WINTER TERMS in June.
- U1 Students Must select a primary curriculum in Minerva BEFORE registration, or you will get registration errors
- Full-time student status is 12 – 15 credits per term.
- Any core courses that students do not choose to take in their first year would be taken in the following year.
- Arrange for your School or Examining Board to send your final official transcripts to Admissions.
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/finalmarks>
- *USE YOUR MCGILL EMAIL PLEASE*
- *INCLUDE YOUR MCGILL ID NUMBER IN ALL EMAILS*
- *CHECK YOUR EMAIL REGULARLY*

U1 Students Must declare a program of study in Minerva before registering

- If you are a U1 student and you do not choose a Program you will receive MINOR and PROGRAM errors and will not be able to add most MGCR courses!

How to change your Primary curriculum in Minerva:

- Go to STUDENT RECORDS MENU
- Select CHANGE YOUR PRIMARY CURRICULUM
- Select Program – options are BCom Major, BCom Gen. Mgt or BCom Int. Mgmt ONLY, select 1
- Next select First MAJOR – SELECT BCOM Major – select desired major
- For MAJOR with a concentration – SELECT 2nd Major – GENERAL MANAGEMENT click on continue- choose a concentration.
- FOR GENERAL MANAGEMENT MAJOR with 2 concentrations or 1 concentration and 1 minor:
- Select 1st major GENERAL MANAGEMENT and continue.

Electives – what are they?

- **Electives?** Electives are credits toward your degree taken out of interested and not connected to your specialization
- You can pursue an interest you already have but is not offered in Management ie. History, Literature, Philosophy
- You can also learn a new skill, ie French or another language.

Electives are the only courses you can select to not have a letter grade=
Satisfactory- Unsatisfactory grading

<https://www.mcgill.ca/desautels/programs/bcom/current-students/forms/satisfactoryunsatisfactory-su-option>

How many electives do you have? This can vary and depends on admit type, program selection. You will not know from the start of your degree!

It depends on the choices you make. An academic advisor can help!

Degree planning resources

- **My Progress** does not work for students before they register.
- This is a degree tracking tool and requires confirmation from Academic Advisors as you progress through the degree.
- It is one tool but be used with advising!
- **Unofficial transcript in Minerva** – will be available as soon as you add one course, shows holds, grades, course registration, GPA, Academic standing, class averages, term by term
- **Course Catalogue** – McGill's official policies and program and course information for all Faculties : <https://coursecatalogue.mcgill.ca/en/>
- **BCOM Webpage** – Areas of Study, New Student, Exchange, Forms, Rules, Deadlines & MORE ** Bookmark our webpage as you will visit often!

Core curriculum – 42 credits*

First year
mandatory core
courses – all U0 and
U1 students

MGCR 250
Expressive
Analysis

MGCR 233
Data Programming

Providing
students with a
strong
foundation in all
areas of
Business

The core is
designed to
help you
choose a
specialization
to start in U2.

Core courses for U1 and optional for U0 (2 of 3 max.)	MGCR 211 Accounting	MGCR 222 Organizational Behaviour	MGCR 352 Marketing		
	MGCR 293 Managerial Economics (Micro)	MGCR 294 The Firm and the Economy (Macro)	MGCR 331 Information Technology Management	MGCR 382 International Business	
	MGCR 271 Business Statistics	MGCR 341 Finance – must be taken with or after MGCR 271	MGCR 372 Operations Management- can only be taken after MGCR 271	U2 or U3 core courses: MGCR 460 Social Context MGCR 423 Strategic Management Students must have completed 60 credits to take these two courses.	

Major in Economics Students do not take MGCR 293 & MGCR 294 (36 credit core), TAKE ECON 230 D1-D2 in U1

U0 sample schedule

First year
mandatory core
courses – all U0 and
U1 students

MGCR 250
Expressive
Analysis

MGCR 233
Data Programming

OFFERED IN FALL
OR WINTER

Optional core for U0 (2 of 3 max.)	MGCR 211 Accounting	MGCR 222 Organizational Behaviour	MGCR 352 Marketing 	Or ELECTIVES	
	MATH 122 or MATH 140 <u>*MATH 122 fall only</u>	MATH 123 or MATH 133	MATH 141 for those who plan on MATH Major or minor		
	ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE	Look for 100 or 200 level electives	*300 or 400 level courses in Arts are for upper year students
U0 Students cannot take ECON 230D1 – D2	Students interested in a Major in Economics	Take ECON 230 in U1.			

U1 sample schedule

First year
mandatory core
courses – all U0 and
U1 students

MGCR 250
Expressive
Analysis

MGCR 233
Data Programming

OFFERED IN FALL
OR WINTER

MATH 122 or 140
If required

MATH 123 or 133
If required

Offered in both terms	MGCR 211 Accounting	MGCR 222 Organizational Behaviour	MGCR 352 Marketing	MGCR 382 International Business	MGCR 331 Information Technology Management
271 must be taken before 372 341 can be taken with 271 or after	MGCR 271 <u>Business</u> <u>Statistics</u>	MGCR 341 Finance	MGCR 372 Operations Management	*U1 students cannot take U2 or U3 core MGCR 423 or MGCR 460	
	MGCR 293 Managerial Economics	MGCR 294 Firm and the Economy	Or Elective(s)	Look for 100 or 200 level electives	*300 or 400 level courses in Arts are for upper year students
	Students interested in a Major in Economics	Take ECON 230 in U1.	<i>DO not take MGCR 293 or MGCR 294</i>		

U0 COURSE LIST – 10 courses– 5 courses in Fall & 5 courses in Winter

- REQUIRED COURSES IN U0
- MGCR 233 – take in fall or winter
- MGCR 250 – taken in fall or winter
- MATH 122 – offered in Fall only (or MATH 140)-
- MATH 123 Fall or Winter (or MATH 133)

- 2 of MGCR 211, MGCR 352, MGCR 222 OR ELECTIVES

*MATH 141 prerequisite for MATH & Stats MAJOR, Stats or Math MINOR

- Remaining credits ELECTIVES in Other Faculties

<https://www.mcgill.ca/desautels/programs/bcom/academics/programstructure/freshman-approved-courses>

U1 Course List - 10 courses 5 in Fall and 5 in Winter

Offered in Both Terms, No prerequisites

- MGCR 233
- MGCR 250
- MGCR 211
- MGCR 352
- MGCR 222
- MGCR 382
- *Any core not taken in U1 are taken in U2 and U3.*
- Major courses begin in U2.
- Exceptions include: **International Management Major** students can do Minor courses or language courses in U1, **Economics Major** students can choose ECON courses in U1.

Core Courses With Prerequisite or Corequisite

- MGCR 293 With or before MGCR 294
- MGCR 294 With or After MGCR 293
- MGCR 271 With or Before MGCR 341
- MGCR 341 With or After MGCR 271
- MGCR 271 – before MGCR 372
- MGCR 372 – after MGCR 271
- MATH 122 *
- MATH 123 *
- * or equivalents (MATH 140, MATH 133 +MATH 141)
- Or ELECTIVES

BCom Policies

- Plan to arrive for Orientation or at least for the first day of classes.
- Students who have issues with Study permits or want to take a gap term or year: Deferral deadline August 31, 2026 – email deferral@mcgill.ca
- Late arrival is not recommended – it is very difficult to catch up on missed classes and material!
- **Missed Classes or Assessments -**
- Attendance and participation are evaluated in most BCOM courses – contact your professor about absences or missed assessments worth less than 20 percent or all assessments in Courses outside Management.
- For missed assessments worth more than 20 percent – request form to BCom office
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/desautels/programs/bcom/current-students/rules-and-regulations/examinations>

BCom Policies

- Do not book travel during the term or for the end of the term without checking your exam schedules!
- For in-term assessments and midterm schedule – see course outlines and Minerva class schedule course entry
- The FINAL OFFICIAL EXAM SCHEDULE is usually posted in October - <https://www.mcgill.ca/exams/dates>

*Previously booked travel is not a valid reason for requesting a missed midterm or deferred exam. Always book refundable tickets that permit changes.

- **Deferred Final Exams**

- For illness or unexpected emergencies students can apply to defer a Fall exam to be written in the Study Break in the Winter term. Application form opens in Minerva in early December.

BCom Policies

Course change deadlines Fall 2026 :

Last date to add or drop a course: Tuesday, September 15

Last date to withdraw from a course with a tuition refund:
Tuesday, September 22

Last date to withdraw from a course without a tuition refund:
Tuesday, October 27.

- Winter term course change deadlines are in January.

BCom Academic Advising

Webpage for New Students:

<https://www.mcgill.ca/desautels/programs/bcom/new-students>

Dedicated Email for New BCom Students:

bcom.newstudent@mcgill.ca

Advising by email and Virtual advising after registration period in June by request at the New student email.

Looking forward to meeting you on Monday August 24 for Faculty Orientation in Discover McGill. Leacock 132, 9:30 AM

New Student opportunities

- McGill Desautels Excellence Award for Community Engagement Scholarship
- opportunity for new Canadian students with outstanding community engagement pre-McGill
- For students who self-identify as Black or Indigenous

McGill Desautels Award of Excellence



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- newly admitted, Canadian students
- preference will be given to historically under-represented applicants who self identify as Indigenous or Black
- students w/ demonstrated social leadership and community building skills

Between \$3,500 - 5,000 available

Scan the QR code to discover more about the McGill Desautels Award of Excellence!

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