What is materials engineering?

Materials engineering is the backbone of all practical applications of engineering. Materials engineers transform matter, producing and evaluating material properties (mechanical, electrical, optical, thermal, chemical, biocompatible, surface) with the assistance of computer models. They are trained to understand the relationship between structure and function in materials such as metals and alloys, ceramics, industrial minerals, polymers, and composite nanomaterials.

Is this program for me?

Materials engineering students learn how steel and other materials are made, and how their structure and properties are quantified. Technical complimentary courses offer advanced knowledge of topics including aerospace materials, metallurgy, and nano-fabrication. Practical learning is emphasized with laboratories and the co-op program.

Coursework and research areas

The first year includes general science courses in math, chemistry and physics. Québec CEGEP students typically receive one-year advanced standing. Students then take core materials science and engineering courses, from characterization of properties to production processes and applications. Students learn the fundamentals of solid mechanics, thermodynamics, heat and mass transfer, phase transformation, surfaces, additive manufacturing, process modeling, electronic material properties, and computational materials design to support their understanding of materials.

The Department is small and close-knit, offering opportunity for interactions between students and professors.

Why McGill?

McGill’s Materials Engineering Co-op Program enables students to work in different industries while completing their academic degree. This industrial experience adds value to students’ future coursework, builds their résumé, is an opportunity to travel and work in different environments and cultures, and allows students to identify a career that interests them. Co-op interview experiences are valuable when applying for work after graduation. In some cases, co-op students receive full-time employment offers from a co-op employer before they even graduate from the program.
How do I apply?
Admissions information:
www.mcgill.ca/undergraduate-admissions/apply

What can I do when I graduate?
Training in process and materials engineering provides skills for a wide range of employment opportunities. Depending on their interests, graduates can work in companies concentrating minerals or producing metals, be hired by engineering or management consultancies to work on local and global projects, test and design materials for the aerospace, battery, or automotive industries, or further their research skills in graduate school. The program affords students with transferable skills such as problem solving, time management, and working in design teams.

Recent graduates from the program have gone on to careers in a variety of industries such as:

- **BBA**
  Jr. Engineer

- **Bell Helicopter**
  Metallurgical Engineer

- **Bombardier Aerospace**
  Materials and Processes Engineer

- **C & D Zodiac**
  Research & Development Engineer

- **Hatch**
  Process Engineer/Metallurgist

- **Rolls-Royce Canada**
  Material and Process Specialist

Student life and engagement
The Faculty of Engineering provides several opportunities to participate in a variety of clubs, activities, and student government. Below are a few groups students can join to connect with others and enhance their life outside of the classroom:

- Mining Engineering Undergraduate Society (MEUS)
- Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS)

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