A message from Campus Life & Engagement, the one office dedicated new McGill students.

Good morning!

Now that your first semester at McGill is quickly approaching, it's time to prepare for your Fall courses. We've put together the McGill resources that you will need to get familiar with the university's inner workings and to get ready for the start of class.

Navigating Campus

Tours

Take a tour of McGill's downtown campus with a current student to learn about buildings, life in residence, services, library resources, and clubs and societies.
Macdonald campus tours are also available throughout the year, as well as a Campus Bus Tour on Monday, August 26.

Maps

- Need help finding a building? Check out the [interactive McGill Campus Map](#).
- Want to learn more about McGill and its surroundings, including places to eat on and off campus, housing, attractions, and more? The [McGill Virtual Campus Tour](#) will help you find what you need.

Lockers

If you’d like to have a secure spot to leave your books, coat, boots, etc. while on campus, McGill has [lockers available](#) on both the Downtown and Macdonald campuses, in your Faculty’s building.

Navigating Your Courses

- **Minerva**: Access your Personal Weekly Course Schedule, as well as a Quick Add or Drop Course Sections menu to easily change your course schedule during Add/Drop period.
- **myCourses**: Access all of your courses and coursework, including your course syllabi, homework, readings, and more. You may also have to submit your coursework on myCourses.
- **McGill Email**: Your primary mode of communication between professors, teaching assistants (TAs), and McGill’s administrative staff. It is the University’s only official means of communication with you so be sure to check it regularly.

Course Materials

The course syllabus you receive at the beginning of the semester will list the books and materials needed for each course, as well as where to get them. Materials may include:

- Books (non-fiction books, fiction novels, etc.)
- Course packs (printed collections of essays, articles, excerpts, etc. assembled by the professor)
- Films (available through the library, MyCourses, or a class film screening)
- Textbooks (make sure to purchase the correct edition!)

**Reminder**: It is best to purchase your books, materials, and non-refundable course pack after classes start.

- On the Downtown campus, most books are sold at [LE JAMES bookstore](#); however, books and materials may also be available elsewhere.
On the Macdonald campus, the Robber's Roost bookstore carries textbooks and course materials for Macdonald campus classes, and is located on the main floor of the Centennial Centre.

You can save money on books, textbooks, course packs, and other course materials by buying them second-hand from other students.

- The SSMU Marketplace has used textbooks for sale, or you can post your own ads for books that you are finished using.

Important Dates & Deadline

Tuition payment - August 31, 2019 (register for at least ONE course by August 14th to avoid registration penalties)

Add/Drop Deadline - September 17, 2019

Check out on Buzzfeed: Things to Remember During Add/Drop Period at McGill

Course Withdrawal Deadline - September 24, 2019 (with refund), October 29 (without refund)

You can find out more about what to expect from your first year at McGill on our First-Year website or by contacting our team. If we don't know the answer to your question, we know who will!

Regards,

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If you think you’ve missed any of our messages or want to re-read any, check out CL&E's First-Year Email archive.

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