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

Good morning!

As promised, we're back to give you Part 2 of our course registration guide!

Last week, we covered the basics of course registration. This week we discuss how to build a strong class schedule, how to use Minerva to register efficiently, and how to contact and prepare for a meeting with an academic advisor. The detailed steps are outlined on our website.

Step 1: Build Your Schedule

Determine if you have any transfer credits from high school or CEGEP
• Plan your program
• Know your program requirements (including how many electives you can take)
• Build your class schedule

Refer to the eCalendar to explore all the classes offered in your program, including class descriptions. Use the Visual Schedule Builder (VSB) to see what your weekly schedule might look like. Don't forget to leave yourself breaks for lunch, studying, and more!

Refer to Minerva to get information on professors, and read course evaluations from previous years.

Step 2: Register with Minerva

• Log into Minerva on your registration day.
• Have a few alternate schedules planned just in case. It's best to plan these schedules with the Visual Schedule Builder (VSB).
• If you're put on a waitlist, check your emails often to see if a spot opens up!
• Understand grade modes – standard grading vs. Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) options

Step 3: Seek Guidance

• If you need more help and insight, consult an Academic Advisor. You can find your advisor on the Advisor Directory list.
• Watch the Registration videos on McGill 101 so you know what to expect when you register!
• The team at Campus Life & Engagement has prepared a variety of webinars to help welcome you to McGill, too!

What's a webinar?

Webinars are live presentations delivered online where presenters give you an online seminar and end with a Q&A session. Campus Life & Engagement has created a series of webinars to acquaint you to McGill and answer your questions, live! Stay tuned, because our University 101 webinar will give you a concrete explanation of how McGill is structured in order for you to better understand the avenues
which are available to you in the university. Find our Webinar schedule here and don't forget to register soon!

Need more guidance?

Try McGill 101! This platform was created by students to help inform and orient you with McGill!

If ever you are worried or confused about course registration, never hesitate to contact us at Campus Life & Engagement! Our office is here to help with any question you may have.

Until next time,

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