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1. MANDATE (APPROVED BY SENATE ON OCTOBER 24, 2001)

The Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies reports to Senate through APC, and has a mandate to:

- develop, revise and approve the regulations, guidelines and policies on graduate and postdoctoral studies and so recommend to Senate following consultation with the relevant disciplinary faculties;
- participate in strategic planning for initiatives to promote and enhance graduate and postdoctoral studies;
- review and approve proposals for the creation of new graduate programs.

2. COMPOSITION (APPROVED BY APC ON NOVEMBER 16, 2017)

The composition of the CGPS was approved by Senate in October 2001, and was refined during the first years of implementation of the new administrative structure for GPS. Further amendments were subsequently approved by APC. The current composition is as follows:

- Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) – Chair (voice but no vote)
- Associate Deans of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) (voice but no vote)
- Director of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) (voice but no vote)
- Three representatives from each of the Faculties of Arts, Medicine and Health Sciences, and Science
- Two representatives from each of the Faculties of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Education and Engineering
- One representative from each of the Faculties of Dentistry, Law and Management
- A representative from the Schulich School of Music
- A representative from Libraries
- Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation), or delegate
- Director of Teaching and Learning Services (TLS), or delegate
- Secretary-General of the Post-Graduate Student's Society (PGSS), or delegate
- A Postdoctoral fellow
- A Graduate Student from the Faculties of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Engineering or Science
- A Graduate Student from the Faculties of Arts, Education or Management
- A Graduate Student from the Faculties of Dentistry or Medicine and Health Sciences
- A Graduate Student from the Faculty of Law or the Schulich School of Music
- Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) Academic Affairs Officer (voice but no vote)
- Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) Academic Affairs Officer (voice but no vote)
- Secretary to the Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs (SCTP) (voice but no vote)
- Committee Secretary

With the exception of the PGSS representatives, Council members shall normally serve a maximum of two consecutive three-year terms (September to May).

3. 2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP

- Josephine Nalbantoglu, Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (Chair)
- Lorraine Chalifour, Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
- Nathan Hall, Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
- Russell Steele, Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
- Elisa Pylkkanen, Director, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
- Cecily Hilsdale, Faculty of Arts – Art History
- Eran Shor, Faculty of Arts – Sociology
- Griet Vankeerberghen, Faculty of Arts – History and Classical Studies
- Chantal Autexier, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences – Anatomy and Cell Biology (Winter 2021)
- Nathalie Lamarche-Vane, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences – Anatomy and Cell Biology (Fall 2020)
- Robert Funnell, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences – Biomedical Engineering
- Isabelle Gélinas, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences – Physical and Occupational Therapy
- Andrew Cumming, Faculty of Science – Physics
- Nicolas Moitessier, Faculty of Science – Chemistry
- Tamara Western, Faculty of Science – Biology
- Jean-Benoit Charron, Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – Plant Science
- Stephanie Chevalier, Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – Human Nutrition
- Marta Kobiela, Faculty of Education – Integrated Studies in Education
- Marie-Hélène Pennestri, Faculty of Education – Educational and Counselling Psychology
- Jinhyuk Lee, Faculty of Engineering – Mining and Materials Engineering
- Siva Nadarajah, Faculty of Engineering – Mechanical Engineering
- Monzur Murshed, Faculty of Dentistry
- Nancy Czermel, Faculty of Law
- Samer Faraj, Desautels Faculty of Management
- Philippe Depalle, Schulich School of Music
- April Colosimo, Libraries
- Sylvain Coulombe, Associate Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation)
- Carolyn Samuel, delegate to the Director, Teaching and Learning Services
- Kristi Kouchakji, delegate to the Secretary-General, Post-Graduate Students' Society
- Maggie Do Couto, Academic Affairs Officer, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
- Chloe Garcia, Academic Affairs Officer, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
- Cindy Smith, Secretary to the Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs (SCTP)
- Sarah Curci, Committee Secretary, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

4. COUNCIL APPROVALS IN 2020-2021

CGPS met 8 times during the 2020-2021 academic year.

4.1 New Graduate Programs

Faculty	Degree/Non-Degree	Major Description	Non-thesis (NT)/ Thesis (T)	Concentration	Program's effective term (yyyy-mm)	Proposed Credits	CGPS Approval	Doc. #
Arts	M.A.	Digital Humanities	NT		202309	45	November 16, 2020	CGPS-NP-M.A.DigHum-NT_R00A
	M.A.	Gender, Sexuality, Feminist and Social Justice Studies	T		202309	45	January 25, 2021	CGPS-NP-M.A.GenSexFemSocJus-T_R00A
	M.A.	Gender, Sexuality, Feminist and Social Justice Studies	NT		202309	45	January 25, 2021	CGPS-NP-M.A.GenSexFemSocJus-NT_R00A
	M.A.	International Development	NT		202309	45	January 25, 2021	CGPS-NP-M.A.IntDevel-NT_R00A
	M.A.	Linguistics	T		202109	45	February 22, 2021	CGPS-NP-M.A.Ling-T_R00A
Interfaculty Studies	M.A. & Sc.		NT		202309	45	November 16, 2020	CGPS-NP-M.A.Sc.-NT_R00A
Medicine and Health Sciences	M.Sc.	Experimental Medicine	T	Digital Health Innovation	202101	45	October 19, 2020	CGPS-NP-M.Sc.ExMed-T_DigHlthInno_R00A
	M.Sc.	Experimental Surgery	T	Digital Health Innovation	202101	45	October 19, 2020	CGPS-NP-M.Sc.ExSur-T_DigHlthInno_R00A
	M.Sc.	Experimental Surgery	T	Surgical Outcomes Research	202109	45	February 22, 2021	CGPS-NP-M.Sc.ExSur-T_SurOutRea_R00A
	Gr. Cert.	Health Data Analytics 1	NT		202209	15	May 17, 2021	CGPS-NP-Gr.Cert.HlthDataAna-NT_R00A

Ten (10) New Graduate Programs were approved in 2020-2021 by the Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies CGPS (five (5) from Arts, one (1) from Interfaculty Studies, and four (4) from Medicine and Health Sciences).

4.2 Major Revisions to Graduate Programs

There were no major revisions to graduate programs to approve in 2020-2021.

4.3 Minor and Moderate Revisions to Graduate Programs

Faculty	Degree/Non-Degree	Major Description	Non-thesis (NT)/ Thesis (T)	Concentration	Program's effective term (yyyy-mm)	Existing Credits	Proposed Credits	CGPS Approval	Doc. #
Arts	M.A.	English	T		202109	48	45	November 16, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.11.16
	M.A.	Economics	T		202109	48	45	December 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.12.14
	M.A.	Hispanic Studies	T		202109	48	45	December 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.12.14
	M.A.	German Studies	T		202109	48	45	December 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.12.14
	Ph.D.	Political Science	T		202109	0	0	February 22, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.02.22
	Ph.D.	Political Science	T	Gender and Women's Studies	202109	0	0	February 22, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.02.22
	M.P.P.		NT		202109	45	45	February 22, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.02.22
Dentistry	M.Sc.	Dental Sciences	NT		202109	45	45	March 22, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.03.22
	Ph.D.	Oral Health Sciences	T		202109	0	0	March 22, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.03.22
Education	M.A.	Education and Society	NT		202101	45	45	November 16, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.11.16
	M.A.	Educational Leadership	NT	Course Work	202109	45	45	January 25, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.01.25
	M.A.	Educational Leadership	NT	Project	202109	45	45	January 25, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.01.25
	M.A.	Educational Leadership	NT	Gender and Women's Studies	202109	45	45	January 25, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.01.25
Engineering	M.Sc.	Civil Engineering	T		202101	45	45	September 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.09.14
Management	M.M.	Finance	NT		202005	45	45	September 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.09.14
	M.M.	Analytics	NT		202005	45	45	September 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.09.14

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Management	M.B.A. Japan		NT	Finance	202101	57	57	October 19, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.10.19
	M.B.A. Japan		NT	General Management	202101	57	57	October 19, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.10.19
	M.B.A. Japan		NT	Marketing	202101	57	57	October 19, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.10.19
	M.B.A. Japan		NT	Global Strategy & Leadership	202101	57	57	October 19, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.10.19
	M.B.A. Japan		NT	Technology and Innovation Management	202101	57	57	October 19, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.10.19
	M.M.	Manufacturing Management	NT		202105	56	56	January 25, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.01.25
	M.B.A.	Management	NT		202109	54	54	April 19, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.04.19
	M.B.A.	Management	NT	General Management	202109	48	48	April 19, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.04.19
	M.M.	Finance	NT		202105	45	45	April 19, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.04.19
Medicine and Health Sciences	M.Sc.	Medical Radiation Physics	T		202109	52	45	October 19, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.10.19
	M.Sc.A.	Communication Sciences & Disorders	NT	Speech-Language Pathology	202209	82	82	December 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.12.14
	M.Sc.A.	Nursing	NT	Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	202109	45	45	December 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.12.14
	Gr.Cert.	Theory in Mental Health	NT		202109	15	21	December 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.12.14
	Gr.Dip.	Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	NT		202109	30	30	December 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.12.14
	Gr.Dip.	Oncology	NT		202109	30	30	December 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.12.14

Faculty	Degree/Non-Degree	Major Description	Non-thesis (NT)/ Thesis (T)	Concentration	Program's effective term (yyyy-mm)	Existing Credits	Proposed Credits	CGPS Approval	Doc. #
Medicine and Health Sciences	M.Sc.	Experimental Surgery	T		202109	45	45	February 22, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.02.22
	M.Sc.	Experimental Surgery	T	Global Surgery	202109	45	45	February 22, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.02.22
	M.Sc.	Experimental Surgery	NT		202109	45	45	February 22, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.02.22
	Ph.D.	Experimental Surgery	T		202109	0	0	February 22, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.02.22
	Gr. Dip.	Medical Radiation Physics	NT		202109	31	30	March 22, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.03.22
Music	M.Mus.	Performance	T	Collaborative Piano	202101	45	45	September 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.09.14
	M.Mus.	Performance	T	Early Music	202101	45	45	September 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.09.14
	M.A.	Music	T	Music Education	202109	45	45	January 25, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.01.25
	M.A.	Music	T	Musicology	202109	45	45	January 25, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.01.25
	M.A.	Music	T	Music Technology	202109	45	45	January 25, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.01.25
	M.A.	Music	T	Music Theory	202109	45	45	January 25, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.01.25
	Ph.D.	Music	T	Composition, Music Education, Musicology, Music Technology, Sound Recording, Theory	202109	0	0	January 25, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.01.25
	Ph.D.	Music	T	Gender and Women's Studies	202109	0	0	January 25, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.01.25
Science	M.Sc.	Biology	T		202109	45	45	September 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.09.14
	Ph.D.	Biology	T		202109	0	0	September 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.09.14

Forty-six (46) Minor and Moderate Revisions to Graduate Programs were approved in 2020-2021 by the Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies CGPS (seven (7) from Arts, two (2) from Dentistry, four (4) from Education, one (1) from Engineering, eleven (11) from Management, eleven (11) from Medicine and Health Sciences, eight (8) from Music, and two (2) from Science).

4.4 Graduate Program Retirements

Faculty	Degree/Non-Degree	Major Description	Non-thesis (NT)/Thesis (T)	Concentration	Program's effective term (yyyy-mm)	Existing Credits	CGPS Approval	Doc. #
Arts	M.A.	History of Medicine	NT		202109	45	February 22, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.02.22
Education	M.A.	Kinesiology and Physical Education	NT		202109	45	January 25, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.01.25
	M.Sc.	Kinesiology and Physical Education	NT		202109	45	January 25, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.01.25
Engineering	M.Eng.	Electrical Engineering	T	Computational Science and Engineering	202009	47	September 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.09.14
	M.Eng.	Civil Engineering	T		202101	45	September 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.09.14
	M.Eng.	Materials Engineering	T		202009	45	September 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.09.14
	M.Eng.	Mining Engineering	T		202009	45	September 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.09.14
	M.Arch.	Professional	NT	Design Studio	202109	45	November 16, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.11.16
	M.Eng.	Mechanical Engineering	T		202109	45	December 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.12.14
Science	M.Sc.	Mathematics and Statistics	T	Bioinformatics	202109	48	December 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.12.14
	Ph.D.	Mathematics and Statistics	T	Bioinformatics	202109	0	December 14, 2020	CGPS-RPTP_2020.12.14
	M.Sc.	Biology	T	Bioinformatics	202109	45	April 19, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.04.19
	Ph.D.	Biology	T	Bioinformatics	202109	0	April 19, 2021	CGPS-RPTP_2021.04.19

Thirteen (13) Graduate Programs were retired and approved in 2020-2021 by the Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies CGPS (one (1) from Arts, two (2) from Education, six (6) from Engineering, and four (4) from Science.)

4.5 Cotutelle (Joint Thesis Supervision) Agreements

A cotutelle is an agreement of joint supervision at the doctoral level between two cooperating institutions, a Ph.D. student and his/her co-supervisors. The goal of such an agreement is to enhance student training and experience, and to facilitate collaboration and cooperation between the partner institutions. These agreements give students the benefit of carrying out doctoral research at two different institutions under the guidance of two supervisors with a pre-existing or emerging collaboration.

Partner Institution	McGill Program	CGPS – reported for information only	Doc. #
La Rochelle University, France	Renewable Resources	Sept 13 th 2021	CGPS-RPTCA_2021.09.13
Jean Monnet University, France	Langue et littérature françaises	Sept 13 th 2021	CGPS-RPTCA_2021.09.13
Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, France	Geography	Sept 13 th 2021	CGPS-RPTCA_2021.09.13
Université of Bordeaux, France	Immunology	Sept 13 th 2021	CGPS-RPTCA_2021.09.13
University of Lille, France	Music	Sept 13 th 2021	CGPS-RPTCA_2021.09.13
École Polytechnique, France	Computer Science	Sept 13 th 2021	CGPS-RPTCA_2021.09.13
University of Campinas, Brazil	Chemistry	Sept 13 th 2021	CGPS-RPTCA_2021.09.13
University of Genova, Italy	Nursing	Sept 13 th 2021	CGPS-RPTCA_2021.09.13

4.6 Joint and Dual Degree Programs

- **Kyoto-McGill International Collaborative PhD Program in Genomic Medicine**

This Joint degree program started in 2018 in partnership with Kyoto University, an institution that is part of Japan’s “Top Global University Project”. Cohorts follow a common curriculum in Genomic Medicine approved by the Japanese government. At McGill, the students are based in the Human Genetics PhD program. McGill and Kyoto University jointly select and admit students. Students pursue their programs and spend consecutive terms at both institutions. In the end, they are awarded a joint PhD degree.

Currently, there are eleven (11) students pursuing this Joint PhD degree. In 2020-2021, three (3) students were admitted in the Summer 2021 term and one (1) student is being admitted in Fall 2021.

- **Dual Master’s in Public Health Data Science**

McGill University has partnered with Université de Bordeaux to offer a Dual Degree in Public Health Data Science (MSc). The program was approved for funding by the French government as part of “écoles universitaires de recherche” in October 2017, and the Agreement between the two institutions was signed in 2018. At McGill, it is administered by the Department of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Occupational Health. Bordeaux’s program focuses heavily on data science, while McGill’s program focuses on foundational courses in epidemiology, biostatistics, and public health. Both programs complement each other’s strengths.

Two (2) students graduated with a Dual Master’s in Summer 2020. The program was on hold during the 2020-2021 academic year due to the pandemic. Three (3) students are expected to participate in the program in Fall 2021.

- **Dual Master’s Degree in Neuroscience and Biomedical Engineering**

The University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (UESTC) is a Class A “Double First-Class University” with strengths in engineering and computer science. The partnership with McGill (#1 in graduate neuroscience in Canada) offers a cooperative program of immersive and integrated international experience. The program is structured and cohort-based, with the teaching delivered in China and a research semester taken at McGill. At McGill, the students are registered in the Integrated Program in Neuroscience.

McGill is expecting a first cohort of students to register in Fall 2021.

Joint and Dual Degree Programs Currently Underway:

Partner Institution	McGill Program	Program at the Partner Institution	Type of Program
Kyoto University	Human Genetics	Genomic Medicine	Joint Ph.D.
Université de Bordeaux	Epidemiology	Santé Publique, parcours Public Health Data Science	Dual Master's
Université de Bordeaux	Biostatistics	Santé Publique, parcours Public Health Data Science	Dual Master's
Université de Bordeaux	Public Health (NT)	Santé Publique, parcours Public Health Data Science	Dual Master's
University of Electronic Science and Technology of China	Neuroscience	Biomedical Engineering	Dual Master's

4.7 New Student Exchange Partnership Approved at Graduate Level

There were no student exchange partnerships at the graduate level to approve in 2020-2021

4.8 Regulations/Policies

There were revisions to the following section in the Graduate Regulations or Policies in 2020-2021.

- Graduate Student Supervision

5. PLANNED COUNCIL ACTIVITIES IN 2021-2022

- New program development.

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