

BCL/JD

Degree Planning

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2024

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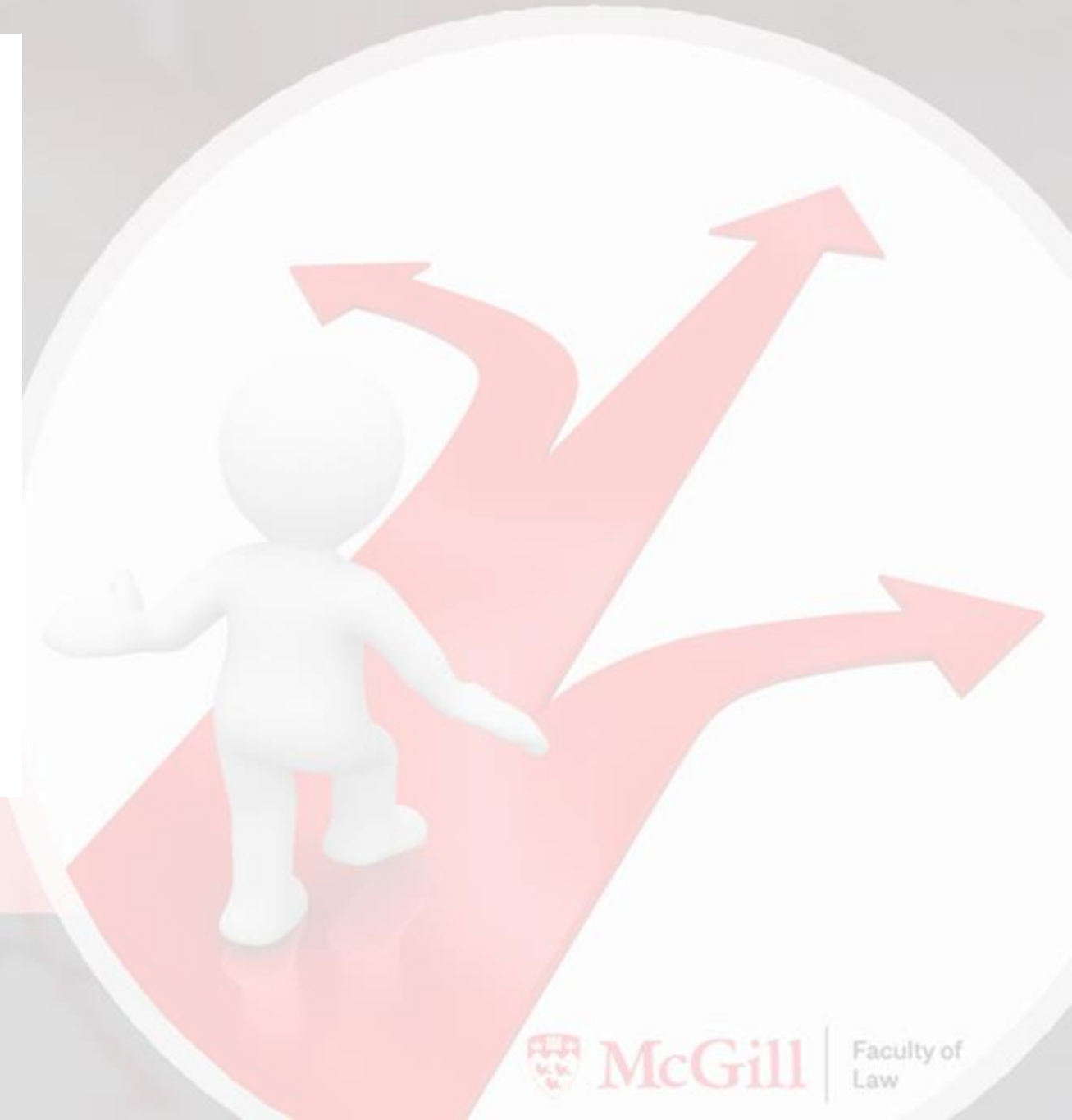


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Agenda

- **Overview of BCL/JD Program**
- **3 vs. 3.5 vs. 4 years**
- **Program Opportunities**
- **How to plan**
- **SAO Support**



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**How long do you intend
to take in completing
your BCL/JD?**



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BCL/JD Overview

105 credits

- Required 1L and 2L courses: 47 credits
- Complementary courses: 12 credits
- Elective Courses: 46 credits
- More information:
<https://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/bclllb-studies/structure/courses>

Crédits par semestre

** (Après 1L)



3 ans

- 18 crédits/semestre** (sans cours d'été)
- 12-18 crédits/semestre** (avec cours d'été)



3,5 ans

- 15 crédits/semestre** (sans cours d'été)
- 12-15 crédits/semestre** (avec cours d'été)



4 ans

- 12 crédits/semestre** (sans cours d'été)

Advantages

3 years

- Condensed time in program
- Likelihood of earning regular income sooner
- If you know what you want to do, you can get there sooner
- Reduced fees (due to reduced semesters)

3.5 years

- Program is designed to be completed at this pace
- Time to pursue variety of experiential learning opportunities

4 years

- Add onto the program (minor, major, honours)
- More time for extracurricular activities
- Increased availability to keep a part-time job on the side



Inconvénients

3 ans

- Charge de travail supérieure, possibilité de stress plus élevé
- Vous ne pouvez pas explorer beaucoup de possibilité durant votre programme
- Vous devez faire des choix de carrière très tôt

3,5 ans

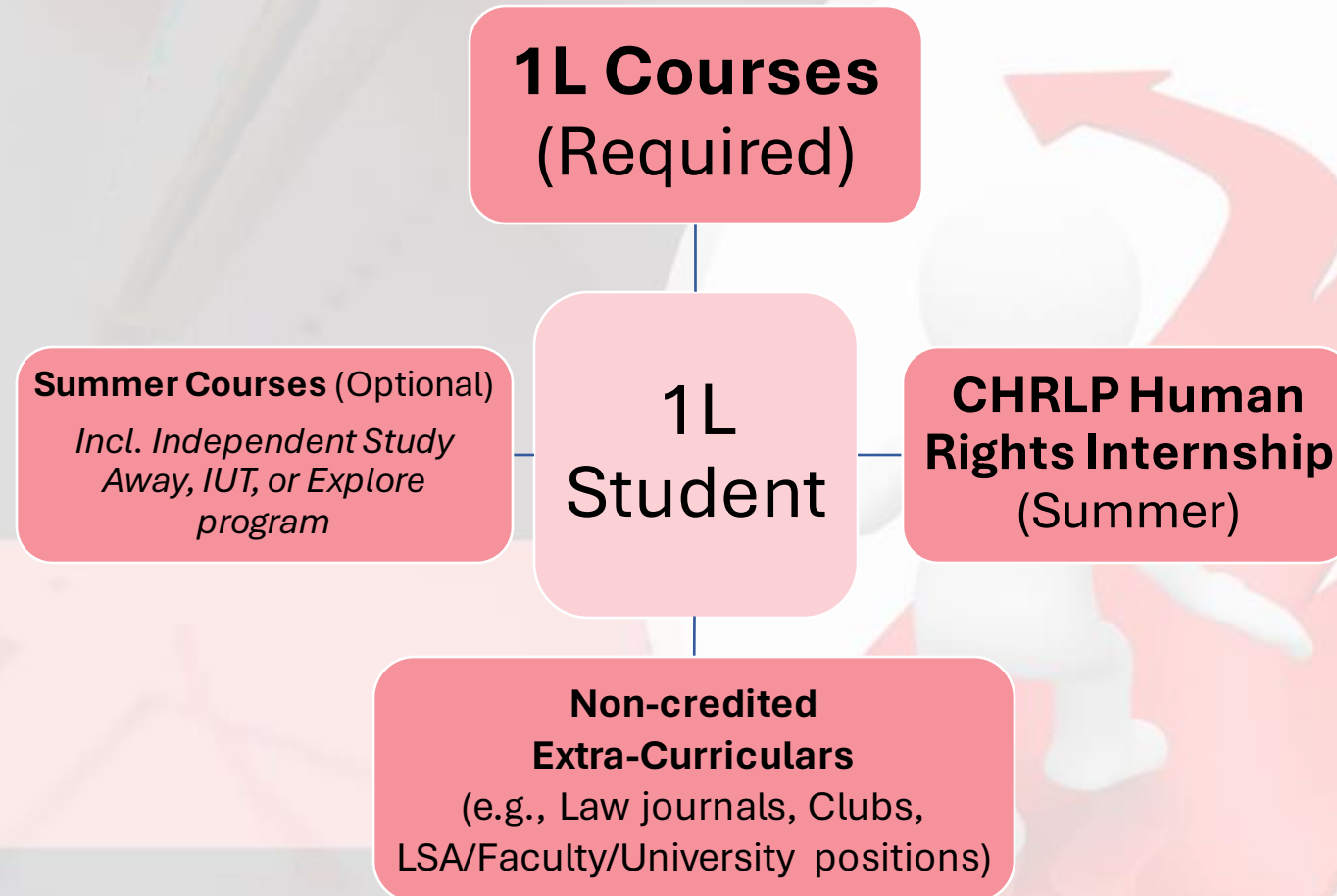
- Si vous faites un échange durant votre dernier semestre, vos choix seront limités

4 ans

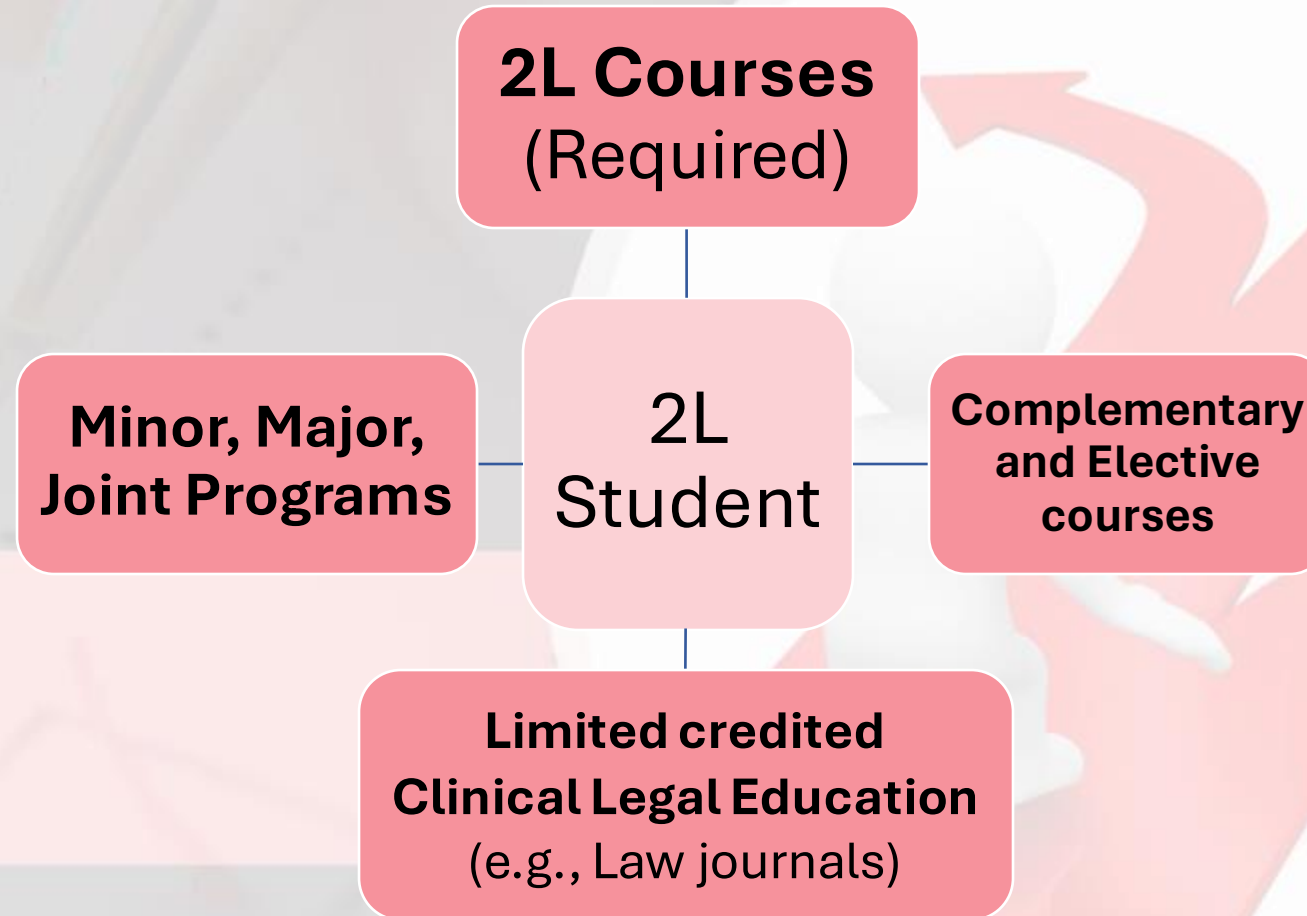
- Plus cher
- Retarde l'entrée dans la profession/vie professionnelle



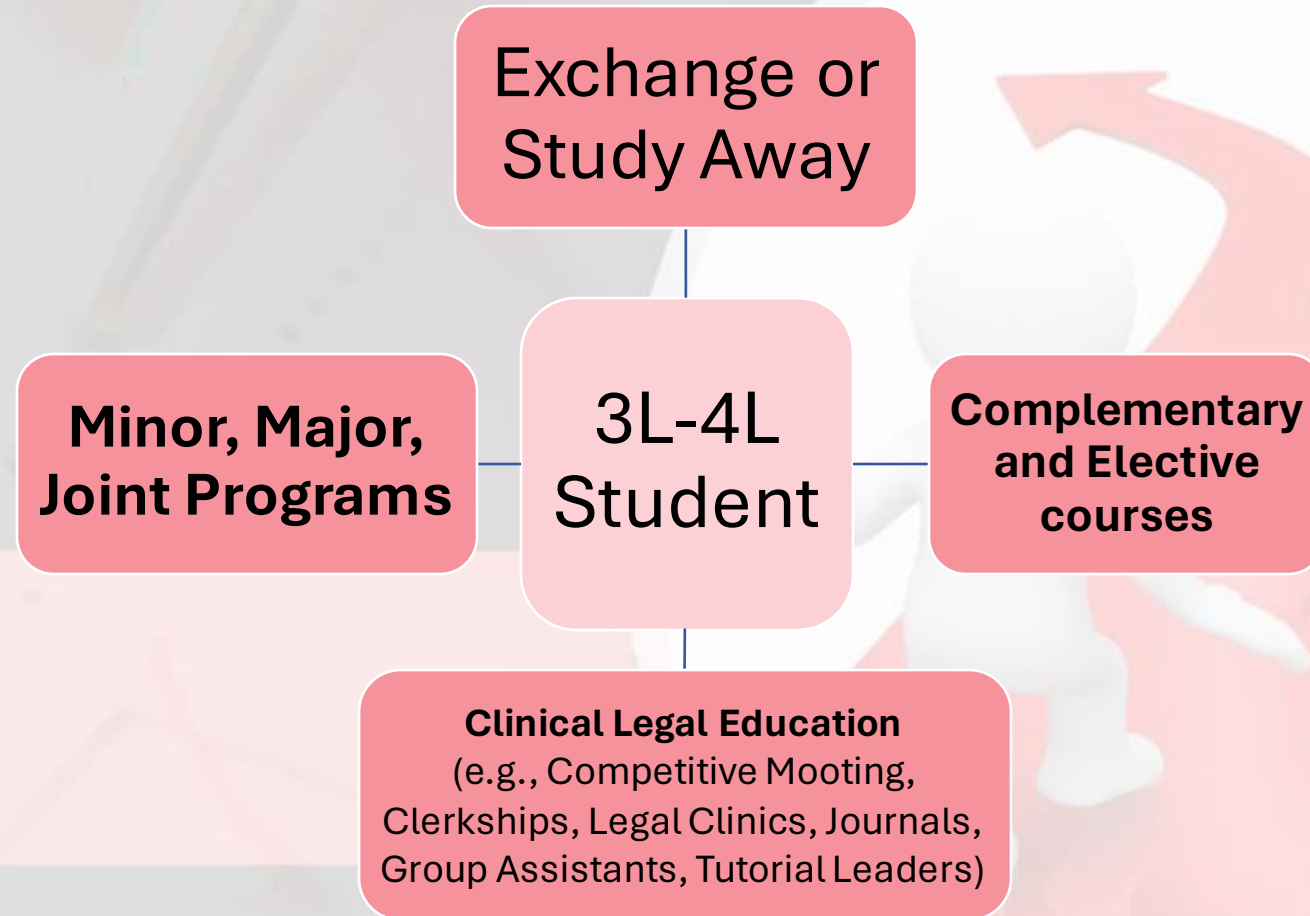
Degree Planning: 1st Year (1L)



Degree Planning: 2nd Year (2L)



Degree Planning: 3rd & 4th Year (3L & 4L)



105 credits = Fulfilled degree requirements
= Graduation

BCL/JD Program Opportunities

- Major & Minor Programs
- Joint Programs (Law/MSW & Law/MBA)
- Exchanges (12-15 credits)
- Non-Law courses & Outside Elective Credits (12 – 21 credits)
- [Non-Course Credits](#) (15 credits)
- [Clinical Legal Education](#) (Non-course credits)
 - Clerkships
 - Mooting
 - Legal Clinics
 - Human Rights Internship Program
 - Major Internships
 - Law Journals
 - Group Assistants
 - Integration Workshop or Advocacy Tutorial Leaders* (*Graded – not included in non-course credits)



Major Programs

Major Program (36 credits)

Commercial Negotiation & Dispute Resolution

• [eCalendar List of Courses](#)

International Human Rights & Development

• [eCalendar List of Courses](#)

Eligibility & Deadlines

Deadline to declare Major: 1st semester of 3L **before** Add/Drop deadline (latest) ⊕ Min CGPA 2.70 (maintained throughout Major program)

To Apply:

Meet with SAO Advisor



[Application to enroll in a Major](#)

Joint Degree Programs

132 credits total

Bachelor of Law (B.C.L.)/Juris Doctor (J.D.) & Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) (Non-Thesis)
• [eCalendar List of Courses](#)

Bachelor of Law (B.C.L.)/Juris Doctor (J.D.) & Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) (Non-Thesis)
• [eCalendar List of Courses](#)

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More Info?

Law/MSW:

Prof. Weisbord

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Law/MBA:

Prof. Zumbansen

Minor Programs

Minor Program (18-24 credits)

Minor in Arts, Science, or Management



Eligibility & Deadlines

Deadline to declare Major: 1st semester of 3L **before** Add/Drop deadline (latest) ⊕ Min CGPA 2.70 (maintained throughout Minor program)



To Apply:

Meet with SAO Advisor & Advisor in the relevant Faculty



[Application to enroll in a Minor](#)

McGill Exchanges

(Fall & Winter)

- McGill offers students exchanges with more than 150 universities in 39 countries around the world
- Our Faculty has bilateral Exchange agreements with over 40 Exchange partner schools around the world

Requirements:

- Must be in 3L or 4L (completed 2 years of BCL/JD)
- CGPA Minimum: 2.70
- Must have 12-15 elective credits for Exchange (6 non-law)
- Ensure the majority of degree requirements are complete *before Exchange*



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McGill Study Away

(Fall , Winter, or Summer)

- University that is not an established McGill exchange partner.
- By approval: student must state academic and/or personal reasons.
- Pay the tuition of host university.
- Summer Study Away possible



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BCL/JD CLE Opportunities: Who should apply?

SAO-Managed

McGill Legal Clinic Course (3 or 6 credits)

- Students who wish to give back to the local community, promote social justice, or gain hands-on experience.
- Minimum of 2.70 CGPA to apply.
- Completed at least 2 years of the BCL/JD Program.

Competitive Mooting (3 credits)

- Students who are interested in analyzing and researching complex legal problems, developing arguments and advocacy skills.
- Minimum of 2.70 CGPA to apply.
- Completed at least 2 years of the BCL/JD Program.
- PRAC 200 Advocacy.

Clerkships (6 credits)

- Students who wish to work closely with a judge and gain a behind-the-scenes view of the Quebec judicial system.
- Minimum of 2.70 CGPA to apply.
- Completed at least 2 years of the BCL/JD Program.
- PRAC 200 Advocacy.

BCL/JD CLE Opportunities: Who should apply?

Externally Managed

Human Rights Internship (6 credits)

- Open to all BCL/JD students who are passionate about human rights, and eager to obtain practical experience at an NGO or international organization.
- Completed at least 1 year of the BCL/JD Program.

Law Journals (2-6 credits)

- Allow law students to be exposed to legal scholarship of the highest caliber and to interact with some of the keenest legal minds in the country and around the world, while obtaining academic credit.
- Completed at least 1 year of the BCL/JD Program.

Group Assistants & Tutorial Leaders (2 or 4 credits)

- Acquire experience in the teaching and learning process.
- Demonstrate leadership qualities, strong interpersonal and organizational skills.
 - Ability in legal research and writing.
- Completed at least 2 years of the BCL/JD Program.

Planning your degree

- Map your degree requirements with degree audit forms
- Degree audit forms can be used by students in any year of study to:
 - Track their progress towards meeting program requirements
 - Show the courses that they will need to take in the future.

[Degree Audit Forms are found on the SAO Website](#)

Degree Audit

Faculty of Law, McGill University
BCL/JD Program (2021-2022): 105 Credits

NAME: _____

STUDENT ID: _____

REQUIRED COURSES (47 credits)

Required Law Courses in First Year: (33 credits)

- LAWG 100D1/D2 Contractual Obligations (6)
- LAWG 101D1/D2 Extra-Contract. Obligations/Torts (6)
- LAWG 102D1/D2 Criminal Justice (6)
- LAWG 103 Indigenous Legal Traditions (3)
- LAWG 110D1/D2 Integration Workshop (3)
- PUB2 101D1/D2 Constitutional Law (6)
- PUB3 116 Foundations (3)

Required Law Courses in Second Year: (14 credits)

- LAWG 210 Legal Ethics and Professionalism (3)
- LAWG 220D1/D2 Property (6)
- PROC 124 Judicial Institutions & Civ. Proc (4)
- PRAC-200 Advocacy (1)

COMPLEMENTARY COURSES (12 credits)

A) Civil Law Immersion Courses: (3 credits)

Students must take at least 3 credits from the following list of courses:

- BUS2 561 Insurance (3)
- LAWG 506 Advanced Civil Law Property (3)
- PROC 200 Advanced Civil Law Obligations (3)
- PROC 549 Lease, Enterprise, Suretyship (3)
- PRV2 270 Law of Persons (3)
- PRV4 548 Admin Property of Another and Trusts (3)

B) Common Law Immersion Courses: (3 credits)

Students must take at least 3 credits from the following list of courses:

- PRV3-200 Advanced Common Law Obligations (3)
- PRV3 534 Remedies (3)
- PRV4 451 Real Estate Transactions (3)
- PRV4 500 Restitution (3)
- PRV4 549 Equity and Trusts (3)

C) Social Diversity, Human Rights and Indigenous Law Courses: (3 credits)

Students must take at least 3 credits from the list:

- CMPL 500 Indigenous Peoples and the State (3)
- CMPL 504 Feminist Legal Theory (3)

- CMPL 516 International Development Law (3)
- CMPL 565 International Humanitarian Law (3)
- CMPL 571 International Law of Human Rights (3)
- CMPL 573 Civil Liberties (3)
- CMPL 575 Discrimination and the Law (3)
- IDFC 500 Indigenous Field of Studies (3)
- LAWG 503 Inter-American Human Rights (3)
- LAWG 505 Critical Engagements with HR (3)
- LAWG 507 Critical Race Theory (3)
- LAWG 508 D1/D2 Indigenous Constitutionalism (6)
- LAWG 509 Indigenous Law Revitalization (3)
- LAWG 562 Regulating Artificial Intelligence (3)
- LAWG 580 Women and Constitutions (3)
- LAWG 582 Disability Law and Policy (3)
- LEEL 369 Labour Law (3)
- LEEL 582 Law and Poverty (3)
- PUB2 105 Public International Law (3)
- PUB2 500 Law and Psychiatry (3)
- PUB2 502 International Criminal Law (3)
- PUB2 551 Immigration & Refugee Law (3)
- PUB3 515 Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms (3)

Principles of (Canadian) Administrative Law Courses: (3 Credits)

Students must take at least 3 credits from the following list :

- BUS1 532 Bankruptcy and Insolvency (3)
- BUS2 504 Securities Regulation (3)
- CMPL 539 International Taxation (3)
- CMPL 543 Law & Practice of Intl Trade (3)
- CMPL 574 Government Control of Business (3)
- CMPL 575 Discrimination and the Law (3)
- CMPL 577 Communications Law (3)
- CMPL 580 Environment & the Law (3)
- LAWG 523 Tax Practice Seminar (3)
- LAWG 561 Privacy Law (3)
- LAWG 581 Law and Health Care (3)
- LEEL 369 Labour Law (3)
- LEEL 570 Employment Law (3)
- LEEL 582 Law & Poverty (3)
- PRV4 545 Land Use Planning (3)
- PRV5 483 Consumer Law (3)
- PUB2 400 The Administrative Process (3)

- PUB2 500 Law and Psychiatry (3)
- PUB2 515 Tax Policy (3)
- PUB2 551 Immigration & Refugee Law (3)

ELECTIVE COURSES (46 credits)

The 46 elective credits can be fulfilled with:

- Law courses
- Non-course credits (maximum 15 credits)
- Non-law course credits (maximum 6 credits)
- Courses outside of McGill (maximum 12 credits)

For more information: <https://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/bcljd-studies/structure>

List your non-law courses below (max 6 credits)

Course	Credits

List your non-course (ex: Mooting, clerkship, LCC) credits below (max 15 credits):

Course	Credits

List your law courses below:

Course	Credits

- Elective Courses**
- A) Non-law (max 6 credits)
 - B) Non-course (max 15 credits)
 - C) Law courses (Focus Week, Specialized Topic courses etc.)

= 46 credits

1L + 2L
required
courses
= **47 credits**

Complementary Courses

- A) Civil Law
- B) Common Law
- C) Social Diversity, HR & Indigenous Law
- D) Principles of Admin Law
= **12 CREDITS**

MINIMUM WRITING REQUIREMENT

All students must fulfill the **Minimum Writing Requirement** by one of the three methods outlined online at <https://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/bcljd-studies/structure/essays>

Which course have you taken to fulfill the **Minimum Writing Requirement**?

Did you go on exchange? If so, how many credits did you complete on **exchange** (max 15 credits)? List total number of Law and non-law credits.

Law: _____

Non-Law: _____

Did you complete a **Minor**? List the Minor courses you have completed (18-24 credits):

Course	Credits



Did you complete a **Major**? List the Major courses you have completed (36 credits):

LAW Courses (24-30 credits)	Credits

NON-LAW Courses (6-12 credits)	Credits

Did you complete the **Honours Program**? List the **Honours** courses you have completed (15 credits):

Course	Credits

SUMMARY:

Total credits completed: _____

Total credits registered for: _____

Total credits to complete: _____

Verified by: _____

Date: _____

The SAO is more than happy to review your degree audit to make sure you are on the right track to graduate!

Please fill out your degree audit and email it to SAO.law@mcgill.ca or drop it off at the SAO front counter.

Faculty Services & Resources

Students are encouraged to seek academic advice and support from the SAO throughout their academic career.



Students, if you find yourself struggling to deal with depression, anxiety, financial problems or any other personal problem, **support is available**. Make sure to use the McGill resources at your disposal. Unsure of where to turn? Come by your SAO on the 4th floor or send an email to sa0.law@mcgill.ca. The SAO will point you in the direction of the right resources. If you notice one of your classmates struggling, please send them our way.

L'Université McGill offre tout un éventail de services pour favoriser un milieu accueillant. Parmi ces services, vous trouverez du counseling, de l'aide en santé mentale, des programmes de bourses d'études et d'aide financière aux étudiants, la Maison des premières nations, de même que les installations liées au sport et à l'exercice physique., etc. Veuillez visiter www.mcgill.ca/studentsservices pour plus de détails.



Planning your semesters

- Minimum 12 credits, maximum 18 credits per term for “full-time” status
- How many credits/term?
 - 105 credits for the BCL/JD - # of credits completed / number of terms left
- Plan your 3, 3.5, or 4 years, making time for:
 - Exchanges: Elective credits only
 - Mooting, Clerkships (typically one-year long)
- Think about what you want to accomplish during your time here, and schedule that into your program.

Resources

Contact information	Come see us for:
<p>Location: NCDH 433 Email: sao.law@mcgill.ca Website: www.mcgill.ca/law-studies</p> <p>Office Hours for Drop In: See “JustASC” Newsletter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student advising & support• Academic accommodations• Changes to student status (e.g. Part-time studies, Leaves of Absence, Withdrawal)• Prizes & Scholarships• Degree planning• Degree Audits• Majors, minors, & joint programs• CLE Opportunities• Orientation toward Faculty and McGill services <p>And more!</p>



Questions?



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