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To Whom It May Concern,

I write to provide information about our program and grading standards at McGill University's Faculty of Law. On successful completion of our highly competitive integrated program, students obtain a Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L) and a Juris Doctor (J.D.). Our BCL is the equivalent of a civil law degree from any other Quebec law school.

Please note that our website still observes an Undergraduate vs. Graduate taxonomy to distinguish this program from the LLM (masters) and DCL (doctoral) programs. This does not change the fact that the B.C.L /J.D. is a second-entry degree.

The admissions process in our law faculty is highly selective, drawing students from across Canada and around the world. The vast majority of our students enter with first class honours in their first university degree, many have obtained a master's degree, some doctorates, and other professional experience. Some students are admitted to the program on the basis of a Diploma of Collegial Studies (D.C.S.) after the completion of a post-secondary college-level program of studies unique to the province of Quebec. Our holistic and professor-intensive admissions process ensures that all of our accepted students are well-rounded, diverse, academically prepared as well as passionate and committed individuals.

In keeping with our commitment to academic excellence, the Faculty of Law does not award high grades easily. We hold our students to exceptionally rigorous standards. Typically, all courses with an enrolment of 25 or more students have an average grade of B- to B (2.7-3.0) and all courses with an enrolment of fewer than 25 students have an average grade of B- to B+ (2.7-3.3). While we do not rank students, Dean's Honour List designation (which is noted on the student's transcript) is reserved for the top 10% of the student body in any given year. For the 2021-2022 academic year, a student with a **CGPA of 3.3 (which is a B+ average)** fell within the top 20% of the class. Due to COVID-19 adjustments and the [expanded S/U Option](#) offered during the Winter 2020 term and the 2020-2021 academic year, the Undergraduate Table of Cumulative Averages was not prepared for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic years. The 2021-2022 Table will be prepared and uploaded to the Faculty of Law website in the Spring. Further details about the Faculty of Law's grading policy are available at <https://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/courses/policies/grades>.

Should you have any questions about McGill's Faculty of Law B.C.L./J.D. program, please do not hesitate to contact me by way of the Student Affairs Office at sao.law@mcgill.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Piper".

Professor Tina Piper
Associate Dean (Academic)