This booklet offers general information and pointers for getting started as a new student. Please note that the information in this booklet, including dates and deadlines, may be subject to change. McGill’s website for new students offers much more detailed and up-to-date information. Please check it out at: www.mcgill.ca/accepted
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## How to use this guide

Throughout this booklet, you will be referred to websites for more comprehensive information.

The Resources and Contacts section on pages 22-23 of this booklet lists all of the addresses, telephone numbers and websites you will need to plan your arrival and get settled in at McGill. Every department, office or service mentioned in this booklet is listed there.

International students should refer to pages 20-21 for important information on coming to Canada to study. More information can be found on the website at: [www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents](http://www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents)
Welcome to the McGill community

Congratulations on being admitted to McGill University. Starting a new chapter in your life is exciting. It involves a major change and may mean leaving the home you grew up in and moving to a new city or even a new country. Of course, this step also involves logistical challenges that we are happy to assist you with. This essential guide provides you with information you will need about registering, settling into campus life, and getting to know the Macdonald Campus community.

Studying at McGill’s Macdonald Campus is much more than spending time in lecture halls and classrooms – your courses will likely include laboratories, trips to fields and forests, and exposure to active learning classrooms. Because we offer an intimate educational setting, you will get to know your classmates well, and you will discover that your professors and the Macdonald staff are accessible, friendly and eager to help.

We really want you to feel at home quickly, so don’t be afraid to ask for help or advice! The Student Affairs Office in Laird Hall will help you navigate your academic program. The Student Services Office assists you with information about career options, financial aid and also provides mental and physical health services. Get involved with the Students’ Society, one of the student clubs, or check out the athletics facilities, the Glenfinnan Arena and the Arboretum. Be sure to explore the local community of Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, and take advantage of all that Montreal has to offer. It is important to dedicate time and energy to your classwork, but you should also seize the moment to enjoy your new life, pursue established hobbies, explore your surroundings and build a network of peers and friends. The friends you make at university will be the social network surrounding you for many years to come. The first step towards building your own community is simple – just introduce yourself to that other new student sitting next to you in class. That person is likely as new to Macdonald Campus as you are and will appreciate you reaching out. Sharing this new experience will make it all the more memorable!

I wish you every success as you embark on your academic program and this new chapter in your life.

Sincerely,

Anja Geitmann, PhD
Dean, Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
For students starting in September...

**Admitted Student Webinars**
Whether you’ve accepted your offer or are still deciding, connect with us to find out what makes McGill so unique. Learn about Montreal, campus, student life, residences, and your next steps. Get your questions ready!

For many events, registration will be by invitation only, and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to check your email often! For more information: [mcgill.ca/accepted/events](http://mcgill.ca/accepted/events)

**Meet McGill: Virtual Fairs for Admitted Students**
March 25 | April 22 | May 20

This spring, join McGill staff, students, faculty advisors – and other newly admitted students like you – online for Meet McGill. For more information: [www.mcgill.ca/accepted/meetmcgill](http://www.mcgill.ca/accepted/meetmcgill)

**Meet McGill Macdonald - April 16**
- Learn about academic essentials, residences and student life in an interactive information session.
- Meet with your Academic Advisor
- Check out our student panel where you can ask our students what it’s like to be a Mac student
- Participate in a virtual tour of our beautiful campus.

See: [www.mcgill.ca/accepted/meetmcgill](http://www.mcgill.ca/accepted/meetmcgill)

**Meet our Current Students**

Join us for a live Student Panel and Q & A with our current students as they share their experiences at McGill's Macdonald Campus. Hear about everything from residence life and classes to connecting with the downtown campus! Our panelists are looking forward to sharing their experiences with you and answering all of your questions!

For dates, see: [www.mcgill.ca/accepted/events](http://www.mcgill.ca/accepted/events)

**McGill PRO (Pre-Registration Orientation) May 25 – June 11**
- Attend a Registration Clinic
- Participate in a Faculty Info Session with important information for new students
- Meet with Academic Advisors

For session times and registration information see: [www.mcgill.ca/firstyear/undergraduate/orientation-week/mcgill-pro-pre-registration-orientation](http://www.mcgill.ca/firstyear/undergraduate/orientation-week/mcgill-pro-pre-registration-orientation)
Financial Planning and Financial Aid

An important step in planning your finances is estimating how much money you’re likely to have available to you for your university studies. This is why we encourage you to apply for Financial Aid early - so that you will have the information you need to properly estimate your resources before the deadline to accept your offer arrives.

If you wish to apply for our Entrance Bursary Program, we strongly recommend that you apply within 30 days from the date of formal acceptance to the university as funding for this program is limited. The application closes on June 30.

For further information on calculating your costs and on financial aid: www.mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/finances

Scholarships

If you have been awarded an entrance scholarship, you will be notified by the Scholarships and Student Aid Office. The entrance scholarship offer must be accepted by the deadline for accepting admission to McGill. Simply respond to the offer by logging into Minerva and selecting the Financial Aid/Awards menu.

Scholarships are credited directly to your fee account – one half on September 1 and the other half in the first week of January.

For complete information on scholarships visit the Scholarships site: www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/scholarships-aid

Accept your offer of admission

Coming to McGill? Start by accepting your offer on Minerva. Log in at www.mcgill.ca/minerva-students, select Applicant Menu > Applicant Status, select the application and click Accept this offer. You will need a credit card to pay the $400 non-refundable deposit.

If you have decided that McGill is the university for you, and you have been admitted to one of your program choices but are still waiting for a decision on another program, you can accept your first offer now. You will still receive decisions on any other choices and your confirmation can be changed to another program by contacting Service Point at www.mcgill.ca/servicepoint/modify
Deferring your offer

We are able to offer a limited number of deferrals each year. Apply by emailing deferral@mcgill.ca. Updated information and the deadline to apply can be found in the FAQs at mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/accepting.

Accept your residence offer

To guarantee a room in the Macdonald Campus Residences, confirm your room reservation through Minerva and pay the residence deposit by the deadline posted at mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/housing. Make sure you read the online information and Community Living Guide carefully before accepting your offer (see page 12).

Missed the residence deadline? As soon as possible, email: lindsay.oconnell@mcgill.ca

Send us your final marks

To complete your admission we need your final official transcript including confirmation of graduation. If you are coming from CEGEP or are an Ontario high school student (or graduate) with an OUAC number, we will receive this information electronically. All other new students see: www.mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/finalmarks

Submit your legal documents

You are required to send us a number of legal documents, which vary according to whether you are an international student, Canadian citizen or Quebec resident.

Send in all your documents after you have accepted your offer and before you arrive on campus. This will ensure that your student record and tuition fees are up-to-date.

For information on what to submit: www.mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/documents

Electronic copies can be submitted by webform at mcgill.ca/legaldocuments/submission-webform

For criteria and instructions: mcgill.ca/legaldocuments/how
You are considered a freshman student if you have been admitted from high school, or have completed a French Baccalaureate or International Baccalaureate, have less than 24 credits of advanced standing and/or are missing required freshman courses.

Freshman students entering the Faculty of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences have been admitted to one of the five programs listed on this page. Refer to your letter of acceptance or to your Minerva student record to verify your program.

The Freshman Academic Advisors will be holding mandatory advising sessions during Orientation Week. The Orientation schedule will be posted after July 23 at: www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/studentinfo/orientation. The Advisors are also available for advising during the summer.

There is an option to take admission science placement exams. Deadline to apply is August 15. See: www.mcgill.ca/students/exams/dates/science.

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If students in the freshman Nutrition program wish to pursue a degree in Dietetics, they must apply for a program transfer at the end of freshman year. Transfer is dependent on grade point average and the number of spaces available.

To transfer to Dietetics, please note that if you were required to provide proof of English proficiency when you applied to McGill you will also need to participate in a communication skills interview.

Freshman students entering the Agricultural Economics Major should refer to www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/prospective/freshmanyear/courses for their freshman course selection.

Please note that freshman students may take a maximum of 8 credits outside the faculty in their freshman year.
McGill 101: online orientation

Say goodbye to pre-university confusion and frustration - McGill 101 has arrived! McGill 101 is an online info hub for all new McGill undergraduate students with videos, quizzes, and much more. With information on everything from registration to getting involved, McGill 101 is an invaluable resource to kick-start your McGill career.

All new undergraduate students are automatically enrolled in McGill 101 in the spring and you will be notified of your enrolment by email. Although you will be accessing it from your myCourses, it is not a course, more like an online orientation. McGill 101 will be available after May 1.


Academic advising

You will be assigned an Academic Advisor who will advise you throughout your degree with course selection and other related matters.

The list of Academic Advisors, as well as specific program advising information, can be found at: www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/studentinfo/advising

You should review this information before registering for your courses.

A Faculty Advisor is also available in the Student Affairs Office to assist you with general advising.

Students transferring from other universities should bring their transcripts with them when they meet with their Academic Advisor.

Register for your classes

McGill’s online registration system is known as Minerva. Registration opens in Minerva in June for all new students, but on different dates depending on where you are coming from.

You must register for at least one course by August 14 to avoid a late registration fee.

To find out your registration date see page 24 or: mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/register/dates

A step-by-step registration guide can be found at: www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/add

Having problems using Minerva? Fill out a webform at: mcgill.ca/servicepoint/contact-us or call the helpline during office hours at: 514-398-7878.
Get your ID card

You will need your McGill ID card to access most essential services on our campuses including exams, the library, athletics facilities and residences.

You can get your ID card in person at the Macdonald Campus Student Affairs Office or at Service Point on the downtown campus. Early production of ID cards begins June 8. If you are in the Montreal area, we invite you to get your ID card in the summer to avoid the peak period in late August/September.

For the moment, this is by appointment only.

For updated information or to book an appointment on the Macdonald campus, see www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/studentinfo/sao

To book an appointment at Service Point on the downtown campus see: www.mcgill.ca/servicepoint/contact-us

To get your card you must be registered for at least one Fall term course. You will need to bring with you:

- your McGill student number (found on your letter of admission)
- one piece of government issued photo ID

If you are moving into residence, instructions on how to get your ID card will be included in your Residence Move-In information email.

Tuition and fees

The cost of your first year at McGill depends on your program of study, your citizenship and where you will be living (residences, apartment, home, etc.).

For a tuition calculator, please visit www.mcgill.ca/student-accounts/ tuition-fees/tuition-and-fees, and then select undergraduate fees from the side navigation bar.

E-Billing

Fall term tuition is billed in early August and is due by the end of August.

Winter term tuition is billed in early December and is due in early January.

Information on billing, fee payment and deadlines can be found on the website: www.mcgill.ca/student-accounts
IT Services

You need your McGill Username (usually firstname.lastname@mail.mcgill.ca) and McGill Password to access most central IT services, including: myMcGill portal, myCourses, Minerva, email, wireless, Virtual Private Network (VPN).

Check out the IT Services website (see below) for descriptions and/or instructions on:
- your McGill Username and Short Username
- creating or changing your McGill password
- using email
- using myMcGill, myCourses or Minerva
- getting connected (VPN, wireless)
- printing on or off campus
- accessing free cloud storage (OneDrive-1Tb)
- accessing free software (MS Office 365, and more)
- two-factor authentication and other security initiatives

Macdonald Campus Computing Centre

The computing facilities on the Macdonald Campus are managed by McGill’s IT Services unit. Undergraduate computer labs are available 24/7, year-round, outside of scheduled class hours, offering Windows computers with Microsoft Office software. Visit: www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/about/resources/computercentre

Both scanning and printing are also available.

IT Service Desk walk-in support is normally available in the Macdonald-Stewart building, room MS2-025, from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday to Friday. Please check www.mcgill.ca/itwalkin for updated information.

Students may also contact the IT Service Desk by webform at www.mcgill.ca/itsupport or call 514-398-3398.

Please note that important communications will be sent to your official McGill email address, including your e-bill for tuition and fees. It is your responsibility to make sure you check it regularly.

www.mcgill.ca/it/get-started-it/students
Housing and settling in

If you are planning on living in one of the Macdonald Campus Residences, you must accept your residence offer on Minerva by the deadline posted at www.mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/housing. Please make sure you read the information and Community Living Guide at www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/residence-options/macdonald carefully.

If you have not yet requested residence, please contact the Residence Office immediately at: lindsay.oconnell@mcgill.ca

If you are planning to live off-campus, tips and a list of available accommodations can be found at: www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/offcampus

All about oneCard

The convenience of making purchases on campus without the hassle of carrying cash — your oneCard account on your McGill ID card is a convenient debit card for services on campus.

Use it to: • pay for meals/beverages/snacks at the Macdonald Campus Cafe, or in any of the dining halls and retail locations on the downtown campus; • pay for laundry in rez; • make purchases at the Mac Market and at select vending machines across campus; • pay a reduced admission at the McGill Gault Nature Reserve.

For students moving into Mac residence, $150 will be billed to your student account and placed on your oneCard.

There is no full meal plan on the Macdonald Campus as there is no cafeteria open in the evenings. All Mac residences have full kitchens and a bus is provided weekly to go grocery shopping.
Request a Buddy!

Want a head start navigating your first year at McGill?

Why not get paired up with a current McGill student who can provide a helping hand by showing you the ropes of McGill’s academic and social life.

To request a Buddy, International students should go to: [www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/pre-arrival/buddy-program](http://www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/pre-arrival/buddy-program)

Canadian students can find a buddy through the Student Mentorship program. Info at: [www.mcgill.ca/firstyear/undergraduate/pre-arrival/programs/student-matching](http://www.mcgill.ca/firstyear/undergraduate/pre-arrival/programs/student-matching)

First Friend

Meet your first friend, but definitely not your last. First Friend is a peer-to-peer program where you’ll be matched with a fellow new McGill student (not to be confused with a mentorship program). We know that the start to your first year at McGill is going to be a different semester and that’s why we want to help you connect with your peers. [www.mcgill.ca/firstyear/first-friend](http://www.mcgill.ca/firstyear/first-friend)
Explore the Macdonald Campus Library

Located in the Barton Building, the Macdonald Campus Library provides leading-edge collections, facilities and services to support a range of student needs. Books, journals, DVDs and course reserves are just some of the many things that can be borrowed.

Friendly staff is on-hand to help students locate and use relevant information. Subject-specialist librarians can help students in person, via phone, email or online chat. Comfortable seating, an eZone fitted with computers and individual and group study areas are provided. Services such as printing, photocopying and scanning are also available, as well as direct or wireless access to the internet and the McGill network.

www.mcgill.ca/library/branches/macdonald

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Starting Orientation Week, info sessions will be available to help students learn about Library basics. Check it out at: http://apps.library.mcgill.ca/workshops-and-tours/view-by-branch/11

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Buy your books and supplies

Textbooks for the Fall must be ordered on the Le James bookstore website: https://lejames.ca/

Your textbook orders can be picked up at the Macdonald Campus bookstore.

For more information: https://lejames.ca/find-us#maccampus
When should you get here?

Residence Move-In dates will be posted on the Residences website at www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/residence-options/macdonald

You should also receive an email from the Mac Residences Office with instructions.

Frosh and Orientation

Don’t worry about trying to get settled into university life all by yourself. A week of Orientation and Frosh activities is planned for you that will be filled with opportunities to meet people, make new friends and get answers to any questions you may have.

Orientation and Frosh schedules will be available online in the summer at www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/studentinfo/orientation and www.maccampusfrosh.com respectively. Some events require pre-registration.

Winter Orientation

If you are entering McGill in January, you don’t have to feel left out. All of the Frosh and Orientation sessions offered in September of the year you start at McGill are open for you as well. Just send an email to welcome.macdonald@mcgill.ca in August and we will send you the orientation information.

Preparatory workshops

Are you curious about what McGill expects from you academically?

McGill has organized a number of helpful workshops and information sessions to aid you in adjusting to a university setting.

Discover McGill’s Academic Expectations, which is a full day of sessions, is offered at the Macdonald Campus during Orientation week.

See: www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/studentinfo/orientation

Transfer, mature and re-entry students have an orientation event specifically designed for them. It will be held on the downtown campus. Please refer to the Your First Year website for more details.

www.mcgill.ca/firstyear/
Étudiant(e)s francophones

Vous n'avez encore jamais étudié en anglais? C'est à vous que s'adresse la session d'accueil durant la semaine d'orientation.

Pendant cette session l'Adjointe aux étudiants francophones vous souhaitera elle-même la bienvenue et vous communiquera des informations essentielles pour réussir à McGill.

Nous espérons avoir l'occasion de vous rencontrer lors de cette session.

Pour plus d'informations sur cette session d'orientation, et notamment l'horaire des activités et les modalités d'inscription, veuillez voir: www.mcgill.ca/firstyear/undergraduate/orientation-week/fall/

English language skills

While it isn't necessary to be perfectly fluent in English to study at McGill, it helps to have a good understanding. **If English is not your first language and you are entering Year 0 or Year 1, we offer a summer English course** in August to help prepare you for studying at McGill. Subsidies are available; payment is required up front and eligible students will receive a credit in their student account in the fall.

For more information, see: www.mcgill.ca/mwc/courses/undergraduate-courses, course number CESL 299, Academic English Seminar.

Indigenous students

McGill’s First People’s House, on the downtown campus, provides a “home away from home” for First Nations, Inuit and Métis students. Playing many roles including those of residence, gathering place and resource centre, it is foremost a community. They provide a space where students can find academic support and stay connected to Indigenous culture.

Activities are organized during orientation and throughout the year, such as the annual Pow-Wow, community dinners, social activities, weekly soup and bannock lunches and guest speakers.

Also offered is the Cousins Peer Mentorship Program which offers the chance for new Indigenous students to connect with current Indigenous McGill students.

For more information, see: www.mcgill.ca/fph
Health and dental care

All Canadian undergraduate students (including students from Quebec) are automatically included in a supplemental health and dental plan administered by the Macdonald Campus Students’ Society (MCSS). For more information, see: www.studentcare.ca

Canadian students from other provinces should check with their provincial medicare office about the conditions of their health coverage while studying in QC.

Recent permanent residents and non-resident Canadians should refer to www.mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/health-dental

International Students, and their accompanying dependants are required to participate in the compulsory McGill International Health Insurance(IHI).

For more information, see: www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/health

Support for students with disabilities

A variety of services are available to ensure that you can pursue a successful academic life at McGill. To make sure you have access to these services at the beginning of the term, contact the Office for Students with Disabilities as soon as you accept your offer of admission.

Advisors are available to discuss any barriers in your learning - be they temporary or permanent, visible or invisible: www.mcgill.ca/osd or email: disabilities.students@mcgill.ca
We’re here to help you ...

Macdonald Campus Student Affairs Office

The Student Affairs Office can help with any issues related to your admission or academic record.

Students can get their ID card, help with general advising, registration or exam issues, transfer credit questions, exchange information, and letters of attestation.

The Student Affairs Office also organizes orientation week for new students, as well as campus tours.

If you have other questions or issues, our staff will be happy to point you in the right direction for the answers you need.

See page 22 for contact information.

www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/studentinfo/sao

Services on the Macdonald Campus

While all McGill students are entitled to use the services of both campuses, both the Student Affairs Office in Laird Hall, and Student Services in the Centennial Centre can provide most of the help you will need as a Macdonald Campus student.

Student Services, Macdonald Campus

Student Services promotes students’ overall well-being and success. Students can access financial aid, career planning, help with spiritual well-being, support for students with disabilities and/or access needs, services for Indigenous and international students, and support for survivors of sexual violence.

Student Services also offers on-site physical and mental health care through the Student Wellness Hub. Students can meet with a doctor, nurse, counsellor, dietitian, or local wellness advisor at Macdonald Campus.

See page 22 for contact information.

www.mcgill.ca/macdonald-studentservices

As the parent or guardian of a newly-admitted McGill student, you may also have questions. For resources created especially for you, see: www.mcgill.ca/accepted/parents
Life outside your classes

We know that as a new McGill student you are eager to meet new people, try new things and get involved. Whether you are looking for social opportunities, cultural, political, intellectual and physical challenges, or a taste of fun and excitement, you can find it all here!

Athletics and recreation

McGill’s Macdonald Campus offers many ways to get active! Come check out our Sports Complex, where you can work up a sweat in our fitness centre or gymnasium. We offer varsity, intramural and rec sport programs, as well as lunch and evening fitness classes. The campus also has a paddle shack, an arena, an outdoor trekfit gym and sand volleyball courts.

To see what is available on the Macdonald Campus, check out: macdonaldcampusathletics.ca or our Mac Athletics and Recreation FB page.

Two campuses - one shuttle bus ride away

McGill’s shuttle is free for students and runs between McGill’s Downtown and Macdonald Campuses, Monday through Friday, approximately every 45 minutes, but more frequently during peak periods. For information, see: www.mcgill.ca/transport/shuttle

Joining the clubs and coming out to campus events can significantly enhance your university experience! mcss.mcgill.ca/Facebook page: www.facebook.com/mcssmcgill

Macdonald Campus Students’ Society

The Macdonald Campus Students’ Society (MCSS) is the association of undergraduate and certificate students enrolled in a program on the Macdonald Campus.

The MCSS represents the student body and protects its welfare. Involved in all aspects of campus life, the Society advocates for students at the faculty, University and community levels, organizes internal events such as Frosh and Halloween, runs the Ceilidh (the campus pub), and much more.

mcss.mcgill.ca
www.maccampusfrosh.com
International students

Studying internationally is an exciting adventure, but you may also have a lot of questions! International Student Services is dedicated to helping ease your transition and ensure you arrive well prepared.

Consult the International Student Pre-Arrival Resources for detailed information on:

- Immigration documents
- Health Insurance
- Student Residences & Off-Campus Housing
- The Buddy Program
- Packing for Montreal’s climate
- Arriving at Customs and Immigration
- Your Airport Arrival
- Getting the essentials (banking, cell phones, and more)
- And much more!

mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/pre-arrival

Don’t delay!

Apply for your immigration documents early! You should start the process as soon as you receive your offer of admission to McGill. We strongly encourage you to start the process early to ensure that you receive your documents in time for the start of classes.

Once in Montreal, don’t forget to scan copies of your legal documents and send them to Service Point.

mcgill.ca/accepted/international

Exchange Students

Are you at McGill on exchange? Visit the McGill Abroad site for information you need to begin your studies at McGill.

mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad

Minors: Are you under the age of 17?

If you will be less than 17 years old by the time you travel to Canada, you must have a legal custodian in Montreal before starting immigration procedures to study at McGill.

If you do not have a custodian in Montreal - and you will be living in McGill Student Residences - you can request to have the Associate Dean of Students act as your custodian.

For details: www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/immigration-documents/documents/minors

Internship/Co-op work permits

All international students who need to complete a mandatory internship as part of their program requirements will need a co-op work permit, whether the internship is paid or not (e.g. Dietetics or Concurrent Food Science/Nutrition students). You may apply for the permit at the same time as your study permit. For more information: www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/work

For more information about your eligibility to work on or off campus, please visit: www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/work
Plan ahead!

Starting at McGill this September? Meet us online for a Pre-Arrival Orientation Webinar!

For newly-admitted International students who have accepted their offer of admission.

For details on dates, times and to register for these and other webinars: www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/pre-arrival/pre-arrival-orientation-webinars-0

Immigration: Essential Documents

• Learn about essential immigration documents
• Get step-by-step instructions on how to obtain your CAQ, Study Permit, and Visa or eTA
• Download documents with important links
• If you miss this live webinar, you can still view the recording online at a later date

Questions and Answers: Live with an Immigration Advisor

Take the opportunity to ask a question to an Immigration Advisor about the application process for your immigration documents

• Applying for CAQ Questions
• Applying for the Study Permit Questions
• Ask questions about travel, work, etc.

IHI and Accessing Health Care in Quebec as an International Student

Find out about student health and wellness services available at McGill.

• Learn how to navigate off-campus health resources as an international student
• Familiarize yourself with the Quebec healthcare system
• Understand how your Health Insurance plan works
• Download documents with important links
• If you miss this live webinar, you can still view the recording online at a later date

International Student Guide to McGill & Montreal

• Find out what to expect when crossing the border into Canada
• Learn what to pack and what to do upon arrival (banking, cell phones, etc.)
• Find out about ISS Orientation activities
• If you miss this live webinar, you can still view the recording online at a later date

Find out more online

McGill’s International Student Services (ISS) has a team of professional advisors and support staff who offer a range of services for you and your family, including assistance with immigration procedures. Visit the ISS website at www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents for information on customs and immigration, insurance, weather, finances, and life in Montreal, as well as events and workshops hosted by International Student Services.

Also check out the pre-arrivals webinars offered by McGill Campus Life & Engagement (www.mcgill.ca/firstyear/), on a variety of useful topics such as Getting Involved in McGill, Tips for a Healthy First Year, Living Off Campus, and many more! See www.mcgill.ca/firstyear/undergraduate/pre-arrival/programs/webinars
Resources and Contacts

**Student Affairs Office**
Laird Hall, Room 106
21,111 Lakeshore Road
Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, Quebec H9X 3V9
T: 514-398-7925
studentinfo.macdonald@mcgill.ca

**Hours of Service**
Monday to Friday,
Normal hours:
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
except statutory holidays.
For updated hours, see page 25.

**Manager, Student Affairs**
Silvana Pellecchia
T: 514-398-7926
silvana.pellecchia@mcgill.ca

**Faculty Advisor**
Mona Hachem
T: 514-398-7859
mona.hachem@mcgill.ca

**Campus Tours**
To book a Campus tour:
www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/prospective/visit
Tour information:
studentinfo.macdonald@mcgill.ca

**Orientation Information**
T: 514-398-7925 or 514-398-8717
welcome.macdonald@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/studentinfo/orientation

**Student Services**
The services listed below are located in the:
Centennial Centre
Room 124
21,111 Lakeshore Road
Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, Quebec H9X 3V9
T: 514-398-7992
stuserv.macdonald@mcgill.ca

Appointment booking information available at
www.mcgill.ca/macdonald-studentservices

**Hours of Service**
Monday to Friday,
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Individual service hours may vary

**Services available:**
• Career Planning Service
• First Peoples’ House
• International Student Services
• Office of Religious & Spiritual Life
• Office for Students with Disabilities
• Office for Sexual Violence Response, Support and Education
• Scholarships & Student (Financial) Aid
• Student Wellness Hub (T: 514-398-6017)

**Other Macdonald Campus Contact Information**

**Macdonald Athletics**
Stewart Athletics Complex
T: 514-398-7789
mac.athletics@mcgill.ca
macdonaldcampusathletics.ca

**Macdonald Campus IT walk-in support:**
Macdonald Stewart Bldg., Room MS2-025

**Macdonald Campus Library**
Barton Building, Service Desk
T: 514-398-7881
www.mcgill.ca/library/branches/macdonald

**Macdonald Campus Residence and Student Housing**
Campus Housing Office
Gerry Chevalier, Coordinator
Laird Hall, Room 107
T: 514-398-7716
residences.macdonald@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/macdonald

**Macdonald Campus Students’ Society (MCSS)**
Centennial Centre Reception
T: 514-398-8787
mouthpiece.mcss@mail.mcgill.ca
mcss.mcgill.ca

**University Advancement – Macdonald Campus**
Laird Hall, Room 199b
Anna Duff, Alumni Relations Associate
T: 514-398-7852
anna.duff@mcgill.ca

**Service Point / Enrolment Services**
General contact information for all services listed below:

**Service Point**
3415 McTavish Street
Room MS-13
T: 514-398-7878
www.mcgill.ca/students/servicepoint

**Enrolment Services**
See general contact information above

**Legal Documents**
Emailing of documents is preferred. For file formats, please see: www.mcgill.ca/legaldocuments/how

**Sending documents by mail/courier:**
Enrolment Services
Management of Academic Records Unit
McGill University
3415 McTavish Street
Room MS-13
Montreal, Quebec
Canada, H3A 0C8

**Student Exchanges and Study Abroad**
See general contact information above
www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad

**Student Accounts Office**
Service Point
McLennan Library Building
3415 McTavish Street
Montreal, Quebec H3A 0C8
T: 514-398-7878
F: 514-398-2656
student.accounts@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/student-accounts

For help using Minerva, call Service Point at 514-398-7878
Student Services
(downtown campus)

Unless otherwise indicated, all services below are located in the Brown Student Services Building 3600 McTavish Street Montreal, Quebec H3A 0G3
www.mcgill.ca/studentservices

Campus Life & Engagement
Suite 4100
T: 514-398-6913
cle@mcgill.ca (general)
firstyear@mcgill.ca (new student-related inquiries)
www.mcgill.ca/cle

First Peoples’ House
3505 Peel Street
Montreal, Quebec H3A 1W7
T: 514-398-3217
firstpeopleshouse@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/fph

International Student Services
Suite 5100
General Inquiries:
T: 514-398-4349
international.students@mcgill.ca
Health Insurance:
T: 514-398-4349
international.health@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/
internationalstudents

Career Planning Service
Suite 2200
T: 514-398-3304
careers.caps@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/caps

McGill Office of Religious and Spiritual Life (MORSL)
3610 McTavish Street,
Room 36-2
Montreal, QC H3A 1Y2
T: 514-398-4104
morsl@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/morsl

Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD)
1010 Sherbrooke Street West,
Suite 410 (4th floor)
Montreal, QC H3A 2R7
T: 514-398-6009
TDD/TTY: 514-398-8198
disabilities.students@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/osd

Scholarships & Student Aid Office
Suite 3200
T: 514-398-6013
US Loan Specialist:
T: 514-398-6013
us.studentaid@mcgill.ca
student.aid@mcgill.ca
scholarships@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/studentaid

Student Wellness Hub
3rd Floor
General Inquiries and appointments:
T: 514-398-6017
wellness.hub@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/wellness-hub

Contact information for other offices

Continuing Studies
688 Sherbrooke St. West,
Suite 1199
Montreal, Quebec H3A 3R1
T: 514-398-6200
info.conted@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/continuingstudies

Drivesafe
Thursday, Friday and Saturday:
11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.
Facebook SSMU Drivesafe
514-398-8040
drivesafe@ssmu.ca
drivesafe.ssmu.ca
(based downtown but they will drive to Mac Campus)

French Language Centre
853 Sherbrooke Street West
Arts Building, Room 155
Montreal, Quebec H3A 0G5
T: 514-398-8896
flc@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/flc

Health and Dental Insurance
Student Care
T: 514-789-8775 or
1-866-795-4435
www.studentcare.ca

Health Insurance
International Students
See International Student Services

IT Services
T: 514-398-3398
Ask for IT help via a web form:
www.mcgill.ca/it/forms

McGill Alumni Association
Martlet House
1430 Peel Street
Montreal, Quebec H3A 3T3
T: 514-398-7059
ombudsperson@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/ombudsperson

Off-Campus Housing
Student Housing and Dining Service Centre
3473 University Street
Montreal, Quebec H3A 2A8
T: 514-398-6368
offcampus.housing@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/offcampus

Office of the Dean of Students
Brown Student Services Building
3600 McTavish Street,
Suite 2100
Montreal, Quebec H3A 0G3
T: 514-398-4990
deanofstudents@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/deanofstudents

Office of the Ombudsperson for Students
3610 McTavish Street, Suite 14
Montreal, Quebec H3A 1Y2
T: 514-398-2498
economic@walksafe.ca
walksafe.ssmu.ca
(downtown campus only)
What to do and when ...

This information is intended as a guideline. Some dates could be subject to change.
For a complete list of events and deadlines for the academic year, see: mcgill.ca/importantdates

2021

May 1
☐ Deadline to accept your offer of admission unless otherwise indicated in your letter of admission

May 25 - June 11
☐ McGill PRO (Pre-Registration Orientation) for all new students

June 1
☐ Students from the US apply for US Direct Loans by this date. Go to www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/government/us for information on how to apply for US Direct Loans when attending a foreign school

June 7
☐ 9:00 a.m. - Course registration begins for all newly admitted CEGEP students

June 8
☐ Early pick-up of ID cards begins for newly admitted Quebec CEGEP students at the Macdonald Campus Student Affairs Office or at Service Point on the downtown campus by appointment only. You must be registered for at least one course 24 hours before you obtain your McGill ID card. See page 9 for appointment info and a list of what to bring with you.

June 14
☐ 9:00 a.m. - Course registration begins for all newly admitted Macdonald Campus students on the basis of advanced levels or CAPE, a French Baccalaureate, International Baccalaureate, at least one year of university, or other academic qualifications that provide for advanced standing credit, and who have a classification of year 1 (U1)

June 17
☐ Early pick-up of ID cards begins for all newly admitted Macdonald Campus students at the Macdonald Campus Student Affairs Office or at Service Point on the downtown campus by appointment only. You must be registered for at least one course 24 hours before you obtain your McGill ID card. See page 9 for appointment info and a list of what to bring with you.

June 30
☐ Canadian students apply for government student aid by this date to ensure money arrives by September
☐ Canadian students: Don’t delay submitting the legal documents that affect your tuition and fees. Submitting early will help ensure your tuition and fees are billed at the correct residency rate in early August. www.mcgill.ca/student-accounts/tuition-charges/fallwinter-term-tuition-and-fees/undergraduate-fees
☐ Final deadline for need-based financial aid application for McGill’s Entrance Bursary Program, or 30 days from date of acceptance, whichever comes first

July 1
☐ Application opens for McGill’s need-based Work Study Program that provides part-time work opportunities on campus. For info on how to apply: www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/work-study

July 31
☐ Deadline for deferral of admission to the Fall term

August 1
☐ International students confirm their health insurance coverage by accessing Minerva→Student→International Student Health Insurance Coverage Form. Doing this will allow you to view, save and print an electronic version of your health insurance card on your mobile device or computer

August 6
☐ If registered before August 6, check Minerva for your Fall term e-bill – notification is sent by email

August 14
☐ Deadline for new students to register in at least one course to avoid a late registration penalty

August 15
☐ If registered after August 6, check Minerva for your Fall term e-bill – notification is sent by email

August 23 - 31
☐ Macdonald Campus Undergraduate Orientation and Frosh activities

August 31
☐ Fee payment deadline
☐ Deadline for cancellation of registration for the Fall term

September 1
☐ Classes begin

September 14
☐ Course change (add/drop) deadline for the Fall term

September 21
☐ Deadline for course or university withdrawal (grade of W or W–) WITH fee refund

September 30
☐ Deadline to opt in to the International Health Insurance plan (Canadian non-residents)
☐ Deadline to request an exemption from International Health Insurance plan on Minerva and submit supporting exemption documents

October 12 - 13
☐ Fall Break

October 26
☐ Deadline for course or university withdrawal (grade of W or W–) with NO fee refund
Beginning December 1 (Winter newly-admitted students)

- International students confirm their health insurance coverage by accessing Minerva → Student → International Student Health Insurance Coverage Form. Doing this will allow you to view, save and print an electronic version of your health insurance card on your mobile device or computer.

December 1
- 9:00 a.m. - Registration begins for newly admitted undergraduate students to the Winter 2022 term

December 2
- Newly admitted Undergraduate students may obtain their student ID card at the Student Affairs Office (Macdonald Campus) or at Service Point (Downtown Campus). You must be registered in at least one course 24 hours before you obtain your McGill ID card. Please see page 9 for a list of what to bring with you.

December 6
- Classes end for Fall term
- Check Minerva for Winter term e-bill

December 7
- Exams begin. See www.mcgill.ca/students/exams for the complete exam schedule (Dec. 7-21)

December 23 - January 2
- Holiday break, University closed

December 31
- Deadline for cancellation of registration in, or deferral of admission to, the Winter term

2022

January 5
- Classes begin
- Deadline to request exemption in Minerva without incurring interest on International Health Insurance fee
- Deadline for new students to register in at least one course to avoid a late registration penalty

January 6
- Deadline for fee payment for Winter term

January 18
- Course Change (add/drop) deadline for Winter term
- Deadline for web withdrawing (grade of “W”) from multi-term courses that started in September 2021 (WITH fee refund for Winter term)

January 25
- Deadline for course or university withdrawal (grade of W or W--) WITH fee refund

January 31
- Deadline to request an exemption from International Health Insurance Plan on Minerva and submit supporting exemption documents
- Deadline to opt in to the International Health Insurance plan (Canadian non-residents)

February 28-March 4
- Study Break

February 28 - March 1
- Deferred exams

March 8
- Deadline for course or university withdrawal (grade of W or W--) with NO fee refund

April 12
- Classes end for Winter term

April 13
- Exams begin. See www.mcgill.ca/students/exams for the complete exam schedule (April 13-29)

April 30
- Rez move out: If you need to stay in residence longer than April 30, you must contact the residence office for permission

Visit www.mcgill.ca/importantdates for comprehensive information on holidays, exam schedules and other deadlines.
McGill University’s
Macdonald Campus

Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
21,111 Lakeshore Road
Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue (QC)
H9X 3V9 Canada
Macdonald Campus
driving directions

From Downtown:

Take Highway 20 West from downtown to the Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue exit. Turn left after coming off the highway onto Rue St. Pierre and continue to the end. Turn left onto Rue Ste-Anne/Bord du Lac. Continue straight to the Campus. Turn left at the John Abbott sign after the bus terminal.

OR

Take Highway 40 West (Trans-Canada) from downtown to exit 41, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue.

Once you exit, continue along the Service Road, then follow the road to the right (direction Ch. Ste-Marie) to the top of the hill.

At the stop sign (there is a Macdonald Campus sign), turn right and follow the road over Highway 40 through the farm fields. At the end of the road, turn left onto the Campus.

From the West:

Take Highway 20 East towards Montreal to the Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue exit. Turn right after coming off the highway onto Rue St-Pierre and continue to the end. Turn left onto Rue Ste-Anne/Bord du Lac. Continue straight to the Campus. Turn left at the John Abbott sign after the bus terminal.

OR

Take Highway 40 East (Trans-Canada) towards Montreal to the Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue exit.

Take the 3rd turnoff to the right off the service road by the Macdonald Campus sign and follow the road onto the Campus.