NEWLY ADMITTED (non-CEGEP) STUDENT ARTS OASIS QUICK GUIDE – 2023-2024

OASIS (https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis) welcomes you!

Did you attend Get Ready! / Intro to Course Registration? (May 23 – June 15, 2023)
A series of workshops for newly admitted students designed to help navigate course registration and connect with Faculty virtually. This included two parts: Part 1: How to Register (May 23 – 26) and Part 2: What to Register For (May 29 – June 9). Missed the sessions? Access recordings here, https://www.mcgill.ca/getready/orientation/intro-course-registration

The First Year Guide
The First Year Guide is written by Arts students for Arts students. It aims to answer questions you have as a newly admitted Arts student, and helps you prepare for your first year, whether you are U0 or U1, https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/files/oasis/first_year_guide_2023-2024_web.pdf

Degree Planning
The Degree Planning information on the OASIS website is a useful tool for mapping out your B.A. degree, https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning-guide.

Advanced Standing (Less than 24 Credits) / Freshman Program
Granted less than 24 credits of Advanced Standing? You will be placed in U0 and will need to complete your Freshman Program requirements https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/freshman-u0. Exception: International Baccalaureate students granted 20 advanced standing credits will be placed in U1, may declare their programs and register for program courses, but still need to fulfill their Freshman Program requirements.

Your courses in U0 should be selected from the Approved Freshman Courses list, https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/freshman-u0/approved-freshman-courses.

Advanced Standing (More than 24 Credits)
Arriving with more than 24 credits? You’ll be placed in U1 and you can declare your programs on Minerva, https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/incoming-u1. Know that you’ll be able to make program changes yourself on Minerva, up until you have applied to graduate!

Program Advising
Questions about specific Arts programs, program requirements, courses offered by these programs, or course registration issues? Departmental/Program advisers can help! Departmental website links and contact information to reach program advisers are accessible here, https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/advising/departmental-advising-information.

Advanced Standing Video
Expecting advanced standing credits? Watch this informative and animated video to learn how they may work towards the categories of the Freshman Program, and how they are applied as credits towards your overall B.A. degree, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q361edk-9ql
Confused Whether You Are U0 or U1?

This is a common concern, but no need to worry! Your advanced standing credits are received, assessed, and processed by Enrolment Services at Service Point and you will see them indicated on your record sometime over the summer months. If necessary, follow up with Service Point (https://www.mcgill.ca/servicepoint/) about the status of your advanced standing credits. In the meantime, refer to McGill’s page on “Transfer Credits & Advanced Standing” (https://www.mcgill.ca/students/transfercredit/prospective) and register for courses based on what Advanced Standing credits you are EXPECTING to receive. You’ll have plenty of time to make adjustments to your course selection, right up until the add/drop deadlines of each term!

Important Dates You Need to Know

Did you know that the Add/Drop deadline for Fall 2023 courses is Tuesday, September 12, 2023, and the Add/Drop deadline for Winter 2024 courses is Tuesday, January 16, 2024? For clarification on registration dates and other important dates, see https://mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/register/dates, https://www.mcgill.ca/importantdates/key-dates as well as this tool, https://mcgill.ca/importantdates/.

McGill Arts OASIS Instagram Page

Follow @mcgillartsoasis” on Instagram to receive notifications about upcoming events, live presentations and deadlines, https://instagram.com/mcgillartsoasis?igshid=NTc4MTIwNjQ2YQ==

Arts OASIS Advising Services

Visit our OASIS Advising Services, https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/advising/advising-services. We offer virtual and in-person one-on-one appointments and virtual group advising sessions on topics such as U0 Advising / Degree Planning, U0 Foundation Program Group Advising, U1 Advising for Newly Admitted Students, Express Advising, Faculty Advisors Drop-in, Degree Planning for Study Away, etc https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/ArtsOASIS1@McGill.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/.

Service Point

What is Service Point? This is where you go to inquire about admission-related issues (including the processing of advanced standing credits), ID cards, OPUS cards, International Health Insurance Card, tuition and student accounts, legal documents, registration issues on Minerva, the Deferred and Supplemental Exam Application process, and record technicalities, https://www.mcgill.ca/students/servicepoint/.

More questions?


Further questions after referring to the above links and resources? Send us an email, adviser.arts@mcgill.ca or advisor.arts@mcgill.ca