

## Virtual Advising Fair (4<sup>th</sup> June 2021)

### Introducing the “Bachelor of Theology” program

School of Religious Studies | McGill University

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#### Learning ‘McGill-Speak’

<https://www.mcgill.ca/firstyear/undergraduate/your-first-year/academics>

“frequently used university terminology”

#### The Bachelor of Theology Curriculum

<https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2021-2022/faculties/arts/undergraduate/programs/bachelor-theology-bth-religious-studies>

What is the minimum number of credits you must complete to graduate?

	120 credits (U0)	90 credits (U1)	60 credits (U2)
Required	33	33	33
Complementary	51	36	12
Elective	36	21	15

#### Advanced Standing/Transfer Credits

<https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/university-transfer>

#### Bachelor of Theology or BA (Religious Studies)?

Different and similar: the School of Religious Studies (SRS) is part of the Faculty of Arts, so you can use Arts OASIS, but always remember the BTh is never exactly the same as a BA. Generally, BTh students come under the same arrangements as BA students except where the BTh program is explicitly different: when in any doubt ask the SRS Student Affairs Coordinator or the BTh Academic Advisor.

<https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning-guideF>

<https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new>

#### Course Selection: What courses should I register for in Fall and Winter 2021-22?

A typical full-time course load is 12-15 credits per term/semester.

Use the **Audit Sheets** for 120-credit (U0), 90-credit (U1) or 60-credit (U2) new students:

<https://www.mcgill.ca/religiousstudies/undergraduate/bth>

**TIP:** If you are entering a 120-credit BTh program, do **NOT** follow the guidelines for the BA Freshman U0.

Generally, in U0 start with mostly 200-level RELG complementary courses, especially those that can serve as prerequisites for later 300- and 400-level courses.

Students entering with Advanced Standing (into the 90- or 60-credit program) must take their complementary courses at the 300-level or above.

In U0 and U1 take a few 200-level electives in subjects that interest you (especially if you think you might want to do a Minor Concentration. In U0 and U1 you don't need to take more than one or two required courses per term.

**TIP:** plan your program backwards: ALL BTh students will have to complete the core 33 required credits; these are not all offered every term and some of them have prerequisites. Save MOST of the 33 required credits for U2 and U3 (the last two years of the program).

The following required courses are usually offered in Fall Term:

RELG 303; RELG 309 (you need to do some 200-level credits first); RELG 311; RELG 322; RELG 341;  
RELG 434 and RELG 333 is a prerequisites; RELG 470 (has some prerequisites)

These courses are usually offered in Winter Term:

RELG 302; RELG 312; RELG 323; RELG 333

### **If you are entering the program into U2 (60-credit program):**

... you need to focus on the required courses that are available in each term and add other complementary and elective courses around them. Unless you have strong reasons for adjusting your program (in which case consult the Academic Advisor), take:

**Fall Term 2021:** RELG 341; RELG 303; RELG 311; RELG 322 –and perhaps an elective or complementary (perhaps a prerequisite for RELG 309, if you will need it).

**Winter Term 2022:** RELG 302; RELG 333; RELG 312; RELG 323

### **Create a personal class schedule on “Minerva”**

<https://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/plan/prepare>

### **If a Required or Complementary RELG course is full?**

... you can e-mail [samieun.khan@mcgill.ca](mailto:samieun.khan@mcgill.ca) and we can often help ...

### **Course Requirements**

All required and complementary courses used to fulfil program requirements must be completed with a grade of C or better. Elective courses must be completed with a grade of D or better or S.

[https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2021-2022/faculties/arts/undergraduate/ug\\_arts\\_course\\_reqs](https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2021-2022/faculties/arts/undergraduate/ug_arts_course_reqs)

## Declaring a Minor Concentration

A Minor Concentration in the Faculty of Arts is a program of 18 approved credits taken from a unit's course offerings. BTh students may generally use elective credits to take a Minor Concentration, if they choose.

[https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2021-2022/faculties/arts/undergraduate/ug\\_arts\\_minor\\_concentrations](https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2021-2022/faculties/arts/undergraduate/ug_arts_minor_concentrations)

A B.Th. student who wishes to declare a Minor Concentration should first ask an advisor in the Department offering the intended Minor to e-mail the Department's consent to the B.Th. Chair. The B.Th. Chair will make sure that it is feasible to complete the Minor within the student's credit limit.

## Exceeding your Minimum BTh credit requirement

If you think you may need to exceed the number of credits required for graduation (for example, in order to complete a Minor), be sure to consult the Academic Advisor. For information see:

<https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning-guide/requirements/exceeding-ba-degree-credit-limit>

## McGill Writing Centre courses

The following McGill Writing Centre courses may be used by BTh students **as electives** within their program (restrictions, placement tests and prerequisites may apply):

- CEAP 250 - Research Essay and Rhetoric (3 credits)
- CESL 299 - ESL: Academic English Seminar (3 credits)
- CESL 300 - **ESL Academic English 2** (3 credits)
- CESL 400 - ESL: Essay and Critical Thinking (3 credits)
- CESL 500 - ESL: Research Essay and Rhetoric (3 credits)

## Course Equivalency/Exemption

Have you taken, or would you like to take a course at other institution which you believe may be equivalent to a required or complementary course in the BTh program? Study the following resource, and then discuss the specific issue with the Academic Advisor:

[https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/files/oasis/mcgill\\_course\\_equivalency\\_instructions.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/files/oasis/mcgill_course_equivalency_instructions.pdf)

## When Sending an E-mail for Advising

Use only your *firstname.lastname@mail.mcgill.ca* email address for all official email communications with the School of Religious Studies. Include your student number on all official email communications with your advisor or the Student Affairs Coordinator. The subject of your email should include the topic, your last name, and your student number. Thanks: this helps McGill comply with Quebec privacy laws.