

# U0@Mac

## Freshman program



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## FAES – General Facts

- One-faculty campus
- 1400 undergraduates
- Offers B.Eng. and B.Sc.

## Freshman Program – General Facts

- For students arriving from outside the province of Quebec
- Established in 2008, with 50 students; presently enrolled at 193 students
- Demographics: 1/3 Canadian, 1/3 American, 1/3 international
- Provides tools necessary for transition/adjustment to first year university by using a holistic, personalized, student-centered approach

## Freshman Program – Structure

- Student programming offered by a variety of university services
- Program components:
  - Freshman Seminar
  - advising
  - academic support

## Freshman Program – Freshman Seminar

- Purpose: to integrate support and engagement mechanisms in the curriculum.
- Pass/Fail courses: 0.5 credit/term, 1.5 hours/week
- Consists of mandatory and optional activities.
- Students need to submit a short summary paragraph after each completed activity.

## Freshman Program – Freshman Seminar

- Fall semester mandatory activities:
  - Introduction to university life and expectations
  - Student success series
    - Procrastination / time management – counsellor
    - OSD services
    - Frugal scholar
    - Health services – campus nurse

## Freshman Program – Freshman Seminar

- Fall semester mandatory activities:
  - Healthy McGill – safer partying
  - Rez Project – gender, sexuality, and consent
  - Co-curricular record – myInvolvement/Headstart
  - Engagement and philanthropy
  - Emerging leaders

## Freshman Program – Freshman Seminar

- Winter semester mandatory activities:
  - CaPS and internship office
  - Rez Project – race and colonialism
  - Degree/Major presentations
  - Majors' Fair



## Freshman Program – Freshman Seminar

- Fall/Winter optional activities:
  - Ecomuseum visit
  - Cooking workshop
  - Internship poster presentations
  - NSERC/USRA poster competition
  - Language café
  - Snowshoeing trip

## Freshman Program – Advising

- Prospective students: meetings throughout the year
- Registered students
  - pre-emptive advising for students with advanced standing
  - advising sessions during Orientation week
  - drop-in advising during the term – Doodle poll sign up
  - mandatory advising during midterm assessment
  - emergency/crisis management

## Freshman Program – Academic Support

- Precalculus gateway exam and Precalculus Lab
- Midterm assessment
- Evening tutorials for calculus and physics
- Peer tutoring by TEAM members
- Innovative teaching: active learning methods, two-stage exams, lecture recordings