

BSc Global Option

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1 Introduction

Science students have many strengths and come from a variety of backgrounds. Many of our students, including Quebec students and international students, are multi-lingual. Our students are also very academically strong and potential global leaders. The BSc Global Option is proposed as a way of providing the BSc students with a way of further strengthening their BSc studies.

The Global Option requirements would be completed within the 90 (120) credits of the students degree requirements, and may also overlap with program requirements.

Students completing the requirements would be awarded a BSc with the Global Option (this is similar to the way in which the Internship Option is currently handled). For example, a student in Biology, completing the Global Option would be granted a BSc Biology (Global).

2 Requirements

The requirements include two required elements and one complementary elements.

2.1 Required Elements

Language Course: At least 3 credits of a McGill language course, studying any language which is not the student's 1st language.

Research Course: At least 3 credits of research from any research course which is on the approved research courses for the DMURL.

2.2 Complementary Element

In addition to the required elements, students must complete at least one of the following complementary elements.

Field Studies: Completion of an approved field studies course. Any course which is designated as a field studies course, is open to Science students, and which involves a significant non-local element. (An informal definition of "non-locality" is a field study that requires traveling and staying for a period of time outside of Montreal). A list of pre-approved courses will be posted on the Global Options web site. Courses not on the pre-approved list may be approved by the Global Options Coordinator.

Internship: Completion of an Industrial Practicum Course or the Internship Year in Science.

Exchange: At least one term as an exchange student at a university outside of Montreal.

“Global” courses offered from other faculties: At least three credits from a McGill course with a substantial Global component. Such courses must be at the 200-level or above, and may not be a “General Interest” type of course. Courses from both within Science and in other faculties may be used to satisfy this requirement. A list of pre-approved courses will be listed on the Global Options web site. Courses not on the pre-approved list may be approved by the Global Options Coordinator.

3 Administration

The Global Option will be administered by the Global Options Coordinator, who will be appointed by the Dean. Students who wish to qualify for the Global Option will complete a form detailing how they have satisfied the two required and one complementary requirements. This form should be completed before the student's last term of studies.