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1 Application

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The academic year at McGill is made up of two sessions, the fall/winter or regular session, and the summer session. These are subdivided into the fall term (or semester), September to December; the winter term (or semester), January to May; and the four months of the summer session (May, June, July and August). While the majority of students enter in September, it is possible to be considered for admission to some undergraduate programs in January.

The Admissions, Recruitment and Registrar's Office (ARR) handles admission to the programs contained in this Calendar, with the exception of the Faculties of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Music, and Religious Studies which have their own admissions offices. See the faculty sections for further information.

Applicants to Agricultural and Environmental Sciences follow the instructions on the paper application or electronic application.

Applications to Music and to the Concurrent B.Ed./B.Mus. program (and all related documents, transcripts and correspondence) should be sent to the Faculty of Music Admissions Office. (Those wishing to follow a B.A. program in Music must apply for entry to the Faculty of Arts.)

Applicants to the B.Th. program should contact the Faculty of Religious Studies directly. (Those wishing to follow a B.A. program in Religious Studies must apply for entry to the Faculty of Arts.)

1.1 Application Deadlines

Applications must be submitted via the Web, or postmarked, on or before the dates listed. Late applications for admission may be considered in some cases, but this is not guaranteed.

Supporting documents should be sent as soon as they are available. If received before the application form, they will be kept on file for one year.

Note: Individuals who wish to be considered for scholarships and/or residence accommodation must submit their application and the supporting documents by the dates listed below. **Deadlines cannot be extended for scholarships or for residences.**

1.1.1 Application Deadlines for September Admission

January 15

Candidates studying outside Canada, unless otherwise indicated.

Music: candidates who wish to do the February Music Entrance Scholarship auditions.

February 1

Candidates studying in high schools in Canadian provinces other than Quebec, unless otherwise indicated.

March 1

Candidates studying in CEGEP in Quebec, unless otherwise indicated.

Candidates with previous or current university studies.

Mature student candidates.

Music: all remaining candidates.

May 1

Exchange students: all faculties (except Music).

June 1

Theology (Faculty of Religious Studies): all candidates.

July 1

Special and Visiting students, unless otherwise indicated.

1.1.2 Application Deadlines For January Admission

Please note that the issue of January admission for some applicant pools is currently under review.

Subject to the availability of places, it is possible to apply for January admission to Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Arts, Education (except Elementary and Secondary Education), Engineering (except Computer, Electrical, and Mechanical Engineering), Management, Science, Theology (Faculty of Religious Studies), and some programs in Music.

If applications for January admission to these programs cannot be considered because of enrolment limitations, students will be notified that their applications will be reviewed for the following September.

May 1

Exchange students: all faculties (except Music).

September 1

Candidates studying outside the province of Quebec, unless otherwise indicated.

November 1

Candidates studying in the province of Quebec, unless otherwise indicated.

Music: Canadians and Permanent Residents only.

Special and Visiting students.

Theology (Faculty of Religious Studies): all candidates.

1.1.3 Application Deadline for May Admission, Special B.S.W. only

December 1 – Special B.S.W. only: all candidates.

1.2 Application Fee

All applications must be accompanied by a non-refundable fee, in Canadian or U.S. funds only, payable by certified cheque or money order. (The Admissions, Recruitment and Registrar's Office and the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Studies also accept payment by credit card – American Express, Mastercard, or Visa.) The fee is \$50 for an electronic application; \$60 for a paper application. McGill does not offer application fee waivers.

Applicants to the Faculty of Music must also submit a separate, non-refundable audition fee of \$35.

1.3 Application Forms

Applicants with access to the Web can save money and speed up the receipt and initial processing of their application by completing and submitting the electronic form available on the ARR website (<http://www.aro.mcgill.ca>).

The electronic application can be used to apply to undergraduate programs in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Arts, Architecture, Dietetics and Human Nutrition, Education, Engineering, Management, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Science, and Social Work.

It can be used by Special, Visiting, or Exchange students, as well as regular applicants.

Paper applications are also available and may be obtained by completing the request for undergraduate admission information on the ARR website, or by emailing, writing, or telephoning the Admissions, Recruitment and Registrar's Office.

1.4 Entrance Scholarships and Awards

McGill University has an extensive program of entrance awards to recognize and honour scholarship. Awards range in value from \$2,000 renewable to \$10,000 renewable and are based on outstanding academic achievement or a combination of outstanding academic achievement and leadership qualities. Finalists for the scholarships valued at \$5,000 or more may be interviewed. In addition, there is a possibility of further financial support for needy students.

All renewable awards are tenable until completion of an undergraduate degree, up to a maximum of four years, provided the criteria for renewal are met. For the renewal of entrance scholar-

ships, students must complete at least 27 credits in the regular academic session, exclusive of courses completed under the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory option.

Those students who meet the following eligibility conditions are encouraged to apply for entrance awards:

- Students entering a university for the first time to undertake a full-time undergraduate degree program (transfer students are not eligible).
- Students who are in the top 5% of their class based on the last two years of full-time studies.

The admissions application package provides detailed information on entrance awards. Students wishing to be considered for awards must submit the admission application and all supporting scholarship documents by the appropriate admission application deadline. Students who submit these documents will be considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible. There are no separate applications for scholarships and students do not apply for individual scholarships.

If the paper application is used, documents in support of a scholarship application must be submitted together with the completed application form.

If the electronic application is used, both the supporting documents sent under separate cover and the application must be submitted by the specified deadline.

1.5 Residences Application and Acceptance

Please note that the procedure governing residence admission is entirely separate from that of University admission. There is, however, no separate application form for admission to residence. Applicants who wish to be considered for residence accommodation simply indicate that when they complete their Application for Admission to McGill University.

No applicant will be considered for residence until official acceptance to McGill is received.

The residence fees for the 2000-01 session had not been set at the time this Calendar went to print. An up-dated fee sheet and instructions regarding payment of fees will be sent with the residence contract when an offer of accommodation is made. New rates will be calculated from those of the 1999-2000 session plus inflation.

The University is able to house in residence approximately 1,600 students. Late applications are considered only after those received on time. If no space is available, an offer to be placed on a waiting list may be extended.

For information regarding residences at McGill, refer to [page 37](#).

1.6 Financial Aid

1.6.1 Federal and Provincial Student Assistance

A basic qualification is that the applicant must be a Canadian citizen. Certain categories of Permanent Residents may also be eligible. All government loan programs operate exclusively on the basis of financial need.

Students apply directly to their province or territory of residence. Application forms are available from the governmental authorities as well as the Student Aid Office. Information on governmental student aid and links to sites can be found on McGill's Financial Aid website (<http://www.mcgill.ca/stuserv/aid/aid.htm>).

1.6.2 Citizens and Permanent Residents of the United States

Stafford Loans (subsidized and unsubsidized) and parental loans (PLUS) are available for studies at McGill. Students should submit a FAFSA application to have their financial needs assessed. The resulting SAR and a Master Promissory Note (Stafford Application) should be submitted to the Student Aid Office. Students may contact the Office for information on alternative loan programs but should also check with banks and other lending organizations in the U.S.

1.6.3 McGill Loans and Bursaries

Applications for McGill loans and bursaries on the basis of financial need should be directed to the Student Aid Office, McGill University, 3600 McTavish Street, Montreal, QC, H3A 1Y2. All applicants for aid must first apply for the maximum government assistance for which they may be eligible.

With the exception of scholarship holders, **loans and bursaries may only be applied for once the student is in attendance.**

1.7 Immigration Information

Students other than Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents of Canada must obtain proper authorization from both Quebec and Canadian Immigration officials prior to proceeding to Canada and/or commencing studies. The process begins with a Letter of Acceptance from McGill University.

A pamphlet which describes Canadian immigration regulations in detail, and which contains notes and guidance for students from other countries, is available from all Canadian embassies, consular offices and immigration offices.

In addition, the International Student Adviser prepares a detailed handbook for international students which is sent to all accepted applicants. For further information, please contact International Student Services, Brown Student Services Building, 3600 McTavish Street, Room 3215, Montreal, QC H3A 1Y2. Telephone (514) 398-4349. Website: <http://www.mcgill.ca/stuserv> Email: intlad@stuserv.lan.mcgill.ca.

1.7.1 Sponsorship of Non-Resident Minors

Students, **other than** Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents, who have not yet reached the age of eighteen (18) years who wish to study in Canada must show proof that there is a legal sponsor in Canada to act as guardian until the date of the student's 18th birthday. Two documents are needed to complete this process. The first is a notarized letter from the student's parents authorizing a specific individual in Canada to act as the official sponsor until the specified date of the 18th birthday. The second document is the certified letter from the Canadian sponsor acknowledging and accepting the conditions of sponsorship. These documents must be submitted with the application to both Quebec and Canada Immigration.

For students without family or friends in Montreal who can provide sponsorship, the notarized letter of authorization can be made out to the Dean of Students, McGill University, c/o International Student Services, Brown Student Services Building, Room 3215, 3600 McTavish Street, Montreal, Quebec, H3A 1Y2. Telephone: (514) 398-4349.

Further clarification of any of the regulations governing student status in Quebec can be provided by the nearest Canadian Embassy or Consulate.

2 Admission Requirements

For admission information for:

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Architecture, Arts, Dietetics and Human Nutrition, Education, Engineering, Management, Science – see this section.

Music (B.Mus.) – see Faculty of Music section.

(Those wishing to follow a B.A. program in Music must apply for entry to the Faculty of Arts.)

Social Work – see School of Social Work in the Faculty of Arts section.

Theology (B.Th.) – see Faculty of Religious Studies section. (Those wishing to follow a B.A. program in Religious Studies must apply for entry to the Faculty of Arts.)

Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, and Physical and Occupational Therapy – see the Health Sciences Calendar, available on the Web (<http://www.aro.mcgill.ca>).

Law – see the Faculty of Law Calendar, available on the Web (<http://www.aro.mcgill.ca>).

Note that admission to McGill is competitive, and fulfilment of the minimum entrance requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

The general criteria for admission are outlined below to serve as a guide for potential applicants. For some programs there are additional requirements such as letters of reference or interviews. In all cases, full information is contained in the application package. Although the Admissions, Recruitment and Registrar's Office staff are always pleased to meet prospective students, a personal interview is not required for admission to most programs.

2.1 Enrolment Limits

The number of applicants who meet the minimum requirements for admission to most programs is usually considerably in excess of the available places.

Applicants are encouraged to indicate a second choice of program on their application form. If not offered admission to the first choice of program, the applicant will automatically be considered for the second choice.

An applicant whose request for admission has been denied may submit a written request for review of the admissions decision. Please note that the University may impose a re-read fee, which will be credited to the applicant's account in the event of a reversed decision. For a formal admission appeal there is a charge of \$100.

2.2 Proof of Proficiency in English

The language of instruction at McGill is English. Some courses are offered in French. Every student has a right to write term papers, examinations and theses in English or in French except in courses where knowledge of a language is one of the objectives of the course.

Applicants are not required to submit proof of proficiency in English if they meet **one** of the following conditions: their mother tongue/first language is English; or they have completed both Secondary V and a Diploma of Collegial Studies in Quebec; or they have studied for five or more years in an institution where English is the primary language of instruction.

All other applicants must demonstrate proficiency in English, using one of the following four options:

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

with a minimum score of 550 on the paper-based test or 213 on the computer-based test. (Changes in minimum score requirements for some programs are currently under discussion.)

University of Michigan English Language Test

with a minimum mark of 85%.

International English Language Testing Systems (IELTS)

with a minimum band score of 6.5.

McGill Certificate of Proficiency in English.

For further information contact the Department of Languages and Translation, Centre for Continuing Education, 680 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, Quebec, H3A 3R1. Telephone (514) 398-6160. Email: info@conted.lan.mcgill.ca

Note: Outside of Canada and the United States, TOEFL is generally given every second month. Closing dates for registration are about five weeks before the test date. The results of the paper-based test reach McGill approximately eight weeks after the test has been completed and the computer-based test results reach McGill approximately three weeks after the test has been completed. An institutional version of TOEFL is not acceptable.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the results are sent to the appropriate McGill admissions office directly from the TOEFL Office. The institutional code for the Admissions, Recruitment and Registrar's Office is 0935-00. (Only indicate a departmental code if test results are to be directed to the faculties of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences [CODE 0864], Music, or Religious Studies [21].)

It is important that the TOEFL score report, the application for admission, and supporting documents all carry the same name with the same spelling.

2.3 Placement Tests in Mathematics and Basic Sciences

Applicants from outside Quebec who believe that they have taken the equivalent of one or more introductory college level science courses (algebra, calculus, biology, chemistry, physics) but who do not have acceptable certification to that effect, should inquire at the Admissions, Recruitment and Registrar's Office as to their eligibility to take placement examinations at McGill for credit. Normally these examinations will be held prior to, or during the first week of classes.

Prior to their first registration, students entering the Faculty of Engineering from a Quebec CEGEP program are eligible to receive advanced credit in 189-260 Intermediate Calculus upon successful completion of the Advanced Credit Examination. See the Engineering entry below.

2.4 Applicants from Quebec CEGEPs

(CEGEP: Collège d'enseignement général et professionnel/ College of General and Professional Education.)

Holders of the Diplôme d'études collégiales (DEC)/Diploma of Collegial Studies (DCS) are considered for admission to the first year of a program requiring the completion of a minimum of 90 credits, unless otherwise noted.

Students who complete the "DEC en sciences, lettres et arts" may be considered for any undergraduate university program. Students with a "DEC en sciences, lettres et arts" have normally taken the equivalent of and are therefore exempt from the basic science courses in biology, chemistry, mathematics and statistics, and physics.

Students who have completed a technical or professional DEC will be considered for admission on an individual basis.

Applicants who have completed a French Baccalaureate or an International Baccalaureate in Quebec are also considered for admission to the first year of a program requiring the completion of a minimum of 90 credits, unless otherwise noted.

The course numbers listed below are the CEGEP course numbers which are standard throughout Quebec.

Possession of the DEC does not guarantee admission.

Admission to Arts, Education, Engineering, Management and Science will be based on the *cote de rendement au collégial (cote r)*; both the overall *cote r* and the *cote r* in prerequisite courses.

Admission to Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Architecture, Nursing, Physical and Occupational Therapy, Religious Studies and Social Work will be based on overall average and marks in prerequisite courses. (Discussions are underway regarding future use of *cote r* for these programs as well.)

In all cases, consideration will be given to the number of failures and the length of time taken to complete the program.

The new CEGEP course numbers for nine basic courses follow the old numbers in brackets. Biology 301 (101-NYA-05); Chemistry 101, 201 (202-NYA-05, 202-NYB-05); Mathematics 103, 203, 105 (201-NYA-05, 201-NYB-05, 201-NYC-05); Physics 101, 201, 301 (203-NYA-05, 203-NYB-05, 203-NYC-05). Note, that there are no longer common course codes for Biology 401 and Chemistry 202; the equivalent material is given under different numbers at each CEGEP.

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Dietetics and Human Nutrition:

A DEC in Science or equivalent. In addition, the following courses (or new equivalents) are required: B.Sc.(Agr.Eng) – Mathematics 201-105; B.Sc.(Nutr.Sc.) – Biology 101-401 and Chemistry 202-202. Applicants to the B.Sc.(Agr.) Major in Economics will be considered with a minimum of Mathematics 201-103 and 201-203, if accepted, students will then be required to complete the equivalent of CEGEP Physics 203-101, Chemistry 202-101, and Biology 101-301 in addition to the regular program requirements.

Architecture: A DEC in Science which includes Mathematics 201-103, 201-203, 201-105; Chemistry 202-101, 202-201; Physics 203-101, 203-201, 203-301 (or the new equivalents). A bound 8½" x 11" portfolio is required of all applicants. Applicants who have

completed a DEC in Architectural Technology also need the above prerequisites and a reference letter from the head of their department.

Arts: A DEC in any program. Particular attention is paid to marks in English and humanities or French and philosophy courses.

It is recommended that applicants in the social sciences or commerce programs who plan to apply for admission to a Bachelor of Arts program in Psychology complete the following courses: one course in Intro. Psych, either 350-101 or 350-102; one course in Biology, either 101-301, 101-401, 101-911 or 101-921; one course in Intro. Stats, either Mathematics 201-307 or 201-337, or Quantitative Methods 360-300 with Mathematics 201-300.

It is recommended that students who plan to apply for admission to the McGill School of Environment B.A. Faculty Program complete Mathematics 201-103 and 201-203 (or new equivalents).

Students applying to the Foundations of Computing program should take Mathematics 201-103, 201-203, and 201-105 (or new equivalents).

If necessary, equivalent courses may be taken at McGill in the first year.

Education: A DEC in any program. Particular attention is paid to marks in English or French courses. Applicants to the Concurrent programs, the B.Sc./B.Ed. and the B.Ed./B.Mus. must meet the requirements of both faculties. All programs, except Kinesiology (minimum of 90 credits) require the completion of a minimum of 120 credits; some programs are longer. Concurrent B.Ed./B.Mus. applications must be submitted to the Faculty of Music Admissions Office.

Engineering: A DEC in Science which includes Mathematics 201-103, 201-203, 201-105; Chemistry 202-101, 202-201; Physics 203-101, 203-201, 203-301 (or new equivalents). All programs in Engineering are a minimum of seven semesters. Prior to their first registration, students entering the Faculty of Engineering from a Quebec CEGEP program are eligible to receive advanced credit in 189-260 Intermediate Calculus upon successful completion of the Advanced Credit Examination. That examination which is given in June, will cover material that is similar to the syllabus of the CEGEP Calculus III (Mathematics 201-303) course. In all engineering programs, students who are successful in the exam will automatically have the number of credits required for the completion of their program reduced by three.

Management: A DEC which includes Mathematics 201-103, 201-203, and 201-105 (or new equivalents). The University recognizes and stresses the desirability for students to receive as broadly based a background as possible in their CEGEP program before proceeding to a Bachelor of Commerce degree. To this end, the applicant is strongly discouraged from taking commerce-oriented courses while in the pre-university program.

Music: A DEC in Music or equivalent. Applicants with a DEC in a field other than Music must have the equivalent Music prerequisites. Applicants must have keyboard skills sufficient to use the piano as a tool in their studies; admissibility to any program is determined by audition.

Science: A DEC in Science or equivalent. Students intending to follow the programs listed below are advised to complete CEGEP Mathematics 201-105 (or new equivalent) or Biology 101-401 and Chemistry 202-202, depending on the program, in addition to the basic science profile in order to ensure a smooth transition to the University program.

Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, Computer Science, Physics – Mathematics 201-105 (or new equivalent).

Anatomical Sciences, Biochemistry, Biology, Interdepartmental Honours program in Immunology, Microbiology and Immunology, Physiology, Physiology and Physics – Biology 101-401 and Chemistry 202-202.

Although the patterns of study described above are strongly recommended, students who have obtained a DEC with other concentrations will be considered for admission.

Applicants to the Concurrent B.Sc./B.Ed. must meet the entrance requirements of both Faculties.

Social Work: A DEC in any discipline. Particular attention is paid to marks in English or French courses. Preference is given to those who have had social work-related experience, paid or volunteer, and to those who demonstrate personal suitability for the profession.

Theology (Faculty of Religious Studies): A DEC in any discipline.

2.5 Applicants from High Schools in Provinces of Canada other than Quebec

Ontario applicants must have completed the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) with six or more appropriate Ontario Academic Credits (OACs.) Effective September 2000, revisions to the admissions criteria for Ontario high school students have been approved for the Faculties of Arts, Education, Engineering, Management and Science. The revised admission criteria will focus primarily on the top six OAC courses including specified prerequisite courses, rather than all OACs. This change brings McGill's admissions methodology more in line with those of Ontario universities. Note that the admissions criteria for the Schools of Architecture, Nursing, Physical and Occupational Therapy remain unchanged at this time. (Discussions are underway regarding future focus on top six OACs for these programs as well.) In addition to the OACs, courses completed at the previous level (usually level 4 courses) will also be taken into consideration. **For Ontario applicants the prerequisites referred to below are all at the OAC level.**

Applicants from provinces other than Ontario and Quebec must hold a Grade 12 diploma and prerequisites referred to below are all at the Grade 12 level.

The application is reviewed taking into account the overall record of study and individual marks in relevant subjects completed in Grade 11 and 12 and/or OAC level. Where students have studied in a school where French is the main language of instruction, the prerequisite English courses may instead be French courses.

Students are normally admitted to a program requiring the completion of a minimum of 120 credits; some programs are longer.

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Dietetics and Human Nutrition: Grade 12 mathematics and two of biology, chemistry or physics (Ontario - OAC calculus or algebra and geometry and two of OAC biology, chemistry or physics).

Architecture: Grade 12 - English, mathematics (precalculus) plus chemistry and physics. (Ontario - OAC English, calculus or algebra and geometry plus OAC chemistry and physics.) A bound 8½" x 11" portfolio is required of all applicants. As admission is competitive, applicants to Architecture may wish to indicate Engineering or Science as a second choice on their application and, upon completion of first year basic mathematics and sciences, apply for an inter-faculty transfer to Architecture. The total length of the program is the same in both cases.

Arts: Grade 12 - English (Ontario - OAC English).

Education: Grade 12 - English (Ontario - OAC English). In addition, applicants to the Concurrent B.Sc./B.Ed. degree require Grade 12 mathematics (precalculus) and normally at least two of biology, chemistry or physics. (Ontario applicants to the Concurrent B.Sc./B.Ed. degree require OAC calculus or algebra and geometry and two of OAC biology, chemistry or physics.) Applicants to the Concurrent programs, the B.Sc./B.Ed. and the B.Ed./B.Mus. must meet the requirements of each faculty. Concurrent B.Ed./B.Mus. applications must be submitted to the Faculty of Music Admissions Office.

Engineering: Grade 12 - English, mathematics (pre-calculus), chemistry and physics. (Ontario - OAC calculus or algebra and geometry, OAC chemistry and physics.)

Management: Grade 12 - English, mathematics (pre-calculus). (Ontario - OAC calculus or algebra and geometry, and English.)

Music: No specific prerequisite courses. Applicants must have keyboard skills sufficient to use the piano as a tool in their studies; admissibility to any program is determined by audition.

Science: Grade 12 - mathematics (pre-calculus) and at least two of biology, chemistry or physics. (Ontario - calculus or algebra and geometry, and at least two of OAC biology, chemistry or physics.)

Social Work, and Theology (Faculty of Religious Studies): No entry directly from high school.

2.6 Applicants from High Schools in the United States

The application is reviewed taking into account the overall record of study and individual marks in relevant subjects completed in Grades 10, 11, and 12. Students must hold a high school graduation diploma from a regionally accredited school.

Applicants completing a U.S. high school program must write College Entrance Examination Board tests including the SAT I and three appropriate SAT IIs. ACTs are an acceptable substitute for SAT I and SAT II. Applicants will be considered for admission to a program requiring the completion of a minimum of 120 credits; some programs are longer. Students who have completed Advanced Placement Examinations in appropriate subjects with a grade of "4" or better may be granted advanced standing, up to a maximum of 30 credits.

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Dietetics and Human Nutrition: A pre-calculus course in functions, and at least two of biology, chemistry, and physics. SAT IIs must include mathematics and at least one science.

Architecture: A pre-calculus course in functions, plus chemistry and physics. A bound 8½" x 11" portfolio is required of all applicants. SAT IIs must include mathematics and chemistry or physics. Admission is competitive and applicants may wish to indicate Engineering or Science as a second choice on their application and, upon completion of first year basic mathematics and sciences, apply for an inter-faculty transfer to Architecture. The total length of the program is the same in both cases.

Arts: Grade 12 English. SAT IIs must include English.

Education: Grade 12 English. SAT IIs must include English. In addition, applicants to the Concurrent B.Sc./B.Ed. degree require a pre-calculus course in functions, and at least two of biology, chemistry, or physics. SAT IIs should include two of biology, chemistry, mathematics, or physics. Applicants to the Concurrent B.Ed./B.Mus. must meet the requirements of both faculties and apply through the Faculty of Music Admissions Office.

Engineering: Pre-calculus, chemistry and physics. SAT IIs must include mathematics, and chemistry or physics.

Management: Pre-calculus and Grade 12 English. SAT IIs should include mathematics.

Music: No specific prerequisites. Applicants must have keyboard skills sufficient to use the piano as a tool in their studies; admissibility to any program is determined by audition.

Science: Pre-calculus and at least two of biology, chemistry or physics. SAT IIs should include two of biology, chemistry, mathematics, or physics.

Social Work, and Theology (Faculty of Religious Studies): No entry directly from high school.

2.7 International Applicants – General

Applicants are considered for admission to either three-year (90 credit) or four-year (120 credit) programs in most faculties, depending on their background and qualifications. Some programs are longer. The normal basis for review of a file is completion of the credentials which lead to university admission in the applicant's country of study.

It is advisable to write College Entrance Examination Board SAT I and SAT II tests to support the application.

Direct entry to Social Work or Theology (Faculty of Religious Studies) is not possible from high school.

2.8 Applicants with Advanced Level Examinations

Applicants are expected to have completed (or be in the process of completing) three Advanced Level papers. Students with Advanced Level examination results which are appropriate to the intended program of studies will be considered for advanced standing and credit once the results are received directly from the Examination Board. A maximum of 30 credits can be granted for Advanced Level papers and a maximum of 10 credits for papers in Mathematics. Credit is normally granted only for grades of "C" or better. It is expected that applicants will have completed five appropriate G.C.S.E. subjects at the Ordinary Level, including English language. Length of program will usually be between 90 and 120 credits; some programs are longer.

Students who have a very good academic record in Lower Form VI and excellent results in at least five G.C.S.E. subjects at the Ordinary Level may be considered for admission to a program requiring the completion of a minimum of 120 credits.

(Changes in admission requirements for some programs are currently under discussion.)

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Dietetics and Human Nutrition: Advanced Level examinations in chemistry, physics, and mathematics with a grade of "C" or better.

Arts and Education: Three Advanced Level examinations with an average grade of "C" or better, with not more than one subject having a grade of "D". Ten credits may be granted for each subject with a maximum of 10 credits for mathematics. Applications to the Concurrent B.Ed./B.Mus. must meet the requirements of both faculties and be submitted to the Faculty of Music Admissions Office.

Engineering and Architecture: Three Advanced Level examinations with a minimum grade of "C" or better in chemistry, mathematics and physics. Applicants who have these subjects at G.C.S.E. level, but not Advanced level, may be considered for admission to an extended Engineering program. Applicants who have only one or two of these at Advanced Level and all at G.C.S.E. level may be considered for admission to an extended Architecture program. Admission to Architecture, Computer Engineering, and Electrical Engineering is highly competitive and applicants must have a very strong academic record.

A bound 8½" x 11" portfolio is required of all applicants to Architecture. As admission to Architecture is competitive, applicants may wish to indicate Engineering or Science as a second choice and, upon completion of first year basic mathematics and sciences, apply for an inter-faculty transfer to Architecture. The total length of the program is the same in both cases.

Management: Three Advanced Level examinations with an average grade of "C" or better with not more than one paper having a grade of "D"; applicants must normally have Advanced Level results in mathematics with a grade of "C" or better.

Music: Three Advanced Level examinations. Applicants must have keyboard skills sufficient to use the piano as a tool in their studies; admissibility to any program is determined by audition.

Science and Concurrent B.Sc./B.Ed.: Three Advanced Level examinations with an average grade of "C" or better. Applicants are expected to have completed mathematics and two subjects from biology, chemistry or physics at Advanced or G.C.S.E. level. Ten credits may be granted for each Advanced Level with a maximum of 10 credits for mathematics. Six credits may be granted for papers in non-science subjects. No credit is given for a grade of "D"

Social Work, and Theology (Faculty of Religious Studies): No entry directly from high school.

2.9 Applicants with the French Baccalaureate

Students must obtain the Diploma in the "Premier groupe". The normal minimum requirement is "Mention assez bien". For some programs, students with "Mention passable" may be considered. (Changes in admission requirements for some programs are currently under discussion.) Applicants are normally accepted to a minimum 90-credit program; some programs are longer.

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Dietetics and Human Nutrition: Diploma in Series S.

Arts and Education: Diploma in Series L, ES, or S. Applicants to the Concurrent B.Sc./B.Ed. degree require Diploma in Series S; grades of "10" or better in mathematics, biological sciences, and physical sciences; applicants with a Diploma in Series L or ES may be considered on an individual basis. Applicants to the Concurrent programs, the B.Sc./B.Ed. and the B.Ed./B.Mus. must meet the requirements of both faculties. Concurrent B.Ed./B.Mus. applications must be submitted to the Faculty of Music Admissions Office.

Engineering and Architecture: Diploma in Series S with no courses below "10", grades of "10" or better in mathematics and physical sciences are required for Engineering and "11" or better for Architecture with an "assez bien". An 8½" x 11" bound portfolio is required of all applicants to Architecture.

Management: Diploma in Series ES or S; grades of "11" or better in mathematics.

Music: Diploma in Series L, ES, or S. Applicants must have keyboard skills sufficient to use the piano as a tool in their studies; admissibility to any program is determined by audition.

Science: Diploma in Series S; grades of "10" or better in mathematics, biological sciences, and physical sciences. Applicants with a Diploma in Series L or ES may be considered on an individual basis.

Social Work: Diploma in Series L, ES, or S. Preference is given to those who have had social work-related experience, paid or volunteer, and those who demonstrate personal suitability for the social work profession.

Theology (Faculty of Religious Studies): Direct entry is not normally possible.

2.10 Applicants with the International Baccalaureate

Applicants who have completed the International Baccalaureate Diploma or individual Certificates will be considered for admission to a program requiring the completion of a minimum of 120 credits; some programs are longer. Normally grades of "5" or better are expected on both Higher and Standard Level papers.

When the official IB examination results are received from the IB Office, advanced standing and credit are granted for Higher Level Examinations with grades of "5" or better in subjects appropriate to the intended program of study. With some exceptions, 10 credits are granted for each Higher Level result of "5" or better if part of a full diploma, and six credits for each Higher Level Certificate. A maximum of 30 credits is granted for International Baccalaureate results. Mathematical Methods is the minimum qualification for any program for which mathematics is a prerequisite.

Agricultural and Environmental Science, Dietetics and Human Nutrition, Science, and Concurrent B.Sc./B.Ed.:

Higher or Standard Level mathematics and normally two of biology, chemistry, or physics. Ten advanced standing credits may be granted for mathematics and science Higher Level subjects completed within the IB Diploma, up to the maximum of 30 credits, while six credits will be granted for non-science Higher Level examinations taken as part of the Diploma or as Higher Level Certificate subjects.

Arts and Education: No specific prerequisites. Applications to the Concurrent B.Ed./B.Mus. must meet the requirements of both faculties and be submitted to the Faculty of Music Admissions Office.

Engineering and Architecture: Higher or Standard Level mathematics, chemistry and physics, at least one of which must be a Higher Level for Architecture. Admission to Architecture, Computer Engineering, and Electrical Engineering is highly competitive and applicants must have a very strong academic record. A bound 8½" x 11" portfolio is required of applicants to Architecture.

Management: Higher Level mathematics is expected; candidates with Mathematical Methods will be considered on an individual basis.

Music: No specific prerequisites. Applicants must have keyboard skills sufficient to use the piano as a tool in their studies; admissibility to any program is determined by audition.

Social Work: No specific prerequisites. Preference is given to those who have had social work-related experience, paid or volunteer, and those who demonstrate personal suitability for the social work profession.

Theology (Faculty of Religious Studies): Direct entry is not normally possible.

2.11 Applicants transferring from other Universities or Colleges

McGill University welcomes applications from well-qualified students in other institutions who wish to transfer into a McGill undergraduate program.

Transfer students are considered on the basis of both their pre university and university studies and are expected to have been eligible on the basis of both. Normally applicants must have completed, or be in the process of completing, a full year of university studies in order to apply under the transfer policy. They must have a well above average academic record. Credit will be granted for work completed in university courses appropriate to the McGill program which they wish to enter, but admissibility and the transfer credit evaluation can only be determined after the formal application and all necessary supporting documents have been received. In order to qualify for a McGill degree, a minimum of 60 credits taken over at least four semesters must be completed at McGill.

Students who have completed college studies outside Quebec will be considered on an individual basis. Studies in certain types of institutions do not constitute a basis for admission.

Agricultural and Environmental Science, Dietetics and Human Nutrition, Science, and Concurrent B.Sc./B.Ed.: Basic science requirements are: one semester of biology; two semesters of general chemistry, with labs; two semesters of physics (including mechanics, electricity and magnetism, waves and optics), with labs, and two semesters of differential and integral calculus. A minimum of two semesters of calculus plus two semesters of biology, chemistry or physics (four courses in all, plus labs) are normally required for admission.

Arts, Education, Social Work: no specific prerequisites. Applicants to the Concurrent B.Ed./B.Mus. must meet the requirements of both faculties and apply to the Faculty of Music Admissions Office.

Engineering and Architecture: Basic science requirements are: two semesters of differential and integral calculus; one semester of linear algebra; two semesters of physics, with labs, (including mechanics, electricity and magnetism, waves and optics); and two semesters of general chemistry, with labs. Students with a minimum of two semesters of calculus plus two semesters of chemistry or physics will be considered on an individual basis.

Since admission to Architecture, Computer Engineering, and Electrical Engineering is highly competitive, applicants must normally have completed all of the required university-level courses listed above.

A bound 8½" x 11" portfolio is required of all applicants to Architecture. Applicants who have previously studied in an architecture program must also arrange for a reference letter to be sent by the head of their program and, if accepted, they will be considered for advanced standing by the School of Architecture.

Management: Prerequisites are two semesters of differential and integral calculus; applicants transferring from a Quebec university must also have one semester of linear algebra.

Music: No specific prerequisites. Applicants must have keyboard skills sufficient to use the piano as a tool in their studies; admissibility to any program is determined by audition.

Theology (Faculty of Religious Studies): Contact the Faculty for information.

2.12 Application to programs requiring prior completion of a Bachelor's Degree

"An undergraduate degree" is defined as being either a three-year degree following a CEGEP Diploma (or equivalent advanced standing) or a four-year degree following high school.

Diploma in Environment: A degree with a minimum CGPA of 2.70. Registration may be in Arts or in Science.

Meteorology Diploma: Candidates with suitable standing in mathematics, engineering, physics or other appropriate disciplines may apply to this program.

Music - Artist Diploma: A Bachelor of Music degree in Performance, the Licentiate in Music of the McGill Faculty of Music, or the equivalent. Admissibility is determined by audition.

Social Work - Special B.S.W.: The 48-credit Special B.S.W. program is open to applicants who hold a Bachelor's degree, as specified, with a high B average and have had paid and/or volunteer work experience in the field.

2.13 Holders of a first degree seeking a second Bachelor's Degree

Students who already have a bachelor's degree and wish to obtain a second bachelor's degree in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Arts, Engineering, Management, or Science will, if admitted, be required to complete a minimum of 60 credits (66 for Management) plus completion of any prerequisite courses not previously completed.

Education: Applicants who will have completed a bachelor's degree by August 1 of the entering year will be admitted with some advanced standing depending on their educational background and the B.Ed. degree requirements.

Theology (Faculty of Religious Studies): Applications are accepted from candidates with a minimum CGPA of 2.70 whether or not the degree contains courses in religion or theology. Such candidates may apply for admission to the joint B.Th./M.Div. program.

2.14 Mature Student Admission

Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents who lack the academic background normally required for admission may apply for entrance as Mature students if:

- they are at least 23, unless otherwise specified, by September 1 (for admission to the fall semester) or January 1 (for admission to the winter semester);
- they do not have college or university level studies, completed within the five-year period prior to the application, which would constitute a basis for admission. Applicants who have completed college or university studies but have achieved results that are not competitive must complete more advanced studies with a high level of achievement at another college or university before reapplying;
- they have completed a minimum number of appropriate courses, as specified below, within the three-year period prior to the time of application. (Applicants who have completed 24 or more credits at the university level will be assessed as transfer students and must meet the transfer student requirements.)

Individuals interested in being considered for entrance under this policy should contact the appropriate Admissions Office for further information. Entry to some programs is highly competitive.

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Dietetics and Human Nutrition, and Science: Applicants must have completed a minimum of a course in functions and at least two of biology, chemistry, or physics, at the college or university level, each with a grade of 75% or better.

Architecture: Applicants must normally have completed CEGEP Chemistry 202-101, 202-201, Mathematics 201-103, 201-203, 201-105; Physics 203-101, 203-201, 203-301; or the university

equivalents. Exceptional students may be considered with a minimum of Mathematics 201-103 and 201-203, and any two of the above physics or chemistry courses. A bound 8½" x 11" portfolio demonstrating creative ability is required of all applicants.

Arts: Applicants must have completed a minimum of a two appropriate courses at the college or university level, each with a grade of B or better.

Education: Applicants must have completed a minimum of two appropriate courses, one in English (not E.S.L.) and one within the proposed teaching area, at the college or university level, each with a grade of B or better. Applicants to the Concurrent programs, the B.Sc./B.Ed. and the B.Ed./B.Mus. must meet the requirements of both faculties. Concurrent B.Ed./B.Mus. applications must be submitted to the Faculty of Music Admissions Office.

Engineering: Applicants must have completed a minimum of a calculus course (CEGEP Mathematics 201-103) and Physics 203-201 and one of Chemistry 202-101 or 202-201, at the CEGEP or university level, each with a grade of 75% or better.

Management: Applicants who have completed a qualifying program of study at the McGill Centre for Continuing Education will be considered.

There are two categories of Mature Student. Applicants should read the following to determine which category is appropriate.

Management Mature Student - Category A – Applicants eligible for admission to Management under Category A have not had any previous studies at the CEGEP or university level (including the McGill Centre for Continuing Education). They must meet all of the following conditions: be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident; be 21 years of age on or before September 1, if applying for the fall semester, and on or before January 1, if applying for the winter semester; and have been out of school for at least three years. In addition, to demonstrate academic potential they must complete five prerequisite courses, with a minimum of 70% in **each** mathematics course:

Survey of Basic Mathematics I	627-203
and Survey of Basic Mathematics II	627-204

An additional three Management courses must be completed with a "B" average:

Communications in Management I	455-205
Intro. to Financial Accounting	280-211
Information Systems	280-331

Students who are admitted will be given exemptions for the core courses completed.

Management Mature Student – Re-Entry Student - Category B – Applicants to Management in Category B have had CEGEP and/or some university-level courses with results below the criteria for admission and need to re-qualify. Applicants must meet all of the following conditions for admission as a re-entry student: be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident, and have been out of school for at least one year. In addition, to demonstrate academic potential they must complete ten prerequisite courses, with a minimum of 70% in **each** mathematics course:

Survey of Basic Mathematics I	627-203
and Survey of Basic Mathematics II	627-204

An additional eight courses must be completed from the following core Management courses, with a minimum of a "B" average:

Macroeconomic Policy	154-295
Intro. to Financial Accounting	280-211
Intro. to Management Accounting	280-213
Introductory Management Statistics	280-273
Statistical Methods in Management	280-274
Managerial Economics	280-293
Information Systems	280-331
Finance I	280-341
Marketing Management I	280-352
Organization Behaviour	280-222
or Communications in Management I	455-305

Students who are admitted as re-entry students will be given exemptions for the core courses completed.

Music: Applicants who are 21 years of age or older, and who are able to demonstrate exceptional talent in their discipline will be considered.

Social Work: Applicants must have completed a minimum of two appropriate courses at the college or university level, each with a grade of B or better, and have had significant paid or volunteer community work experience in related fields.

Theology (Faculty of Religious Studies): Applicants who are 27 years of age or older will be considered. If accepted, such students are enrolled in a qualifying year before being considered for the 90-credit B.Th. program.

2.15 Special Students

A Special Student takes regular credit courses but is not working towards a degree. Students must have an approved plan of study and hold an undergraduate degree with an appropriate background. Registration is permitted for one academic year only, after which time the student must apply for admission to a regular program.

Applications for September received before July 1 are given priority. Applications received after that date will be considered on a discretionary basis, subject to availability of places in the program and submission of official supporting documents. Applications for January must be received by November 1.

Architecture: Candidates referred by l'Ordre des Architectes du Québec (OAQ) are considered on an individual basis.

Engineering: Candidates referred by l'Ordre des Ingénieurs du Québec (OIQ) are considered on an individual basis.

Music: Applicants are required to have the necessary music prerequisites for the courses concerned. Registration is subject to the availability of space in the course(s). Special Students are not entitled to lessons in an instrument or in voice.

2.16 Visiting Students

Students who are interested in taking courses at McGill for credit towards their program at another university may apply to be Visiting Students. This status may be granted for a maximum of one academic year. Students should ascertain that their courses are acceptable for transfer to their home university.

The application deadline is July 1 for September admission and November 1 for January admission. Additional information may be obtained from the Admissions, Recruitment and Registrar's Office, or the appropriate Faculty Admissions Office.

2.17 Exchange Students

Students registered in universities that have official exchange agreements with McGill University or that are members of Canex (Canada Exchange Scholars Program) may apply as Exchange Students. In addition, McGill, together with other Quebec universities, participates in a number of exchange programs through CREPUQ (la Conférence des recteurs et principaux des universités du Québec). Exchange students are selected and officially nominated by their home universities.

Applicants are considered on an individual basis; the minimum entrance requirement is generally a B average. Where appropriate, grades obtained in courses relevant to the proposed studies will be considered in addition to the overall average. Exchange students may register in most lecture/seminar courses for which they qualify, but registration for laboratory or project courses is not normally possible. Entrance into courses which have a limited enrolment, or where permission of the instructor is required, is not guaranteed. Successful completion of courses does not guarantee entrance into a regular degree program.

Although the home university application deadlines vary, documents must be submitted to McGill by May 1 (Music applicants refer to [section 1.1 "Application Deadlines" on page 11.](#)) for admission in the following fall (September) or winter (January) semester. The application fee is waived for Exchange students.