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1 Dean's Welcome

To Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows:

I am extremely pleased to welcome you to McGill University. Our world-class scholarly community includes over 250 doctoral and master's degree programs, and is recognized for excellence across the full range of academic disciplines and professions. Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) collaborates with the Faculties and other administrative and academic units to provide strategic leadership and vision for graduate teaching and research across the University. GPS also oversees the admission and registration of graduate students, disbursing graduate fellowships, supporting postdoctoral fellows, and facilitating the graduation process, including the examination of theses. GPS has partnered with Enrolment Services to offer streamlined services in a one-stop location at *Service Point*.

McGill is a student-centred research institution that places singular importance upon the quality of graduate education and postdoctoral training. As Associate Provost (Graduate Education), as well as Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, I work closely with the faculties, central administration, graduate students, professors, researchers, and postdoctoral fellows to provide a supportive, stimulating, and enriching academic environment for all graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

McGill is ranked as one of Canada's most intensive research universities and among the world's top 25. We recognize that these successes come not only from our outstanding faculty members, but also from the quality of our graduate students and postdoctoral fellows—a community into which we are very happy to welcome you.

I invite you to join us in advancing this heritage of excellence at McGill.

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2.3 General Statement Concerning Higher Degrees

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) oversees all programs leading to graduate diplomas, certificates, and higher degrees, with the exception of some programs in the School of Continuing Studies. It is responsible for admission policies, the supervision of graduate students' work, and for recommending to Senate those who may receive the degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

3 Important Dates 2012–2013

For all dates relating to the academic year, consult www.mcgill.ca/importantdates.

4 Graduate Studies at a Glance

4.1 Graduate and Postdoctoral Degrees Offered by Faculty

McGill University offers graduate and postdoctoral programs in the following units (organized by their administering home faculty):

Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences	Degrees Available
: <i>Agricultural Economics</i>	M.Sc.
: <i>Animal Science</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Bioresource Engineering</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate
: <i>Biotechnology</i>	M.Sc.A., Graduate Certificate
: <i>Dietetics and Human Nutrition</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D., Graduate Diploma
: <i>Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Natural Resource Sciences</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Parasitology</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Plant Science</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate

Faculty of Arts	Degrees Available
: <i>Anthropology</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Art History</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
Classics – see : <i>History and Classical Studies</i>	N/A
: <i>Communication Studies</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>East Asian Studies</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Economics</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>English</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>French Language and Literature</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Geography</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>History and Classical Studies</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Institute for the Study of International Development</i>	N/A
: <i>Islamic Studies</i>	M.A., Ph.D.

Faculty of Arts	Degrees Available
<i>: Jewish Studies</i>	M.A.
<i>: Languages, Literatures, and Cultures</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
<i>: Linguistics</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
<i>: Mathematics and Statistics</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
<i>: Philosophy</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
<i>: Political Science</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
<i>: Psychology</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
<i>: Quebec Studies / Études sur le Québec</i>	N/A
<i>: Social Studies of Medicine</i>	N/A
<i>: Social Work</i>	M.S.W., Ph.D.
<i>: Sociology</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
School of Dentistry	Degrees Available
<i>: Dentistry</i>	M.Sc.
Desautels Faculty of Management	Degrees Available
<i>: Desautels Faculty of Management</i>	M.B.A., M.B.A. with Integrated B.C.L./LL.B., M.D./M.B.A., M.B.A./Japan, E.M.B.A., M.M.M., M.M., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate, Diploma
Faculty of Education	Degrees Available
<i>: Educational and Counselling Psychology</i>	M.A., M.Ed., Ph.D., Graduate Diploma
<i>: Information Studies</i>	M.L.I.S., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma
<i>: Integrated Studies in Education</i>	M.A., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate
<i>: Kinesiology and Physical Education</i>	M.A., M.Sc.
Faculty of Engineering	Degrees Available
<i>: Architecture</i>	M.Arch., Ph.D.
<i>: Chemical Engineering</i>	M.Eng., Ph.D.
<i>: Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics</i>	M.Sc., M.Eng., Ph.D.
<i>: Electrical and Computer Engineering</i>	M.Eng., Ph.D.
<i>: Mechanical Engineering</i>	M.Sc., M.Eng., Ph.D.
<i>: Mining and Materials Engineering</i>	M.Sc., M.Eng., Ph.D., Graduate Diploma
<i>: Urban Planning</i>	M.U.P.
Faculty of Law	Degrees Available
<i>: Law</i>	LL.M., D.C.L., Graduate Certificate
McGill School of Environment	Degrees Available
<i>: Environment</i>	N/A
Faculty of Medicine	Degrees Available
<i>: Anatomy and Cell Biology</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
<i>: Biochemistry</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
<i>: Bioethics</i>	N/A
<i>: Biomedical Engineering</i>	M.Eng., Ph.D.

Faculty of Medicine	Degrees Available
: <i>Communication Sciences and Disorders</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Epidemiology and Biostatistics</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D., Graduate Diploma
: <i>Human Genetics</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Medical Physics</i>	M.Sc.
: <i>Medicine, Experimental</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D., Graduate Diploma
: <i>Medicine, Family (Option)</i>	N/A
: <i>Microbiology and Immunology</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Neuroscience (Integrated Program in)</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Occupational Health</i>	M.Sc.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery</i>	M.Sc.
: <i>Pathology</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Pharmacology and Therapeutics</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Physiology</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Psychiatry</i>	M.Sc.
: <i>Surgery, Experimental (Division of Surgical Research)</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D., Graduate Diploma
School of Nursing	Degrees Available
: <i>Nursing</i>	M.Sc.A., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma
School of Physical and Occupational Therapy	Degrees Available
: <i>Physical and Occupational Therapy</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate
Faculty of Religious Studies	Degrees Available
<i>section 11.1: Religious Studies</i>	M.A., S.T.M., Ph.D.
Schulich School of Music	Degrees Available
: <i>Schulich School of Music</i>	M.A., M.Mus., D.Mus., Ph.D., Graduate Diploma
Faculty of Science	Degrees Available
: <i>Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Biology</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Chemistry</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Computer Science</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Earth and Planetary Sciences</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Geography</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Mathematics and Statistics</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Physics</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Psychology</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.

4.2 Master's Degrees and Prerequisites

The following list shows all of the master's degrees available at McGill, along with their prerequisites. See [section 4.3: Master's Degree Programs and Specializations](#) for more information on specific programs and options.

Degree		Prerequisites
Master of Arts	M.A.	Bachelor of Arts in the subject selected for graduate work. See appropriate unit.
Master of Architecture	M.Arch.	Professional degree – McGill B.Sc.(Arch.) degree, or equivalent.
Master of Business Administration with integrated Bachelor of Civil Law / Bachelor of Laws	M.B.A. with B.C.L./LL.B.	Post-professional degree – an M.Arch. (professional degree) or equivalent professional degree.
Master of Business Administration with Doctor of Medicine / Master of Surgery	M.B.A. with M.D.,C.M.	An undergraduate degree from an approved university. See : M.B.A. Program . See : M.B.A. Program .
Master of Education	M.Ed.	See : M.B.A. Program .
Master of Engineering	M.Eng.	Bachelor's degree with specialization related to the subject chosen for graduate work, plus a Permanent Quebec Teaching Diploma or its equivalent for some of the above degrees. See appropriate department.
Master of Laws	LL.M.	Bachelor of Engineering or equivalent, with specialization appropriate for the subject selected for graduate study. See appropriate department.
Master of Library and Information Studies	M.L.I.S.	An acceptable degree in Law or equivalent qualifications. See : Law Admission Requirements and Application Procedures .
Master of Management	M.M.	At least a bachelor's degree from a recognized university. See : Information Studies Admission Requirements and Application Procedures .
Master of Manufacturing Management	M.M.M.	See : Master of Management Programs Admission Requirements and Application Procedures .
Master of Music	M.Mus.	See : Master of Management Programs Admission Requirements and Application Procedures .
Master of Sacred Theology	S.T.M.	Bachelor of Music or Bachelor of Arts with concentration in the area selected for graduate study.
Master of Science	M.Sc.	Applicants to the Performance program are required to pass auditions in their speciality.
Master of Science, Applied	M.Sc.A.	See : Schulich School of Music .
Master of Social Work	M.S.W.	Bachelor of Science in the subject selected for graduate work. See appropriate unit.
Master of Social Work with Bachelor of Civil Law and Bachelor of Laws	M.S.W. with B.C.L. and LL.B.	A bachelor's degree in the subject selected for graduate work. See appropriate unit.
Master of Urban Planning	M.U.P.	Bachelor's degree in Social Work including courses in statistics and social science research methods. See : Social Work Admission Requirements and Application Procedures .
		See : Social Work Admission Requirements and Application Procedures .
		Bachelor's degree in any one of the following: Anthropology, Architecture, Economics, Civil Engineering, Geography, Law, Management, Political Science, Social Work, Sociology, or Urban Planning, with adequate knowledge of quantitative techniques. See : Urban Planning Admission Requirements and Application Procedures .

4.3 Master's Degree Programs and Specializations

The following list shows all of the programs and options available for each degree at McGill.

Master of Architecture (M.Arch.)

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Professional	Non-Thesis	Design Studio, Design Studio – Directed Research
Post-professional	Non-Thesis	Architectural History and Theory, Cultural Mediations and Technology, Urban Design and Housing

Master of Arts (M.A.)

Programs leading to the degree of Master of Arts are offered in the following areas:

Program Areas	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Anthropology	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Development Studies, Environment, Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis)
Art History	Non-Thesis	Gender and Women's Studies (Non-Thesis)
Classics	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Communication Studies	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis)
Counselling Psychology	Non-Thesis (Professional Internship), Non-Thesis (Project)	N/A
East Asian Studies	Thesis (<i>Ad Hoc</i>)	N/A
Economics	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Development Studies, Social Statistics (Non-Thesis)
Educational Psychology	Thesis	N/A
Education and Society	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis) Gender and Women's Studies, Jewish Education (Non-Thesis)
Educational Leadership	Thesis, Non-Thesis (Coursework), Non-Thesis (Project)	Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis) Gender and Women's Studies (Non-Thesis (Project))
English	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
French	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis)
Geography	Thesis	Development Studies, Environment, Gender and Women's Studies, Neotropical Environment, Social Statistics (Thesis)
German	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Hispanic Studies	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
History	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Development Studies, European Studies, Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis) Development Studies, European Studies, Gender and Women's Studies (Non-Thesis)
History of Medicine	Non-Thesis	N/A
Islamic Studies	Thesis	Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis)
Italian	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Jewish Studies	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Kinesiology and Physical Education	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Linguistics	Non-Thesis	N/A
Mathematics and Statistics	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Medical Anthropology	Thesis	N/A
Music – Music Education	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Music – Music Technology	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Music – Musicology	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis)
Music – Theory	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis)
Philosophy	Thesis	Bioethics

Program Areas	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Political Science	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Development Studies, European Studies (Thesis)
		Development Studies, European Studies, Gender and Women's Studies, Social Statistics (Non-Thesis)
Psychology	Thesis	N/A
Religious Studies	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Bioethics, Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis)
Russian	Thesis	N/A
Second Language Education	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis)
Sociology	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Development Studies, Environment, Gender and Women's Studies, Medical Sociology, Neotropical Environment (Thesis)
		Development Studies, Gender and Women's Studies, Medical Sociology, Social Statistics (Non-Thesis)
Teaching and Learning	Non-Thesis	English or French Second Language, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Social Sciences

Master of Business Administration and Management Degrees (M.B.A., M.M., M.M.M.)

A program leading to the degree of Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) is offered in the following concentrations:

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
M.B.A.	Non-Thesis	Finance, General Management, Global Strategy and Leadership, Marketing, Technology and Innovation (Non-Thesis)
M.B.A. with B.C.L. and LL.B.	Non-Thesis	Finance, General Management, Global Strategy and Leadership, Marketing, Technology and Innovation (Non-Thesis)
M.D./M.B.A.	Non-Thesis	N/A
M.B.A./Japan	Non-Thesis	Finance, General Management, Global Strategy and Leadership, Marketing, Technology and Innovation (Non-Thesis)
E.M.B.A.	Non-Thesis	N/A
M.M.M.	Non-Thesis	N/A
M.M./IMPM	Non-Thesis	N/A
M.M./IMPMHL	Non-Thesis	N/A

Master of Education (M.Ed.)

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Educational Psychology	Non-Thesis	N/A

Master of Engineering (M.Eng.)

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Aerospace Engineering	Non-Thesis	N/A
Biomedical Engineering	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Bioinformatics (Thesis)
Chemical Engineering	Non-Thesis	Environmental Engineering (Non-Thesis)
Civil Engineering	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Environmental Engineering (Non-Thesis)
Electrical Engineering	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Computational Science and Engineering (Thesis)
Mechanical Engineering	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Computational Science and Engineering (Thesis)
Mining and Materials Engineering	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Environmental Engineering (Non-Thesis)

Master of Laws (LL.M.)

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Law	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Bioethics, European Studies (Thesis)
		Air and Space Law, Environment, Comparative Law (Thesis and Non-Thesis)

Master of Library and Information Studies (M.L.I.S.)

The Graduate School of Library and Information Studies offers a postgraduate professional program in librarianship. Two years of full-time study or the equivalent are required.

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Information Studies	Non-Thesis	N/A

Master of Music (M.Mus.)

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Music – Composition	Non-Thesis	N/A
Performance	Thesis	Vocal Pedagogy, Jazz Performance, Early Music, Orchestral Instruments and Guitar, Collaborative Piano, Piano, Opera and Voice, Organ and Church Music, Conducting
Sound Recording	Non-Thesis	N/A

Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.)

A program leading to the degree of Sanctae Theologiae Magister (S.T.M.) is given in the Faculty of Religious Studies. This degree is primarily for those who intend to enter the ministry of the Christian Church or another religious institution, or to proceed to teaching in schools. A Master of Arts program (thesis and non-thesis) is also available.

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Religious Studies	Non-Thesis	N/A

Master of Science (M.Sc.)

Program Areas	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Agricultural Economics	Thesis	N/A
Animal Science	Thesis	N/A
Atmospheric and Oceanic Science	Thesis	Environment (Thesis)
Biochemistry	Thesis	Bioinformatics, Chemical Biology (Thesis)
Biology	Thesis	Bioinformatics, Environment, Neotropical Environment
Bioresource Engineering	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Environment, Neotropical Environment (Thesis) Integrated Water Resource Management (Non-Thesis)
Biostatistics	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Cell Biology	Thesis	N/A
Chemistry	Thesis	Chemical Biology
Civil Engineering	Thesis	N/A
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Thesis	N/A
Computer Science	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Bioinformatics, Computational Science, Engineering (Thesis)
Dental Science	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (Thesis)
Earth and Planetary Sciences	Thesis	Environment
Entomology	Thesis	Environment, Neotropical Environment
Epidemiology	Thesis	N/A
Experimental Medicine	Thesis	Bioethics, Environment, Family Medicine
Experimental Surgery	Thesis	Surgical Research

Program Areas	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Food Safety (Non-Thesis)
Genetic Counselling	Non-Thesis	N/A
Geography	Thesis	Environment, Neotropical Environment
Human Genetics	Thesis	Bioethics, Bioinformatics
Human Nutrition	Thesis	N/A
Kinesiology and Physical Education	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Mathematics and Statistics	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Bioinformatics, Computational Science and Engineering
Mechanical Engineering	Thesis	N/A
Medical Radiation Physics	Thesis	N/A
Microbiology	Thesis	Environment
Microbiology and Immunology	Thesis	N/A
Mining and Materials Engineering	Thesis	N/A
Neuroscience	Thesis	N/A
Otolaryngology	Thesis	N/A
Parasitology	Thesis	Bioinformatics, Environment
Pathology	Thesis	N/A
Pharmacology	Thesis	Chemical Biology
Physics	Thesis	N/A
Physiology	Thesis	Bioinformatics
Plant Science	Thesis	Bioinformatics, Environment, Neotropical Environment
Psychiatry	Thesis	N/A
Psychology	Thesis	N/A
Public Health	Non-Thesis	Environment
Rehabilitation Sciences	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Renewable Resources	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Environment, Neotropical Environment (Thesis) Environmental Assessment (Non-Thesis)

Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.)

This degree was designed to provide postgraduate training of a professional and vocational character, with less emphasis on theoretical knowledge and research than in Master of Science programs, but with no lower standards either for admission or completion of requirements. Two years of full-time study or equivalent are normally required with an emphasis on coursework.

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Animal Science	Non-Thesis	N/A
Bioresource Engineering	Non-Thesis	Environment, Environmental Engineering, Neotropical Environment
Biotechnology	Non-Thesis	N/A
Chemistry	Non-Thesis	N/A
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Non-Thesis	Speech-Language Pathology
Human Nutrition	Non-Thesis (Project), Non-Thesis (Practicum)	N/A
Nursing	Non-Thesis	N/A
Occupational Health	Non-Thesis (Resident), Non-Thesis (Distance)	N/A

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Occupational Therapy	Non-Thesis	N/A
Physical Therapy	Non-Thesis	N/A
Plant Science	Non-Thesis	N/A

Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)

The M.S.W. degree represents a second level of professional study in which students build competence in a chosen field of practice.

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Social Work	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Joint Master of Social Work with B.C.L. and LL.B.	Non-Thesis	N/A

Master of Urban Planning

The program requires a minimum of two years residence and a three-month internship with a member of a recognized planning association.

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Urban Planning	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Transportation Planning, Urban Design (Non-Thesis)

4.4 Doctoral Degrees

The following section lists the doctoral degrees available at McGill, along with their prerequisites. See [section 4.4.1: Doctoral Degree Programs and Specializations](#) for specific programs and options for doctoral degrees.

Degree	Prerequisites
Doctor of Civil Law	D.C.L.
Doctor of Music	D.Mus.
Doctor of Philosophy	Ph.D.
	An undergraduate degree relevant to the subject chosen for graduate work. Some departments require all Ph.D. candidates to hold a master's degree in the same subject. Departments may recommend that candidates of undoubted promise should be allowed to proceed directly to the Ph.D. degree without being required to submit a master's thesis.

4.4.1 Doctoral Degree Programs and Specializations

Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.)

Doctoral programs are offered in Air and Space Law and Law (Comparative Law). Both are predominantly research degrees awarded on the basis of a thesis that represents an original contribution to the development of legal science.

Program	Options	Offered by Faculty/School
Law	Air and Space Law, Comparative Law	Faculty of Law

Doctor of Music (D.Mus.)

The Doctor of Music degree is offered in Composition. The Doctoral thesis consists of a musical composition of major dimensions together with a written analysis of the work. The composition is presented by the candidate in concert. The regulations set forth for the Ph.D. generally apply also to the D.Mus.

The Doctor of Music degree is also offered in Performance. It is offered to professional musicians who wish to teach at the university level and to develop a specialization in a particular repertoire, approach, or discipline (musicology, music theory, music education and pedagogy, or music technology).

Program	Options	Offered by Faculty/School
Music	Composition, Performance Studies	Schulich School of Music

Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

Programs leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy are offered in the following areas:

Program	Options	Offered by Faculty/School
Animal Science	Bioinformatics	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Anthropology	Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Arts
Architecture	N/A	Faculty of Engineering
Art History	Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts
Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences	N/A	Faculty of Science
Biochemistry	Bioinformatics, Chemical Biology	Faculty of Medicine
Biology	Bioinformatics, Developmental Biology, Environment, Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Science
Biomedical Engineering	Bioinformatics	Faculty of Medicine
Bioresource Engineering	Environment, Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Biostatistics	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Cell Biology	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Chemical Engineering	N/A	Faculty of Engineering
Chemistry	Chemical Biology	Faculty of Science
Civil Engineering	N/A	Faculty of Engineering
Classics	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Language Acquisition	Faculty of Medicine
Communication Studies	Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts
Computer Science	Bioinformatics	Faculty of Science
Counselling Psychology	N/A	Faculty of Education
Earth and Planetary Sciences	Environment	Faculty of Science
Economics	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Educational Psychology	N/A	Faculty of Education
Educational Studies	Gender and Women's Studies, Language Acquisition	Faculty of Education
Electrical Engineering	N/A	Faculty of Engineering
English	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Entomology	Environment, Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Epidemiology	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Experimental Medicine	Environment	Faculty of Medicine
Experimental Surgery (Surgical Research)	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry	N/A	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
French Language and Literature	Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts
Geography	Environment, Gender and Women's Studies, Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science
German	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Hispanic Studies	N/A	Faculty of Arts
History	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Human Genetics	Bioinformatics	Faculty of Medicine
Human Nutrition	N/A	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Information Studies	N/A	Faculty of Education

Program	Options	Offered by Faculty/School
Islamic Studies	Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts
Linguistics	Language Acquisition	Faculty of Arts
Management	N/A	Desautels Faculty of Management
Mathematics and Statistics	Bioinformatics	Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science
Mechanical Engineering	N/A	Faculty of Engineering
Microbiology	N/A	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Microbiology and Immunology	Bioinformatics, Environment	Faculty of Medicine
Mining and Materials Engineering	N/A	Faculty of Engineering
Music	(Composition, Music Education, Musicology, Music Technology, Sound Recording, Theory), Gender and Women's Studies	Schulich School of Music
Neuroscience	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Nursing	Psychosocial Oncology	School of Nursing
Occupational Health	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Parasitology	Bioinformatics, Environment	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Pathology	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Pharmacology	Chemical Biology	Faculty of Medicine
Philosophy	Environment, Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts
Physics	N/A	Faculty of Science
Physiology	Bioinformatics	Faculty of Medicine
Plant Science	Bioinformatics, Environment, Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Political Science	Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts
Psychology	Language Acquisition, Psychosocial Oncology	Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science
Rehabilitation Science	N/A	School of Physical and Occupational Therapy
Religious Studies	Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Religious Studies
Renewable Resources	Environment, Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Russian	N/A	Faculty of Arts
School/Applied Child Psychology	N/A	Faculty of Education
Social Work	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Sociology	Environment, Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts

Joint Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

The following joint Ph.D. programs are offered:

- Nursing (McGill / Université de Montréal)
- Management (McGill / Concordia / H.E.C. / UQAM)
- Social Work (McGill / Université de Montréal)

Ad Hoc Doctor of Philosophy Degrees (Ph.D. (Ad Hoc))

Several departments offer the possibility of directly entering a Ph.D. program on an *ad hoc* basis, or, with the permission of the supervisor and the approval of the Graduate Program Director, exceptional students may transfer from the master's program to the *ad hoc* Ph.D. program.

Program	Options	Offered by Faculty/School
East Asian Studies	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Italian Studies	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Kinesiology and Physical Education	N/A	Faculty of Education

Program	Options	Offered by Faculty/School
Psychiatry	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Urban Planning	N/A	Faculty of Engineering

4.5 Postdoctoral Research

See [section 8: Postdoctoral Research](#) for information about postdoctoral research at McGill University.

4.6 Graduate Diplomas and Graduate Certificates

The graduate diplomas and graduate certificates listed below are programs of study under the academic supervision of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. The prerequisite for a diploma or certificate is an undergraduate degree in the same discipline.

Graduate Diplomas are offered in:

Clinical Research	Professional Performance
Epidemiology	Public Accountancy (Chartered Accountancy)
Library and Information Studies	Registered Dietician Credentialing (R.D.)
Mining Engineering	School/Applied Child Psychology (Post-Ph.D.)
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner	Surgical Health Care Research
Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	

These diploma programs consist of at least two terms of full-time study or the equivalent.

Graduate Certificates are offered in:

Assessing Driving Capabilities	Educational Leadership 1
Air and Space Law	Educational Leadership 2
Bioinformatics	Library and Information Studies
Bioresource Engineering (Integrated Water Resources Management)	Post-M.B.A.
Biotechnology	Teaching English as a Second Language
Chronic Pain Management	Theory in Primary Care
Comparative Law	Theory in Neonatology

All graduate regulations apply to graduate diploma and graduate certificate candidates.

 **Note:** The School of Continuing Studies offers graduate diplomas and graduate certificates that are not under the academic supervision of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. To see a list of the programs offered refer to the School of Continuing Studies *Programs, Courses and University Regulations* publication available at www.mcgill.ca/study.

5 Program Requirements

5.1 Master's Degrees

Residence Requirements – Master's Degrees

Refers to the number of terms (or years) students must be registered on a full-time basis to complete their program. Students are NOT permitted to graduate until they have fulfilled the residence requirement (or paid the corresponding fees) in their program.

- The following master's programs have a minimum residence requirement of **three full-time terms**: M.Arch, M.A., M.Eng., LL.M., M.Mus. (**except** M.Mus. in Sound Recording), M.Sc., M.S.W., M.Sc.A. (**except** M.Sc.A. in Communication Sciences and Disorders).
- The following master's programs have a **minimum** residence requirement of **four full-time terms**: M.L.I.S.; M.Mus. in Sound Recording; M.U.P.; M.A. (60 credits – Counselling Psychology – thesis; 78 credits – Educational Psychology); M.A. Teaching and Learning – Non-Thesis; M.Sc.A. in Communication Sciences and Disorders; S.T.M., Religious Studies.
- The residence requirement for the master's program in Education (M.Ed.); Library and Information Studies (M.L.I.S.); Management (M.B.A.); Religious Studies (S.T.M.); M.A. Counselling Psychology – Non-Thesis; M.A. Teaching and Learning – Non-Thesis; M.Sc. in Public Health – Non-Thesis; M.Sc.A. Nursing; M.Sc.A. Occupational Therapy; M.Sc.A. Physical Therapy; and students in part-time programs is determined on a per course basis. Residence requirements are fulfilled when students complete all course requirements in their respective programs.
- For master's programs structured as Course, Project or Non-Thesis options where the program is pursued on a part-time basis, residence requirements are normally fulfilled when students complete all course requirements in their respective programs (minimum 45 credits or a minimum of three full-time terms) and pay the fees accordingly.

These designated periods of residence represent minimum time requirements. There is no guarantee that the work for the degree can be completed in this time. Students must register for such additional terms as are needed to complete the program.

Coursework – Master's Degrees

Program requirements are outlined in the relevant departmental sections of the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies *Programs, Courses and University Regulations* publication, available at www.mcgill.ca/study.

The department concerned will examine the student's previous training and then decide which of the available courses in the area of specialization or related fields are required to bring the candidate to the proper level for the master's degree. Due account will be taken of relevant courses passed at any recognized university.

As a rule, no more than one-third of the McGill program formal coursework (not thesis, project, stage, or internship) can be credited with courses from another university.

Non-thesis degrees normally specify the course program which the candidate must follow.

The candidate is required to pass, with a grade of B- or better, all those courses that have been designated by the department as forming a part of the program, including additional requirements.

Students taking courses at another university must obtain a minimum grade of B- (65%) if the course is to be credited toward their McGill degree. In the cases where only a letter grade is used, a B- is the minimum passing grade and no equivalent percentage will be considered. In the cases where only a percentage grade is used, 65% is the minimum passing grade.

If courses were not used for a degree, they could be **credited** toward a McGill degree, keeping in mind that a maximum of one-third of the coursework (not thesis, project, stage, internship, and practicum) can be credited. If an **exemption** is granted, it must be replaced by another graduate course at McGill toward the degree. No double counting is ever allowed. This regulation also applies to doctoral programs.

Research and Thesis – Master's Degrees

All candidates for a research degree must present a thesis based on their own research. The total number of credits allotted to the thesis in any master's program must not be less than 24. The title of the thesis and names of examiners must be forwarded on a *Nomination of Examiners* form, in accordance with the dates on www.mcgill.ca/importantdates, through the chair of the department concerned at the same time as the thesis is submitted to Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. A thesis for the master's degree, while not necessarily requiring an exhaustive review of work in the particular field of study, or a great deal of original scholarship, must show familiarity with previous work in the field and must demonstrate the ability to carry out research and to organize results, all of which must be presented in good literate style. The thesis will not normally exceed 100 pages; in some disciplines, shorter texts are preferred. Guidelines and deadlines are available at www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/thesis/guidelines.

Language Requirements – Master's Degrees

Most master's degree programs do not include language requirements, but candidates who intend to proceed to a doctoral degree should take note of any language requirements and are strongly advised to take the examinations in at least one language while working for the master's degree.

5.2 Doctoral Degrees

Residence Requirements – Doctoral

Refers to the numbers of terms (or years) students must be registered on a full-time basis to complete their program. Students are not permitted to graduate until they have fulfilled the residence requirement (or paid the corresponding fees) in their program.

Candidates entering Ph.D. 1 must follow a program of at least three years' residency at the University; this is a minimum requirement, and there is no guarantee that the work of the degree can be completed in this time, but students are expected to complete within the maximum specified period. Only exceptional candidates holding a bachelor's degree will be considered for direct admission to Ph.D. 1 level.

It is required that candidates spend the greater part of each summer working on their theses, and those who do not do so are unlikely to complete a satisfactory thesis in the prescribed minimum time (see [section 8.3: Vacation Policy for Graduate Students and Postdocs](#)).

A student who has obtained a master's degree at McGill University or at an approved institution, in a relevant subject and is proceeding to a Ph.D. degree will, on the recommendation of the department, be admitted to Ph.D. 2; in this case, the residency requirement for the program is two years.

In the doctoral program, students must be registered on a full-time basis for one more year after completion of the residency (i.e., Ph.D. 4 year) before continuing as Additional Session students until completion of the program.



Note: The master's degree must have been awarded before initial registration in the doctoral program; otherwise, the admission level will be at Ph.D. 1 and residency will be extended to three years. Once the level of admission is approved, it will not be changed after obtaining the master's degree if the date falls after registration in the program. If a previous awarded degree is a condition of admission, it must be fulfilled before registration in another program.

As a rule, no more than one-third of the McGill program formal coursework can be credited with courses from another university.

Comprehensive Examinations – Doctoral

A comprehensive examination or its equivalent is usually held near the end of Ph.D. 2. The results of this examination determine whether or not students will be permitted to continue in their programs. The methods adopted for examination and evaluation and the areas to be examined are specified by departmental regulations approved by the Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. It is the responsibility of students to inform themselves of these details at the commencement of their programs. For more information, see *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > Guidelines and Policies > : Ph.D. Comprehensives Policy*.

Language Requirements – Doctoral

Most graduate departments in the Faculties of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Education, Engineering, Management, Medicine, and Science do not require a language examination. Students should inquire in their departments if there are any such requirements or whether any other requirements have been substituted for those relating to languages.

Graduate departments in the Faculties of Arts, Music, and Religious Studies usually require proficiency in one or two languages other than English. In all cases, **students should consult departmental regulations concerning language requirements**.

Language requirements for the Ph.D. degree are met through demonstrated reading knowledge. The usual languages are French, German, or Russian, but in particular instances another language may be necessary.

All language requirements must be fulfilled and the grades reported **before** submission of the thesis to GPS (Thesis Section).

Students must contact their departments to make arrangements to take the Language Reading Proficiency Examinations. Students may, however, demonstrate competence by a pass standing in two undergraduate language courses taken at McGill (see departmental regulations).

Candidates are advised to discharge their language requirements as early in their program as possible.

Students expecting to enrol in Professional Corporations in the province of Quebec are advised to become fluent in both spoken and written French.

Courses in French language are available at the English and French Language Centre. The teaching is intensive and class sizes are kept small. While undergraduate students are given preference, graduate students who are certain they can devote sufficient time to the work may enrol.

Thesis – Doctoral

The thesis for the Ph.D. degree must display original scholarship expressed in good literate style and must be a distinct contribution to knowledge. **Formal notice of a thesis title and names of examiners must be submitted to the Thesis Section of GPS on the Nomination of Examiners form in accordance with the dates on www.mcgill.ca/importantdates, at the same time as the thesis is submitted.** The list of examiners must be approved by the Department Chair, the supervisor and the student. The Thesis Section of GPS should be notified of any subsequent change of title as early as possible. Guidelines and deadlines are available at www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/thesis/guidelines.

Seven copies of the thesis must be provided by the candidate. Of these, two copies will be retained by the University and five copies returned to the candidate. Some departments may require one or more additional copies. The final corrected copy is submitted electronically.

Special regulations for the Ph.D. degree in particular departments are stated in the entries of those departments.

Thesis Oral Examination – Doctoral

After the thesis has been received and approved, a final oral examination is held on the subject of the thesis and subjects intimately related to it. This is conducted in the presence of a Committee of at least five members presided over by a Pro-Dean nominated by Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. The Chair of the candidate's department and the Thesis Supervisor are regularly invited to be members of the Committee; at least one member of the Committee is appointed from outside the candidate's department. Guidelines are available at www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/thesis/guidelines.

5.3 Ad Personam Programs (Thesis Option Only)

In very rare circumstances, an applicant who wishes to engage in Master's (thesis option only) or Ph.D. studies of an interdisciplinary nature involving joint supervision by two departments, each of which is authorized by the *Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport* (MELS) to offer its own graduate programs, may be admitted to an *Ad Personam* program. For more information, see www.mcgill.ca/gps/policies/adpersonam and contact the relevant department.

5.4 Coursework for Graduate Programs, Diplomas, and Certificates

Upper-level undergraduate courses (excluding 500 level) may not be considered for degrees, diplomas, and certificates unless they are already listed as required courses in the approved program description. If an upper-level undergraduate course (excluding 500 level) is taken by a graduate student, it must come as a recommendation from the Graduate Program Director in the department. The recommendation must state if the undergraduate course is an additional requirement for the program (must obtain B- or better) or if the course is extra to the program (will be flagged as such on the record and fees will be charged). See document at www.mcgill.ca/gps/staff/registration.

English and French language courses offered by the French Language Centre (Faculty of Arts) or the School of Continuing Studies may not be taken for coursework credits toward a graduate program.

All substitutions for coursework in graduate programs, diplomas, and certificates must be approved by GPS.

Courses taken at other institutions to be part of the requirements of a program of studies must be approved by GPS before registration. Double counting is not permitted.

6 General Admission for Graduate Studies

Website: www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants

Email: servicepoint@mcgill.ca

Deadline: Admission to graduate studies operates on a rolling basis; complete applications and their supporting documentation must reach departmental offices on or before the Date for Guaranteed Consideration specified by the department. To be considered for entrance fellowships, where available, applicants must verify the deadlines with individual departments. Meeting minimum admission standards does not guarantee admission.

6.1 Application for Admission

Application information and the online application form are available at www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply. Applicants (with some exceptions) are required to ask two instructors familiar with their work to send letters of recommendation. All applicants must themselves send, or ask the appropriate university authorities to send, two official or certified copies of their complete academic record from each university-level institution attended to date. McGill graduates do not need to submit McGill transcripts. Letters of recommendation and official transcripts must be sent **directly** to the department concerned. Please note that all documents submitted to McGill University in support of an application to be admitted, including, but not limited to transcripts, diplomas, letters of reference, and test scores, become the property of McGill University and will not be returned to the applicant or issuing institution under any circumstance.

A **non-refundable** fee of \$100 in Canadian funds **must** accompany each application; otherwise, **it cannot be submitted**. This sum must be paid by credit card and is non-refundable when submitting the online application form. Candidates for Special, Visiting, and Qualifying status must apply and pay the application fee every year (i.e., every Fall term).

It is recommended that applicants submit a list of the titles of courses taken in the major subject, since transcripts often give code numbers only. **Transcripts written in a language other than English or French must be accompanied by a translation prepared by a licensed translator.** An explanation of the grading system used by the applicant's university is essential. The applicant should also indicate the major subject area in which further study is desired.

Completed applications, with supporting documents, must reach departmental offices according to individual department Dates for Guaranteed Consideration. Applicants should contact the department concerned, or see: www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/programs. International students are advised to apply well in advance of the Date for Guaranteed Consideration as immigration procedures may be lengthy. Applications received after the prescribed Dates for Guaranteed Consideration may or may not be considered, at the discretion of the department. Candidates will be notified of acceptance or refusal by Enrolment Services.

Admission to graduate programs at McGill is highly competitive and the final decision rests with the Graduate Admissions Committee. Admission decisions are not subject to appeal or reconsideration.

6.2 Admission Requirements (minimum requirements to be considered for admission)



Note: The following admission requirements are the minimum standard for applicants to McGill's Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies programs. Some graduate units may require additional qualifications or a higher minimum CGPA; prospective students are strongly urged to consult the unit concerned regarding specific requirements set for their program of interest.

Applicants should be graduates of a university of recognized reputation and hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent, as determined by McGill, in a subject closely related to the one selected for graduate work.

The applicant must present evidence of academic achievement: a minimum Standing equivalent to a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 out of a possible 4.0 or a CGPA of 3.2/4.0 for the last two full-time academic years. High grades are expected in courses considered by the department to be preparatory to the graduate program. Some departments impose additional or higher requirements.

See www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply/prepare/requirements/international-degree-equivalency for information on grade equivalencies and degree requirements from countries in Europe and around the world.

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6.3 Admission Tests

Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) (Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ 08540) consists of a relatively advanced test in the candidates' specialty, and a general test of their attainments in several basic fields of knowledge for which no special preparation is required or recommended. It is offered at many centres, including Montreal, several times a year; the entire examination takes about eight hours, and there is a registration fee. Refer to www.ets.org/gre for further information. Only some departments require applicants to write the GRE examination, but all applicants who have written either the general aptitude or the advanced test are advised to submit the scores along with their other admission material.

This credential is of special importance in the case of applicants whose education has been interrupted, or has not led directly toward graduate study in the subject selected. In such cases the department has the right to insist on a report from the Graduate Record Examination or some similar test. High Standing in this examination will not by itself guarantee admission. The Miller Analogies Test may be used similarly. Some departments of the Faculty of Education also require the taking of various tests.

Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)

Applicants to graduate programs in Management must submit scores from the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT). The test is a standardized assessment offered by the Graduate Management Admission Council to help business schools assess candidates for admission. For further information, see www.mba.com/the-gmat.

6.4 Competency in English

Applicants to graduate studies must demonstrate an adequate level of proficiency in English **prior to admission**, regardless of citizenship status or country of origin.

Normally, applicants meeting any one of the following conditions are NOT required to submit proof of proficiency in English:

1. Mother tongue (language first learned and still used on a daily basis) is English.
2. Has obtained (or is about to obtain) an undergraduate or graduate degree from a recognized foreign institution where English is the language of instruction.
3. Has obtained (or is about to obtain) an undergraduate or graduate degree from a recognized institution in Canada or the United States of America (anglophone or francophone).
4. Has lived and attended university, or been employed, for at least four consecutive years, in a country where English is the acknowledged primary language.

Applicants who do not meet any of the above-listed conditions must demonstrate proficiency in English using *one* of the following options:

1. TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language): minimum acceptable scores are:

Competency in English		
iBT (Internet-based test)	PBT (paper-based test)	CBT (computer-based test)*
86 overall (no less than 20 in each of the four component scores)	550	* The CBT is no longer being offered and CBT results are no longer considered valid, or being reported by ETS.

N.B. an institutional version of the TOEFL is not acceptable.

2. IELTS (International English Language Testing System): a band score of 6.5 or greater.
3. MELAB (Michigan English Language Assessment Battery): a grade of 85% or higher.
4. University of Cambridge ESOL Certificate in Advanced English (CAE): a grade of “B” (Good) or higher.
5. University of Cambridge ESOL Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE): a grade of “C” (Pass) or higher.
6. Edexcel London Test of English – Level 5 – with an overall grade of at least “Pass.”
7. McGill Certificate of Proficiency in English or McGill Certificate of Proficiency – English for Professional Communication: Certificate of Proficiency awarded. McGill Certificate of Proficiency in English or McGill Certificate of Proficiency – English for Professional Communication: Certificate of Proficiency awarded.

In each case, applicants must ensure that official test results are sent to McGill directly by the testing service. Applications cannot be considered if test results are not available. These scores are general minima; some departments may set higher requirements.

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6.5 Admission to a Qualifying Program

Some applicants whose academic degrees and Standing entitle them to serious consideration for admission to graduate studies, but who are considered inadequately prepared in the subject selected may be admitted to a Qualifying Program for a master's. The undergraduate-level courses to be taken in a Qualifying Program will be prescribed by the department concerned.

Qualifying students are registered in graduate studies, **but not as candidates for a degree**. Only one Qualifying year (i.e., two full-time terms) is permitted.

In all cases, after the completion of a Qualifying year or term, an applicant interested in commencing a degree program must apply for admission by the Dates for Guaranteed Consideration. Successful completion of the work in the Qualifying Program (B- in all courses) does not automatically entitle the student to proceed toward a degree. Qualifying year students must apply for admission to the program for which they seek qualification.

In cases where a department recommends a change of registration from Qualifying Program (Fall) to Master's Degree First Year (Winter), **students must apply to the degree program by the Winter departmental Dates for Guaranteed Consideration**. A Qualifying year applicant admitted to a Winter term as a first term of studies must apply for admission for a Fall term as his/her second term of studies.

Students who are ineligible for a Qualifying Program may apply to the appropriate undergraduate faculty for admission as regular or Special Students, and seek admission to graduate studies at a later date. The normal admission requirements must be met and the usual procedures followed.

6.6 Admission to a Second Degree Program

A candidate with a given higher degree may apply for admission to a second degree program at the same level but **in a different subject**. The normal admission requirements must be met and all the usual procedures followed.

6.7 Admission to Two Degree Programs

Students may, with special permission granted by Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, be admitted to two degree programs or to two departments or faculties. Students are **never** permitted to pursue two **full-time** degree programs concurrently.

6.8 Admission to an *Ad Personam* Joint Program

Ad Personam joint graduate programs are restricted to Master's thesis option and Ph.D. programs. Approval for the joint program must be obtained from Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. The request shall be signed by the Chairs of both departments involved and shall explicitly list the conditions imposed. The student shall undertake research under the joint supervision of both departments.

This program is described in more detail at www.mcgill.ca/gps/policies/adpersonam.

6.9 Reinstatement and Admission of Former Students

Students who have not been registered for a period of less than two years and who have not officially withdrawn from the University by submitting a signed Withdrawal Form to Service Point are eligible to be considered for reinstatement into their program. The student's department must recommend, in writing, that the student be reinstated, stipulating any conditions for reinstatement that it deems appropriate. The final decision rests with GPS. Normally, the departmental recommendation is approved. If the student's department chooses not to recommend reinstatement, the student may appeal to the Associate Dean (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies). The decision of the Associate Dean (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies) shall be final and not subject to further appeal.

Reinstatement fees will be charged in addition to the fees due for the academic session into which the student has been reinstated. The amount of the reinstatement fees is the tuition portion of fees owed for all unregistered terms, up to a maximum of two years just prior to the term of reinstatement.

If an individual has not registered for a period of more than two years, their student file will be closed. These individuals and those who have formally withdrawn may be considered for admission. Applicants' admission applications will be considered as part of the current admission cycle, in competition with other people applying during that cycle and in accordance with current graduate admission procedures and policies.

Procedure: Requirements for completion of the program will be evaluated. Some of these requirements may need to be redone or new ones may be added. Applicants must inquire about the fees that will be charged.

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6.10 Deferral of Admission

Under exceptional circumstances, an admission for a particular semester can be considered for a deferral. This can be considered only if the student has not registered. If the student has already registered, no deferral can be granted. The student must withdraw from the University and apply for admission to a later term.

7 Fellowships, Awards, and Assistantships

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
(Fellowships and Awards Section)
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Telephone: 514-398-3990
Fax: 514-398-2626
Website: www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/fellowships

The Fellowships and Awards section of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies provides processing services for many sources of support for Canadian and non-Canadian students, both new to McGill and continuing. Further information on these and other sources of funding can be found in various publications on the Fellowships and Awards web pages. The *Graduate Fellowships and Awards Calendar* lists all internal awards as well as numerous external awards.

Entrance Fellowships are awarded on the basis of the application for admission, upon nomination by academic departments. Most internal fellowships are awarded in this manner—please contact the proposed academic department directly for further information.

Research assistantships, teaching assistantships, and stipends from professors' research grants are handled by individual academic departments at McGill. Fellowships, assistantships, and stipends are used to make funding packages for graduate students. All assistantship and stipend inquiries should be directed to departments.

A small number of citizens from countries whose governments have entered into agreements on tuition fees with Quebec may be exempted from the supplemental tuition fees normally required of international students. All French citizens and a limited number of citizens of countries in the list, which can be found at www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/sections/publications/index.asp?page=fiche&id=1039, are eligible for such exemptions. For more information and the necessary application materials, see this MELS website: www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/international/index_en.asp?page=progExemp. The list of organizations where students should apply can be accessed from this website.

Differential Fee Waivers (DFWs) for international students provide eligible non-Canadian graduate students with waivers of the international tuition fee supplement. There are no application forms for differential fee waivers, since these are awarded on the basis of departmental nominations made to the Fellowships and Awards section. Eligible students should contact their McGill department.

8 Postdoctoral Research

Students must inform themselves of University rules and regulations and keep abreast of any changes that may occur. The *Postdoctoral Research* section of this publication contains important details required by postdoctoral scholars during their studies at McGill and should be periodically consulted, along with other sections and related publications.

8.1 Postdocs

Postdocs are recent graduates with a Ph.D. or equivalent (i.e., Medical Specialist Diploma) engaged by a member of the University's academic staff, including Adjunct Professors, to assist him/her in research.

Postdocs must be appointed by their department and registered with Enrolment Services in order to have access to University facilities (library, computer, etc.).

8.2 Guidelines and Policy for Academic Units on Postdoctoral Education

The general guidelines listed below are meant to encourage units to examine their policies and procedures to support postdoctoral education. Every unit hosting Postdocs should have explicitly stated policies and procedures for the provision of postdoctoral education as well as established means for informing

Postdocs of policies, procedures, and privileges (e.g., orientation sessions, handbooks, etc.), as well as mechanisms for addressing complaints. Academic units should ensure that their policies, procedures and privileges are consistent with these guidelines and the Charter of Students' Rights. For their part, Postdocs are responsible for informing themselves of policies, procedures, and privileges.

1. Definition and Status

i. Postdoctoral status will be recognized by the University in accordance with Quebec provincial regulations. Persons may only be registered with postdoctoral status for a period of up to five years from the date they were awarded a Ph.D. or equivalent degree. Time allocated to parental or health leave is added to this period of time. Leaves for other reasons, including vacation leave, do not extend the term. Postdocs must do research under the supervision of a McGill professor, including Adjunct Professors, who is a member of McGill's academic staff qualified in the discipline in which training is being provided and with the abilities to fulfil responsibilities as a supervisor of the research and as a mentor for career development. They are expected to be engaged primarily in research with minimal teaching or other responsibilities.

2. Registration

i. Postdocs must be registered annually with the University through Enrolment Services. Initial registration will require an original or notarized copy of the Ph.D. diploma. Registration will be limited to persons who fulfil the definition above and for whom there is an assurance of appropriate funding and where the unit can provide assurance of the necessary resources to permit postdoctoral education.

ii. Upon registration, the Postdoc will be eligible for a University identity card issued by Enrolment Services.

3. Appointment, Pay, Agreement of Conditions

i. Appointments may not exceed your registration eligibility status.

ii. In order to be registered as a Postdoc, you must be assured of financial support other than from personal means during your stay at McGill University, equivalent to the minimal stipend requirement set by the University in accordance with guidelines issued by federal and provincial research granting agencies. There are no provisions for paid parental leave unless this is stipulated in the regulations of a funding agency outside the University.

iii. At the outset of a postdoctoral appointment, a written Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education should be drawn up and signed by the Postdoc, the supervisor, and the department head or delegate (see template Letter of Agreement on the web at www.mcgill.ca/gps/postdocs and supporting document—Commitments for Postdoctoral Scholars and Supervisors at

www.mcgill.ca/files/gps/Commitments_of_Postdoctoral_Scholars_and_Supervisors_July_09.pdf). This should stipulate, for example, the purpose of the postdoctoral appointment (research training and the advancement of knowledge), the duration of the fellowship/financial support, the modality of pay, the work space, travel funds, and expectations and compensation for teaching and student research supervision. Leaves from postdoctoral education must comply with the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Policies for Vacation, Parental/Familial, and Health Leave (see [section 8.3: Vacation Policy for Graduate Students and Postdocs](#) and [Programs, Courses and University Regulations > University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Health and Parental/Familial Leave of Absence Policy](#)). Any breach of these conditions may result in grievance procedures or the termination of the postdoctoral appointment.

iv. Postdocs with full responsibility for teaching a course should be compensated over and above their fellowship at the standard rate paid to lecturers by their department.

v. The amount of research, teaching, or other tasks that Postdocs engage in over and above postdoctoral activities should conform to the regulations for Postdocs specified by the Canadian research council of their discipline. This applies to all Postdocs, including those whose funding does not come from the Canadian research councils.

4. Privileges

i. Postdocs have the same pertinent rights as the ones granted to McGill students in the *Handbook on Student Rights and Responsibilities* ("Green Book"), available at www.mcgill.ca/secretariat/policies/students.

ii. Postdocs have full graduate student borrowing privileges in McGill libraries through their identity card.

iii. As a rule, Postdocs who are Canadian citizens or who have Permanent Resident status may take courses for credit. Admission to such courses should be sought by submitting application documents directly to the appropriate program by the Postdoc. They must be admitted by the department offering the courses as Special Students. These Postdocs may only be enrolled as part-time students in non-degree granting programs. They will be charged fees for these courses.

iv. Postdocs may be listed in the McGill directory. The Computing Centre will grant Postdocs email privileges on the same basis as graduate students upon presentation of a valid identity card.

v. The Department of Athletics will grant Postdocs access to sports facilities upon presentation of their identity card. A fee will be charged on an annual or term basis.

vi. Postdocs are mandatory members of the Post-Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) and an annual association fee is automatically charged. PGSS fees are mandatory. Postdocs are permitted membership in the Faculty Club; an annual fee will be charged for this membership.

vii. Postdocs are encouraged to participate in Professional Development Workshops provided by Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and Teaching and Learning services. These sessions are usually free of charge.

viii. Postdocs have access to the services provided by the Ombudsperson.

ix. Postdocs may enrol as part-time students in the second language written and spoken English/French courses offered by the School of Continuing Studies/French Language Centre. Postdocs will be charged tuition for these courses. International Postdocs may be required to obtain a CAQ and a Study Permit.

x. Access to student services and athletic services are available to the Postdoc on an opt-in basis. Fees are applicable.

5. Responsibilities

- i. Postdocs are subject to the responsibilities outlined in the *Handbook on Student Rights and Responsibilities* ("Green Book"), available at www.mcgill.ca/secretariat/policies/students.
- ii. Each academic unit hosting Postdocs should clearly identify Postdocs' needs and the means by which they will be met by the unit.
- iii. Each academic unit should assess the availability of research supervision facilities, office space, and research funding before recruiting Postdocs.
- iv. Some examples of responsibilities of the department are:
 - to verify the Postdoc's eligibility period for registration;
 - to provide Postdocs with departmental policy and procedures that pertain to them;
 - to oversee the registration and appointment of Postdocs;
 - to assign departmental personnel (e.g., Postdoc coordinator and Graduate Program Director) the responsibility for Postdocs;
 - to oversee and sign off on the Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education;
 - to ensure that each Postdoc has a supervisor, lab and/or office space, access to research operating costs and necessary equipment;
 - to include Postdocs in departmental career and placement opportunities;
 - to refer Postdocs to the appropriate University policies and personnel for the resolution of conflict that may arise between a Postdoc and a supervisor.
- v. Some examples of responsibilities of the supervisor are:
 - to uphold and transmit to their Postdocs the highest professional standards of research and/or scholarship;
 - to provide research guidance;
 - to meet regularly with their Postdocs;
 - to provide feedback on research submitted by the Postdocs;
 - to clarify expectations regarding intellectual property rights in accordance with the University's policy;
 - to provide mentorship for career development;
 - to prepare, sign, and adhere to a Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education.
- vi. Some examples of responsibilities of Postdocs are:
 - to inform themselves of and adhere to the University's policies and/or regulations for Postdocs for leaves, for research, and for student conduct as outlined in the *Handbook on Student Rights and Responsibilities* and the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies *University Regulations and Resources*;
 - to submit a complete file for registration to Enrolment Services;
 - to sign and adhere to their Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education;
 - to communicate regularly with their supervisor;
 - to inform their supervisor of their absences.
- vii. Some examples of the responsibilities of the University are:
 - to register Postdocs;
 - to provide an appeal mechanism in cases of conflict;
 - to provide documented policies and procedures to Postdocs;
 - to provide Postdocs with the necessary information on McGill University student services.

Approved by Senate, April 2000

8.3 Vacation Policy for Graduate Students and Postdocs

Graduate students and Postdocs should normally be entitled to vacation leave equivalent to university holidays and an additional total of fifteen (15) working days in the year. Funded students and Postdocs with fellowships and research grant stipends taking additional vacation leave may have their funding reduced accordingly.

Council of FGSR April 23, 1999

8.4 Leave of Absence for Health and Parental/Familial Reasons

A leave of absence may be granted for maternity or parental reasons or for health reasons (see *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Health and Parental/Familial Leave of Absence Policy*).

Such a leave must be requested on a term-by-term basis and may be granted for a period of up to 52 weeks. Students and Postdocs must make a request for such a leave in writing to their department and submit a medical certificate. The department shall forward the request to Enrolment Services. See procedure

under *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Health and Parental/Familial Leave of Absence Policy*. Students who have been granted such a leave will have to register for the term(s) in question and their registration will show as “leave of absence” on their record. No tuition fees will be charged for the duration of the authorized leave. Research supervisors are not obligated to remunerate students and Postdocs on leave. GPS has prepared a summary table of various leave policies (paid or unpaid) for students and Postdocs paid from the Federal and Quebec Councils through fellowships or research grants. The document is available at www.mcgill.ca/gps/postdocs/becoming/leave under “Information on the Funding Council Leave Policies for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows.”

8.5 Postdoctoral Research Trainees

Eligibility

If your situation does not conform to the *Quebec Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport* (MELS) definition of Postdoctoral Fellow, you may be eligible to attend McGill as a Postdoctoral Research Trainee. While at McGill, you can perform research only (you may not register for courses or engage in clinical practice). Medical specialists who will have clinical exposure and require a training card must register through Postgraduate Medical Education of the Faculty of Medicine—not Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

The category of Postdoctoral Research Trainee is for:

Category 1: An individual who has completed requirements for the Doctoral degree or medical specialty, but the degree/certification has not yet been awarded. The individual will subsequently be eligible for registration as a Postdoctoral Fellow.

Category 2: An individual who is not eligible for Postdoctoral Registration according to the MELS definition, but is a recipient of an external postdoctoral award from a recognized Canadian funding agency.

Category 3: An individual who holds a professional degree (or equivalent) in a regulated health profession (as defined under CIHR-eligible health profession) and is enrolled in a program of postgraduate medical education at another institution. The individual wishes to conduct the research stage or elective component of his/her program of study at McGill University under the supervision of a McGill professor. The individual will be engaged in full-time research with well-defined objectives, responsibilities, and methods of reporting. The application must be accompanied by a letter of permission from the home institution (signed by the Department Chair, Dean or equivalent) confirming registration in their program and stating the expected duration of the research stage. Individuals who are expecting to spend more than one year are encouraged to obtain formal training (master's or Ph.D.) through application to a relevant graduate program.

Category 4: An individual with a regulated health professional degree (as defined under CIHR-eligible health profession), but not a Ph.D. or equivalent or medical specialty training, but who fulfills criteria for funding on a tri-council operating grant or by a CIHR fellowship (up to maximum of five years post-degree).



Note: Individuals who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents must inquire about eligibility for a work permit.

General Conditions

- The maximum duration is three years;
- the individual must be engaged in full-time research;
- the individual must provide copies of official transcripts/diploma;
- the individual must have the approval of a McGill professor to supervise the research and of the Unit;
- the individual must have adequate proficiency in English, but is not required to provide official proof of English competency to Enrolment Services;
- the individual must comply with regulations and procedures governing research ethics and safety and obtain the necessary training;
- the individual will be provided access to McGill libraries, email, and required training in research ethics and safety. Any other University services must be purchased (e.g., access to athletic facilities);
- the individual must arrange for basic health insurance coverage prior to arrival at McGill and may be required to provide proof of coverage.

9 Graduate Studies Guidelines and Policies

Refer to *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Guidelines and Policies* for information on the following:

- Guidelines and Regulations for Academic Units on Graduate Student Advising and Supervision
- Policy on Graduate Student Research Progress Tracking
- Ph.D. Comprehensives Policy
- Graduate Studies Reread Policy
- Health and Parental/Familial Leave of Absence Policy
- Failure Policy

- Guideline on Hours of Work

10 Information on Research Policies and Guidelines, Patents, Postdocs, Associates, Trainees

Refer to *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Research Policy and Guidelines, Patents, Postdocs, Associates, Trainees* for information on the following:

- Policy on Research Ethics
- Regulations on Research Policy
- Policy on Research Integrity
- Guidelines for Research Involving Human Subjects
- Guidelines for Research with Animal Subjects
- Policy on Intellectual Property
- Regulations Governing Conflicts of Interest
- Safety in Field Work
- Office of Sponsored Research
- Postdocs
- Research Associates

11 Academic Programs

The programs and courses in the following sections have been approved for the 2012–2013 session as listed, but the Faculty reserves the right to introduce changes as may be deemed necessary or desirable.

11.1 Religious Studies

11.1.1 Location

Faculty of Religious Studies
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Website: www.mcgill.ca/religiousstudies

11.1.2 About Religious Studies

The Faculty of Religious Studies offers programs leading to the degrees of Master of Arts (M.A.) (Thesis and Non-Thesis), Master of Arts (M.A.) (Thesis) with Specialization in Bioethics, Master of Arts (M.A.) (Thesis) with Specialization in Gender and Women's Studies, Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.), and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). A new interdisciplinary option in Gender and Women's Studies is also available for doctoral students.

The areas of graduate specializations of our world-renowned Faculty are: Hebrew Bible and/or Old Testament Studies; Early Judaism; Greco-Roman Judaism; New Testament and Early Christianity; Church History; Christian Theology; Philosophy of Religion; Religious Ethics; Biomedical Ethics; Hinduism; and Buddhism. The many different areas of research interest among members of the Faculty frequently require the hiring of graduate students as research assistants, especially as the Faculty is so successful in gaining research grants. The Faculty also seeks to train young scholars in the art of lecturing/teaching; to this end it has created opportunities for Ph.D. students to teach courses in the summer and permits M.A. and Ph.D. students to work as teaching assistants. The individual programs are described below.

Adequate library facilities are available in the William and Henry Birks Building and elsewhere in the University for the courses listed, and for research.

Language Requirements

The Faculty of Religious Studies offers courses in primary text source languages, such as Biblical Hebrew, Aramaic, Biblical Greek, Sanskrit, Pali, Tamil, and classical literary Tibetan. The Faculty does not guarantee instruction in any languages other than those mentioned above. Therefore, if a student wishes to have a language such as French, German, or Japanese counted as a second language, instruction may have to be sought outside the Faculty. The successful completion of at least 12 credits at the post-secondary level in a language course, or successful completion of a language examination administered by the appropriate member of the Faculty, will constitute evidence of the student's having the required reading knowledge of the language in question.

M.A.

Students are required to give their area committee evidence of reading knowledge of a scholarly language other than English. This language may be either a modern language in which there is a significant amount of scholarship relevant to the student's area of research, or a classical language relevant to the student's area of research. If a classical language is chosen, it must be in addition to any prerequisite language for the area in question.



Note: The M.A. with specialization in Bioethics has no language requirement.

Ph.D.

Students are required to give their area committee evidence of reading knowledge of two languages other than English. These languages must be chosen from modern languages in which there is a significant amount of scholarship relevant to the student's area of research or classical languages relevant to the student's area of research.

Research in some disciplines, or on certain thesis topics, may require proficiency in more than two languages besides English. In that case, additional language requirements may be stipulated by the supervisor.

S.T.M.

The S.T.M. program has no language requirement.

section 11.1.5: Master of Arts (M.A.); Religious Studies (Thesis) (48 credits)

The purpose of the M.A. (Thesis) degree is to encourage advanced study and research in one of the disciplines of Religious Studies for those who wish to become scholars or teachers, or will be engaged in some field of religious or public service. An option in the M.A. (Thesis) program is the M.A. in Religious Studies with specialization in Bioethics, offered in collaboration with the Bioethics Unit.

section 11.1.6: Master of Arts (M.A.); Religious Studies (Thesis) — Gender and Women's Studies (45 credits)

The graduate option in Gender and Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary program for students who meet degree requirements in Religious Studies (and other participating departments and faculties) and who wish to focus on gender-related issues and feminist research and methodologies. Research focus is on a topic relating to gender issues or women's studies.

section 11.1.7: Master of Arts (M.A.); Religious Studies (Thesis) — Bioethics (45 credits)

The M.A. (Thesis) with specialization in Bioethics is offered in conjunction with the Bioethics Unit. Please contact the Religious Studies Department or Bioethics Unit for more information about this specialization. The curriculum is composed of required courses (6 credits) offered in the Biomedical Ethics Unit, Bioethics courses (6 credit minimum) offered by the base faculty or department, and any graduate course required or accepted by a base faculty for the granting of a master's degree, for a total of 21 credits. A minimum of 45 credits is required including the thesis.

section 11.1.8: Master of Arts (M.A.); Religious Studies (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)

The M.A. without thesis is intended to ensure a student's well-rounded exposure to several religions and to several of the disciplinary approaches currently used in their academic study. Particular to this program is its ability to provide the student with the opportunity to develop three different research papers with reference to the student's own interests in Religious Studies under the supervision of professors from various parts of the University.

section 11.1.9: Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.); Religious Studies (Non-Thesis) (48 credits)

The S.T.M. is meant for those who intend to enter the ministry of the Christian Church or another religious institution, or proceed to a teaching career or to some form of social work. This degree enables students to specialize in one area or discipline of theological study before or after the third year of the M.Div. and is unique in Canada. The S.T.M. program is fully accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the U.S. and Canada.

section 11.1.10: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.); Religious Studies

The purpose of the Ph.D. program is to engage students in advanced academic studies normally in preparation for an academic career. The community of graduate scholars in this program is engaged in a broad spectrum of critical research involving any number of interdisciplinary approaches conducted on a number of different religious traditions. The Faculty members are committed to the training of teaching scholars, making the FRS one of very few schools that values its ability to offer graduate students opportunities under faculty supervision to teach/lecture during their time in the program.

section 11.1.11: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.); Religious Studies — Gender and Women's Studies

The graduate option in Gender and Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary program for students meeting the degree requirements in Religious Studies who wish to focus on gender-related issues and feminist research and methodologies. Research focus is on a topic relating to gender issues or women's studies. Please contact the Department for more information about this option.

11.1.3 Religious Studies Admission Requirements and Application Procedures

11.1.3.1 Admission Requirements

Master of Arts (M.A.) Thesis

Applicants must possess a B.A. with a Major or Honours in Religious Studies or a Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.), or a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree, normally with a minimum CGPA of 3.3/4.0 (B+) from an accredited university or college. Applicants with fewer than 30 appropriate credits in Religious Studies or Theology are normally required to take a Qualifying Program before entering the M.A.

Master of Arts (M.A.) in Religious Studies (Thesis) – Gender and Women's Studies Option/Concentration

The graduate option in Gender and Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary program for students who meet degree requirements in Religious Studies (and other participating departments and faculties) who wish to focus on gender-related issues and feminist research and methodologies. Research focus is on a topic relating to gender issues or women's studies.

Master of Arts (M.A.) (Thesis) in Religious Studies with specialization in Bioethics

For information contact the Chair, Master's Specialization in Bioethics, Biomedical Ethics Unit, 3690 Peel Street, Montreal, QC, H3A 1W9. Telephone: 514-398-6980. Fax: 514-398-8349. Email: jennifer.fishman@mcgill.ca.

Master of Arts (M.A.) (Non-Thesis)

Applicants must possess a B.A. with a Major or Honours in Religious Studies or a Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.), or a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree, normally with a minimum CGPA of 3.3/4.0 (B+) from an accredited university or college. Applicants with fewer than 30 appropriate credits in Religious Studies or Theology are normally required to take a Qualifying Program before entering the M.A.

Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.)

Applicants must possess a B.A., normally with at least a good second-class standing (B+ or CGPA 3.3/4.0), in a major or honours program in religious studies or theology from an accredited university or college. Those who have a McGill B.Th. or an equivalent degree in addition to a B.A. degree with a second-class standing may be admitted to the second year of the S.T.M. program.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Entry into the doctoral program is limited to applicants who have earned an academic master's degree in religious studies or theology in a recognized graduate program, or those who have finished the course requirements of such a program with a minimum CGPA of 3.5/4.0.

Advanced Standing (Ph.D. 2) may be granted if the completed master's-level work including a thesis is in the same area as that of the intended doctoral specialization and involved not less than six (6) courses (18 credits).

It is recommended that a foreign language related to the area of study be included in the bachelor's or master's work preceding doctoral study.

Applicants for doctoral programs are requested to submit a substantial sample of their scholarly writing (15–20 pages) with their application. The application should specify one of the specializations listed in [section 11.1.2: About Religious Studies](#).

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Religious Studies – Gender and Women's Studies Option/Concentration

The graduate option in Gender and Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary program for students who meet the degree requirements in Religious Studies who wish to focus on gender-related issues and feminist research and methodologies. Research focus is on a topic relating to gender issues or women's studies.

11.1.3.2 Application Procedures

Application forms for admission are available at www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply. Applications are completed online and submitted electronically. All supporting documents must be submitted to the Graduate Admissions Office of the Faculty of Religious Studies.

The following items must be submitted before the application can be considered by the Faculty's Graduate Admissions Committee:

1. application form;
2. non-refundable \$100 application fee (payable by credit card only);
3. two copies of the official transcripts of all post-secondary courses taken and degrees completed;
4. two academic letters of recommendation addressed to the Chair of the Graduate Admissions committee;
5. a statement of intent of approximately 500 words;
6. a sample of recent academic writing;
7. non-Canadian applicants whose mother tongue is not English and who have not completed an undergraduate degree from a recognized institution where English is the language of instruction must submit documented proof of competency in oral and written English, e.g., TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with a minimum score of 577 on the paper-based test.

Permanent residents may be required to submit a TOEFL score.

11.1.3.3 Dates for Guaranteed Consideration

Canadian	International	Special/Exchange/Visiting
Fall: March 15*	Fall: March 15*	Fall: March 15*
Winter: Sept. 15	Winter: Sept. 15	Winter: Sept. 15
Summer: N/A	Summer: N/A	Summer: N/A

* For funding consideration, the application for September admission must be submitted by February 1.

 **Note:** We are not willing to consider any applications to be admitted for the Winter term for the M.A. Bioethics option.

11.1.4 Religious Studies Faculty

Dean, Faculty of Religious Studies

Ellen B. Aitken

Graduate Program Director

Patricia G. Kirkpatrick

Graduate Admissions Chair

Ian Henderson

Emeritus Professors

Gregory B. Baum; B.A.(McM.), M.A.(Ohio), D.Th.(Fribourg)

Maurice Boutin; B.A., B.A., B.A.(Montr.), D.Th.(Munich) (*J.W. McConnell Professor of Philosophy of Religion*)

Robert C. Culley; B.A.(Tor.), B.D.(Knox, Tor.), M.A., Ph.D.(Tor.), D.D.(Montr. Dio. Coll.)

Douglas J. Hall; B.A.(W. Ont.), M.Div., S.T.M., Th.D.(U.T.S., N.Y.), D.D.(Qu.), LL.D.(Wat.), D.D.(Presb. Coll.)

Joseph C. McLelland; B.A.(McM.), M.A.(Tor.), B.D.(Knox, Tor.), Ph.D.(Edin.), D.D.(Montr. Dio. Coll.), D.D.(Knox, Tor.)

Donna R. Runnalls; B.A.(Br. Col.), B.D.(McG.), Ph.D.(Tor.)

Frederik Wisse; Ing.(Utrecht), B.A., B.D.(Calvin), Ph.D.(Claremont)

Professors

Douglas B. Farrow; B.R.E.(Providence), M.Div.(Grace), M.Th.(Regent), Ph.D.(Lond.)

Torrance Kirby; B.A.(KCNS), M.A.(Dal.), D.Phil.(Oxf.)

Gerbern S. Oegema; B.A., Th.D.(Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam), M.A., Ph.D.(Free Univ., Berlin), Dr. Theol. Habil(Tübingen)

Arvind Sharma; B.A.(Alld.), M.A.(Syrac.), M.T.S., Ph.D.(Harv.) (*Henry Birks Professor of Comparative Religion*)

Katherine K. Young; B.A.(Vermont), M.A.(Chic.), Ph.D.(McG.) (*James McGill Professor of Hinduism/Comparative Religion*) (*Post-Retirement*)

Associate Professors

Ellen B. Aitken; A.B.(Harv.), M.Div.(Univ. of the South), Th.D.(Harv.)

Lara Braitstein; B.A., M.A., Ph.D.(McG.)

Gaelle Fiasse; B.A., M.A., Ph.D.(Louvain) (*joint appt. with Philosophy*)

Garth Green; B.A.(Ariz.), M.A.(Catholic Univ. of Louvain), M.A., Ph.D.(Boston)

Ian H. Henderson; B.A.(Manit.), B.D.(St. And.), M.A.(McM.), D.Phil.(Oxf.)

G. Victor Hori; B.A.(York), M.A.(Tor.), Ph.D.(Stan.)

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Jim Kanaris; B.A.(C'dia), M.A., Ph.D.(McG.)

Fabian Udo; B.Phil.(Institut de Philosophie, Kinshasa), S.T.B.(Pontificia Universitas Gregoriana), M.Phil.(Oxf.), Ph.D.(Duke)

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Adjunct Professors

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11.1.5 Master of Arts (M.A.); Religious Studies (Thesis) (48 credits)**Thesis Courses (27 credits)**

RELG 688	(3)	Thesis Research 1
RELG 689	(3)	Thesis Research 2
RELG 698	(9)	Thesis Research 3
RELG 699	(12)	Thesis Research 4

Required Course (3 credits)

RELG 645	(3)	Methods in Religious Studies
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Complementary Courses (15 credits)

15 credits selected from the 500- or 600-level courses accepted by the Faculty of Religious Studies for the granting of a master's degree.

Language Requirement

Students are required to give their area committee evidence of reading knowledge of a scholarly language other than English. This language may be either a modern language in which there is a significant amount of scholarship relevant to the student's area of research, or a classical language relevant to the student's area of research. If a classical language is chosen, it must be in addition to any prerequisite language for the area in question.

11.1.6 Master of Arts (M.A.); Religious Studies (Thesis) — Gender and Women's Studies (45 credits)**Thesis Courses**

27 credits from:

RELG 688	(3)	Thesis Research 1
RELG 689	(3)	Thesis Research 2
RELG 698	(9)	Thesis Research 3
RELG 699	(12)	Thesis Research 4

Required Courses

6 credits from:

RELG 645	(3)	Methods in Religious Studies
WMST 601	(3)	Feminist Theories and Methods

Complementary Courses

12 credits selected from the 500- or 600-level courses accepted by the Faculty of Religious Studies for the granting of a master's degree. Must include within the 12 credits:

Either

WMST 602	(3)	Feminist Research Symposium
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or 3 credits of another 500- or 600-level course in Gender and Women's Studies.

11.1.7 Master of Arts (M.A.); Religious Studies (Thesis) — Bioethics (45 credits)

Thesis Courses (24 credits)

BIOE 690	(3)	M.Sc. Thesis Literature Survey
BIOE 691	(3)	M.Sc. Thesis Research Proposal
BIOE 692	(6)	M.Sc. Thesis Research Progress Report
BIOE 693	(12)	M.Sc. Thesis

Required Courses (12 credits)

BIOE 680	(3)	Bioethical Theory
BIOE 681	(3)	Bioethics Practicum
RELG 571	(3)	Religion and Medicine
RELG 645	(3)	Methods in Religious Studies

Complementary Courses (9 credits)

9 credits at the 500 or 600 level, deemed necessary or accepted by the base faculty for the granting of a master's degree, in consultation with the supervisor.

11.1.8 Master of Arts (M.A.); Religious Studies (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)

Research Project (9 credits)

RELG 660	(3)	M.A. Research Paper 1
RELG 661	(3)	M.A. Research Paper 2
RELG 662	(3)	M.A. Research Paper 3

Required Courses (6 credits)

RELG 555	(3)	Honours Seminar
RELG 645	(3)	Methods in Religious Studies

Complementary Courses (30 credits)

30 credits of courses selected from the 500- or 600-level courses accepted by the Faculty of Religious Studies for the granting of a master's degree.

Language Requirement

Students are required to give their area committee evidence of reading knowledge of a scholarly language other than English. This language may be either a modern language in which there is a significant amount of scholarship relevant to the student's area of research, or a classical language relevant to the student's area of research. If a classical language is chosen, it must be in addition to any prerequisite language for the area in question.

11.1.9 Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.); Religious Studies (Non-Thesis) (48 credits)

ATS Accreditation:

The S.T.M. program is fully accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the U.S. and Canada.

The normal requirement is two years (of two terms each) of full-time study (or one year of full-time study for those admitted with advanced standing into S.T.M. 2), but the degree may, by permission, be taken on a part-time basis.

Note: Ordination requirements for S.T.M. graduates will normally involve a further year of professional pastoral studies (the In-Ministry Year) provided by the Montreal School of Theology affiliated with the Faculty of Religious Studies.

Students admitted to Year 1 are required to complete twelve one-term courses (36 credits) and pass four Area Studies courses (12 credits). Students admitted to Year 2 are required to complete six one-term courses (18 credits) and pass two Area Studies courses.

Required Courses (48 credits)

Year 1 entrants, 12 credits from the following courses:

Year 2 entrants, 6 credits from the following courses:

RELG 520	(3)	Biblical Theology
RELG 530	(3)	Church History
RELG 531	(3)	Christian Theology
RELG 540	(3)	Philosophy of Religion
RELG 541	(3)	Theological Ethics
RELG 550	(3)	Comparative Religion

Year 1 entrants: 12 credits of additional courses.

Year 2 entrants: 6 credits of additional courses.

Students who take the S.T.M. as part of their ordination requirements are to choose their courses in consultation with the Principal of the Theological College with which they are associated.

Course selection for all S.T.M. students needs the approval of the Chair of Religious Studies Graduate Committee.

Related courses are also available in other departments.

11.1.10 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.); Religious Studies

Thesis

A thesis for the doctoral degree must constitute original scholarship and must be a distinct contribution to knowledge. It must show familiarity with previous work in the field and must demonstrate ability to plan and carry out research, organize results, and defend the approach and conclusions in a scholarly manner. The research presented must meet current standards of the discipline; as well, the thesis must clearly demonstrate how the research advances knowledge in the field. Finally, the thesis must be written in compliance with norms for academic and scholarly expression and for publication in the public domain.

Required Courses

RELG 701	(0)	Major Comprehensive Examination
RELG 702	(0)	Minor Comprehensive Examination
RELG 703	(0)	Oral Comprehensive Examination

Candidates admitted to Ph.D. 1 take a minimum of six graduate seminars during their first year and four seminars during their Ph.D. 2 year; those admitted to Ph.D. 2 must take a minimum of four graduate seminars. If possible, two seminars should be in their area of specialization, and at least one should be at the 700 level.

Language Requirements

Students are required to give their area committee evidence of reading knowledge of two languages other than English. These languages must be chosen from modern languages in which there is a significant amount of scholarship relevant to the student's area of research, or from classical languages relevant to the student's area of research.

Research in some disciplines, or on certain thesis topics, may require proficiency in more than two languages besides English. In that case, additional language requirements may be stipulated by the supervisor.

Doctoral Colloquium

As one of their requirements, all Ph.D. students in residence shall attend the monthly graduate colloquium, at which time a student's thesis project is formally presented and discussed. Each student is required to present an aspect of his or her thesis research to a meeting of the Doktorklub before the thesis is submitted.

11.1.11 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.); Religious Studies — Gender and Women's Studies

Thesis

Presentation to Doktorklub of student's thesis research.

A thesis for the doctoral degree must constitute original scholarship and must be a distinct contribution to knowledge. It must show familiarity with previous work in the field and must demonstrate ability to plan and carry out research, organize results, and defend the approach and conclusions in a scholarly manner. The research presented must meet current standards of the discipline; as well, the thesis must clearly demonstrate how the research advances knowledge in the field. Finally, the thesis must be written in compliance with norms for academic and scholarly expression and for publication in the public domain.

Required Courses

RELG 701	(0)	Major Comprehensive Examination
RELG 702	(0)	Minor Comprehensive Examination
RELG 703	(0)	Oral Comprehensive Examination
WMST 601	(3)	Feminist Theories and Methods
WMST 602	(3)	Feminist Research Symposium

Students admitted to Ph.D. 1

Students admitted to Ph.D. 1 take a minimum of six (3-credit) graduate seminars during their first year and a minimum of four (3-credit) graduate seminars in Ph.D. 2 including:

WMST 601	(3)	Feminist Theories and Methods
WMST 602	(3)	Feminist Research Symposium

and one 3-credit graduate seminar with a substantive focus on gender and/or women's studies.

One 3-credit graduate seminar must be at the 700 level.

Students entering into Ph.D. 2

Students entering into Ph.D. 2 are required to take a minimum of four (3-credit) graduate seminars including:

WMST 601	(3)	Feminist Theories and Methods
WMST 602	(3)	Feminist Research Symposium

and one 3-credit graduate seminar with a substantive focus on gender and/or women's studies.

One 3-credit graduate seminar must be at the 700 level.

Language Requirements

Modern and ancient languages as stipulated by field of study.