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1 Opportunities for Field Study and Study Abroad

Besides the many academic resources McGill offers on campus, there are also unparalleled opportunities to enrich your educational experience through exchange programs, internships, field study programs, and McGill courses taught off-campus and abroad. The following sections provide information regarding opportunities in the following categories:

- **section 2: Field Study Semesters and Off-Campus Courses** – participate in programs and courses offered by McGill University in local, regional, and international settings as a complement to classroom learning.
- **section 3: Internships and Co-op Programs** – participate in partnerships offered through McGill to gain valuable on-the-job knowledge in your field.
- **section 4: Exchange Programs** – study at one of McGill’s partner universities while earning credit at McGill, and paying McGill tuition.
- **section 5: Study Away On Your Own** – study away at another university while earning credit at McGill. Tuition is paid directly to the host university.

2 Field Study Semesters and Off-Campus Courses

McGill offers you a chance to put theory into practice through local, regional, and international field study semesters and individual courses. Field studies provide practical experience and a chance to integrate and apply knowledge gained in the classroom. In many cases, field courses can be counted toward major program requirements. You should see your adviser for details.

Field Study Semesters are packages of McGill courses aimed at upper-year students that focus on the physical and social aspects of the environment. They are offered in various regions around the world in the Summer, Fall, or Winter terms. Currently, Field Study Semesters are offered in East Africa (Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania; see **section 2.1.1: Africa Field Study Semester**), the Canadian Arctic (Axel Heiberg Island; see **section 2.1.2: Arctic Field Study Semester**), Barbados (see **section 2.1.3: Barbados Field Study Semester** and **section 2.1.4: Barbados Interdisciplinary Tropical Studies Field Semester**), and Panama (see **section 2.1.5: Panama Field Study Semester**). Enrolment is limited, and application deadlines and costs vary, so you should consult the relevant sections of this publication for details. If you are interested in participating, you should begin planning your courses before the Field Study semester, as some of the field courses may require prerequisites.

Students participating in any one of the field study semesters, i.e., the Africa Field Study Semester (AFSS), the Arctic Field Study Semester (MAFS), the Barbados Field Study Semester (BFSS), the Barbados Interdisciplinary Tropical Studies (BITS) Field Study Semester, or the Panama Field Study Semester (PFSS), may complete the 18-credit Minor in Field Studies. See **section 2.1: Field Study Minor** for details.

Off-campus McGill courses are also offered to you and sometimes require separate departmental application. The courses are typically offered during the summer months and can be offered in places as varied as Italy, Mexico, or Brazil and in disciplines in Arts, Engineering (including Architecture), Science, Law, or Management. See **section 2.3: Off-Campus Courses**.

2.1 Field Study Minor

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**Field Study Minor Adviser** (Faculty of Science):
Ryan Bouma
Email: ryan.bouma@mcgill.ca
Faculty of Science, Dawson Hall, Room 405

For more information and course lists, see Faculty of Science > Undergraduate > Browse Academic Units & Programs > Field Study > : Field Studies - Minor Field Studies (18 credits).

2.1.1 Africa Field Study Semester

Website: www.mcgill.ca/africa

The Africa Field Study Semester comprises 15 credits of field study courses. Two courses (6 credits) in the natural and social sciences provide interdisciplinary academic context for field study. The other 9 credits are taken from the complementary courses list. One final complementary course (3 credits) is taken on campus to complete the Minor program requirements.

Visit the Africa website, or refer to Faculty of Science > Undergraduate > Browse Academic Units & Programs > Field Study > : Field Studies - Minor Field Studies (18 credits), for the latest program updates.
Offered: Winter term
Location: East Africa
Enrolment Limit: 38 students

Fees: In addition to the regular McGill fees, students will be required to pay the additional costs associated with delivering the courses in the field. These costs include airfare, local travel, all food and accommodation, special admission fees for parks and museums, as well as other field costs. Fee details for the upcoming semester are available at www.mcgill.ca/africa/program-fees.

Students can apply for a Mobility Award. See www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/other-funding/mobilityawards for details.

Application Deadline: March 31, 2019 for January 2020 (Winter term of the 2019-2020 academic year). Depending on space, there will be a second intake with a deadline date of November 1, 2019.

Application Details: Students must submit:

- the online application (available at www.mcgill.ca/africa/application);
- a copy of their transcript;
- a letter of intent;
- one reference letter; and
- a CV

to the Internship and Field Studies Office in the Faculty of Science:

Science Internship & Field Studies Office
Burnside Hall, Room 720
Telephone: 514-398-1063; 514-398-8365
Email: ifso.science@mcgill.ca
Website: www.mcgill.ca/science/student/internships-field

Prerequisites: The Africa Field Study Semester is intended for students in their final two years. A CGPA of 3.00 and higher is recommended.

Students from other universities are eligible to apply to the Africa Field Study Semester and must also meet the criteria for admission to McGill as a Visiting Student. Please see the Africa website for details.

For more information and course lists, see Faculty of Science > Undergraduate > Browse Academic Units & Programs > Field Study > : Field Studies - Minor Field Studies (18 credits).

### Arctic Field Study Semester

Website: www.mcgill.ca/arctic

The McGill Arctic Field Study Semester comprises 15 credits of field study courses. Two courses (6 credits) provide the background to complete an independent research project. The other 9 credits are taken from Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences, Earth & Planetary Sciences and Geography. One final complementary course (3 credits) is taken on campus to complete the Minor program requirements.

Visit the Arctic website or refer to Faculty of Science > Undergraduate > Browse Academic Units & Programs > Field Study > : Field Studies - Minor Field Studies (18 credits) for the latest program updates.

Offered: Summer term
Location: Central Axel Heiberg Island in the Canadian High Arctic
Enrolment Limit: 10 students

Fees: In addition to the regular McGill fees, students will be required to pay the additional costs associated with delivering the courses in the field. These costs include airfare, local travel, all food and accommodation, special admission fees for parks and museums, as well as other field costs. Fee details for the upcoming semester are available at www.mcgill.ca/arctic/program-fees.

Students can apply for a Travel (Mobility) Award from the Government of Quebec; see for details.

Application Deadline: March 31, 2020 for Summer 2020. The courses will be listed under "Fall 2020".

Application Details: Students must submit:

- the online application form (available at www.mcgill.ca/arctic/apply-now)
- a letter of intent;
- one reference letter;
- a CV; and
- a copy of their transcript

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Website: www.mcgill.ca/science/student/internships-field

Prerequisites: The Arctic Field Study Semester is intended for students in their final two years. A CGPA of 3.00 and higher is recommended.

For more information and course lists, see Faculty of Science > Undergraduate > Browse Academic Units & Programs > Field Study > Field Studies - Minor Field Studies (18 credits).

2.1.3 Barbados Field Study Semester

Website: www.mcgill.ca/bfss

Offered: Fall term

Location: Bellairs Research Institute in Barbados

Enrolment Limit: 25 students

Fees: In addition to the regular McGill fees, students will be required to pay the additional costs associated with delivering the courses in the field. These costs include accommodation and most food, as well as other field costs; they do not include airfare. Fee details for the upcoming semester are available at www.mcgill.ca/bfss.

Students enrolled in the Barbados Field Study Semester (BFSS) program may be eligible for a Mobility Bursary for Exchanges: see www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/special-funding/mobility-exchanges for details.

Application Deadline: The deadline is in late February each year for admission to the following Fall semester.

Application Details: Students must submit:

- a letter of intent;
- a CV; and
- a copy of their transcript

by email to jocelyne.begin@mcgill.ca. Further details are available at www.mcgill.ca/bfss.

Prerequisites: None

For more information and course lists, see Faculty of Science > Undergraduate > Browse Academic Units & Programs > Field Study > Field Studies - Minor Field Studies (18 credits).

2.1.4 Barbados Interdisciplinary Tropical Studies Field Semester

Website: www.mcgill.ca/bits

Offered: Summer term

Location: Bellairs Research Institute in Barbados

Enrolment Limit: 25 students

Fees: In addition to the regular McGill fees, students will be required to pay the additional costs associated with delivering the courses in the field. These costs include accommodation and most food, as well as other field costs; they do not include airfare. Fee details for the upcoming semester are available at www.mcgill.ca/bits/cost.

McGill students are eligible for a Mobility Award; see www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/other-funding/mobilityawards for details.

Application Deadline: Please consult the website for upcoming deadlines.

Application Details: Students must submit:

- a letter of intent;
- a CV; and
- an application form (available on the website)

by email to julie.major@mcgill.ca. Further details are available at www.mcgill.ca/bits.

Prerequisites: A CGPA of 2.5 or higher is recommended.

For more information on the field studies minor and course lists, see Faculty of Science > Undergraduate > Browse Academic Units & Programs > Field Study > Field Studies - Minor Field Studies (18 credits).
2.1.5 Panama Field Study Semester

Website: www.mcgill.ca/pfss

Offered: Winter term

Location: Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) in Panama

Enrolment Limit: 26 students

Fees: In addition to the regular McGill fees, students will be required to pay the additional costs associated with delivering the courses in the field. These costs include accommodation and other field costs; they do not include airfare, food, or other living expenses. Fee details for the upcoming semester are available at www.mcgill.ca/pfss/cost.

Students can apply for a Mobility Award. See www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/special-funding/mobility-exchanges for details.


Application Details: Students must submit:

- the online application (available at www.mcgill.ca/pfss/application);
- a copy of their transcript;
- a letter of intent; and
- a CV

Students can apply for a Mobility Award. See www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/special-funding/mobility-exchanges for details.


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2.3.2 Architecture

The following course is offered off campus by the School of Architecture.

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2.3.3 Biology

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<td>BIOL 334D1/BIOL 334D2 (3)</td>
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<td>BIOL 335 (3)</td>
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<td>BIOL 573 (3)</td>
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2.3.4 Earth & Planetary Sciences

The following courses are two-week field studies (May) in selected branches of the geosciences to examine processes in geology.

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<th>Off-Campus Earth &amp; Planetary Sciences Courses</th>
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<td>EPSC 331 (3)</td>
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2.3.5 Geography

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2.3.6 History & Classical Studies

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3 Internships and Co-op Programs

For information on internships and co-op programs, refer to University Regulations and Resources > Undergraduate > Internships, Exchanges, and Co-op Programs, or the Internship Offices Network website.

4 Exchange Programs

McGill students can study on exchange while paying McGill tuition and earning credits toward their McGill degree.

4.1 Eligibility

Student exchange programs are open to McGill students of all nationalities. To participate, applicants must be currently registered as full-time, degree-seeking McGill students, and meet the criteria of their faculty at McGill. Applicants must have completed at least one year of full-time study (24 McGill credits) by the start of the exchange. Students can participate in exchanges for one term or two terms.

Visit www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad for up-to-date information regarding study abroad opportunities.

4.2 Applying for an Exchange

Applications must be submitted on Minerva. Complete application details are found on the McGill Abroad website: www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad.

4.2.1 Deadlines

All deadlines regarding student exchanges are available at www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad/students-going-abroad. The McGill Application for Fall and Winter exchanges is generally open from November 15 to January 15. The Faculty of Law application deadline is earlier.

Detailed information on the application process and deadlines is contained on the McGill Abroad website: www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad.

4.2.2 Bilateral Student Exchanges

Bilateral student exchange agreements are tuition exchange agreements that exist between McGill University and one other institution, which has been reviewed and approved by McGill. The number of exchange spaces available at the host institution are limited, and vary from year to year. McGill students nominated to participate on an exchange term abroad are billed McGill tuition and fees for that term (equivalent to 15 McGill credits). McGill University has bilateral agreements in many countries including: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Caribbean, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Exchange programs can be university-wide or faculty-specific. Faculty-specific agreements are only open to students in the specified faculty.

The full listing of bilateral partners can be found at www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad.

4.3 Exchanges Within Quebec

The BCI (Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire, previously known as CREPUQ) offers a Quebec Inter-University Transfer Agreement (IUT). Through this agreement, students registered at any Quebec university can take courses at any other of the province's universities for credit toward a degree at their home university. For more information, refer to www.mcgill.ca/students/iut.

4.4 Transfer of Credits from Host Institution

Grades received from the host institution do not appear on the McGill transcript nor are they calculated in the McGill CGPA. The McGill transcript includes a notation of participation in an exchange, the number of transfer credits granted by McGill, and where applicable, McGill course exemptions.
Students can begin the transfer of credits process once they have registered at the host school and have obtained course syllabi. For more detailed information, students should consult their faculty Student Affairs Office. Transfer credits process should be completed within the shortest delay possible after the end of the exchange term.

Before leaving the host institution, students should order two (2) copies of the official transcript for their files, and ensure that the institution sends an official version of the transcript to Service Point at McGill (www.mcgill.ca/servicepoint).

5 Study Away On Your Own

If you want to study as a Visiting student at a university with which McGill does not have a student exchange agreement, you must consult the Student Affairs Office of your McGill faculty, as well as the Admissions Office of the university to which you are applying regarding application requirements. You would pay tuition to the host institution.

Contact information for your faculty's Student Affairs Office is available at www.mcgill.ca/students/advising/advisordirectory.

6 Financial Assistance

Awards and financial assistance are available to students to help with the cost of participating in an exchange or field study semester. Further information, as well as application deadlines and eligibility, can be found in the following sections and on the McGill Abroad website.

6.1 Exchange Awards and Funding

Students participating in an official McGill University exchange program are eligible to apply for government student assistance as a McGill student, but are not eligible for McGill Student Aid. Students who “study away on their own” are not eligible to receive government student loans through McGill because they are not registered at McGill. Students should verify with the institution they will be attending whether or not they will be eligible to receive government student assistance.

Further information, as well as application deadlines and eligibility, can be found on the McGill Abroad website.

6.2 McGill Scholarships and Awards

For students who are pursuing an approved program of study, renewable scholarships and awards may be retained for up to one year while on exchange. However, they will not be eligible for McGill's yearly in-course awards.

For further information, please refer to the Scholarships and Student Aid website, or contact studentexchanges@mcgill.ca.

7 Further Information

Additional details regarding various study abroad options, including application procedures, deadlines, eligibility criteria, travel awards, etc., are on the McGill Abroad website: www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad. Students can also contact Service Point for Student Exchange related inquiries.

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