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## 1 Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

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**Note:** For inquiries regarding specific graduate programs, please contact the appropriate department.

### 1.3 Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies' Mission

The mission of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) is to promote university-wide academic excellence for graduate and postdoctoral education at McGill. GPS provides leadership and strategic direction across the university in close collaboration with the academic and administrative units, and the graduate and postdoctoral community.

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## 2 Important Dates

For all dates relating to the academic year, consult [mcgill.ca/importantdates](http://mcgill.ca/importantdates).

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## 3 Graduate Studies at a Glance

Please refer to [University Regulations & Resources](#) > *Graduate* > : [Graduate Studies at a Glance](#) for a list of all graduate departments and degrees currently being offered.

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## 4 Program Requirements

Refer to [University Regulations & Resources](#) > *Graduate* > *Regulations* > : [Program Requirements](#) for graduate program requirements for the following:

- Master's Degrees
- Doctoral Degrees

- Coursework for Graduate Programs, Diplomas, and Certificates

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## 5 Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures

Please refer to [University Regulations & Resources > Graduate > : Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures](#) for information on:

- Application for admission;
- Admission requirements;
- Application procedures;
- Competency in English; and
- Other information regarding admissions and application procedures for Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

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## 6 Fellowships, Awards, and Assistantships

Please refer to [University Regulations & Resources > Graduate > : Fellowships, Awards, and Assistantships](#) for information and contact information regarding fellowships, awards, and assistantships in Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

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## 7 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 postdoctoral scholars will require during their studies at McGill and should be periodically consulted, along with other sections and related publications.

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### 7.1 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 them 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.).

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### 7.2 Guidelines and Policy for Academic Units on Postdoctoral Education

Every unit hosting postdocs should apply institutional policies and procedures for the provision of postdoctoral education and have established means for informing postdocs of policies, procedures, and privileges (available at [mcgill.ca/gps/postdocs](http://mcgill.ca/gps/postdocs)), as well as mechanisms for addressing complaints. For their part, postdocs are responsible for informing themselves of such policies, procedures, and privileges.

#### 1. Definition and Status

- Postdoctoral status will be recognized by the University in accordance with Quebec provincial regulations as may be modified from time to time. The eligibility period for postdoctoral status is up to five years from the date when the Ph.D. or equivalent degree was awarded. A *leave of absence* for parental or health reasons may extend the eligibility period. Leaves for other reasons, including vacation, do not impact the eligibility period.
- Some McGill postdocs have dual status as both students and employees (unionized or non-unionized). Consult the [Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies website](#) for definitions of Postdoctoral Fellows, Postdoctoral Scholars, and Postdoctoral Researchers.
- Postdocs must conduct research under the supervision of a McGill professor (including Adjunct Professors), qualified in the discipline in which training is being provided and with the ability to fulfil supervisory responsibilities and act as a mentor for career development. Postdocs are expected to engage primarily in research with minimal teaching or other responsibilities.

#### 2. Registration

- Postdocs must *register* annually with the University through Enrolment Services. Registration will be limited to postdocs who fulfil the definition above, and who meet the eligibility criteria as stipulated on the [Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies website](#).

- ii. Upon registration, postdocs will be eligible for a University identity card issued by Enrolment Services.
- iii. Leaves of absence must comply with the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Policies for Vacation, Parental/Familial, and Health Leave (see [section 7.3: Vacation Policy for Graduate Students and Postdocs](#) and [University Regulations & Resources](#) > Graduate > Regulations > Categories of Students > : [Leave of Absence Status](#)).

### 3. Appointment, Funding, Letter of Agreement

- i. Postdoctoral appointments may not exceed the registration eligibility period as defined above.
- ii. In order to be registered, the postdoc must be assured of financial support other than from personal means during their stay at McGill University. This amount must be equivalent to the minimal stipend requirement set by the University in accordance with guidelines issued by federal and provincial research granting agencies or the collective agreement, as applicable. Funding during parental leave is subject to the conditions of the funding agency or the collective agreement, as applicable.
- iii. Postdocs require a [Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education](#) signed by the postdoc, the supervisor, and the department/unit head or delegate.
- iv. Postdocs with full responsibility for teaching a course should be compensated over and above their postdoctoral funding as course lecturers. This applies to all postdocs, except those for whom teaching is part of the award.
- 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 or the collective agreement. 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 under [mcgill.ca/students/srr](#), and those granted by the policies listed at [mcgill.ca/secretariat/policies-and-regulations](#).
- ii. Postdocs have full graduate student borrowing privileges in McGill libraries through their identity card.
- iii. As a general rule, postdocs may take courses for credit as Special Students following the admissions procedures outlined at [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply/prepare/visiting](#). [Tuition and other charges](#) will apply.
- iv. Postdocs may be listed in the McGill directory.
- v. Access to sports facilities may be purchased on a monthly basis through McGill Athletics and Recreation.
- vi. Postdoctoral Fellows and Scholars are mandatory members of the Post-Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) and an annual association fee is automatically charged.
- vii. Postdocs are permitted membership in the Faculty Club; an annual fee will be charged for this membership.
- viii. 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.
- ix. Postdocs have access to the services provided by the Ombudsperson.
- x. 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.
- xi. Access to student services is granted to non-unionized postdocs, who are charged the Student Services fee in the Fall and Winter terms, through their student fee accounts.

### 5. Responsibilities

- i. Postdocs are subject to the responsibilities outlined at [mcgill.ca/students/srr](#) and must abide by the policies listed at [mcgill.ca/secretariat/policies-and-regulations](#).
- 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 the responsibilities of the academic unit are:
  - to verify the postdoc's eligibility period for registration;
  - to provide postdocs with departmental policy and procedures that pertain to them;
  - to facilitate the registration and appointment of postdocs;
  - to assign departmental personnel the responsibility for postdoctoral affairs in the unit;
  - 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; and
  - 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 the 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; and
- to prepare, sign, and adhere to a Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education.

vi. Some examples of the responsibilities of postdocs are:

- to inform themselves of and adhere to the University's policies and/or regulations for postdocs as outlined at [mcgill.ca/gps/postdocs](http://mcgill.ca/gps/postdocs) and [mcgill.ca/students/srr](http://mcgill.ca/students/srr), 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; and
- 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 (Postdoctoral Fellows and Scholars) and HR policies and guidelines (Postdoctoral Researchers).

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### 7.3 Vacation Policy for Postdocs

Please refer to the : [Vacation Policy for Graduate Students and Postdocs](#).

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### 7.4 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 [University Regulations & Resources > Graduate > : Leave of Absence Status](#)).

Such a leave must be requested on a term-by-term basis and may be granted for a period of up to 52 weeks. For a maternity or parental leave, the eligibility period of a maximum of 52 consecutive weeks is determined based on when the child is born; if the leave is interrupted for one or two terms, the eligibility period cannot be extended. 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 the procedure in [University Regulations & Resources > Graduate > : Leave of Absence Status](#).

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. 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 is available at [mcgill.ca/gps/funding/getting-paid](http://mcgill.ca/gps/funding/getting-paid) under "Leave Policies and Form."

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### 7.5 Postdoctoral Research Trainees

#### Eligibility

If your situation does not conform to the Government of Quebec's definition of a 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 and Health Sciences—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 whose degree/certification has not yet been awarded. An individual in this category will subsequently be eligible for registration as a Postdoctoral Fellow.

**Category 2:** An individual who is not eligible for Postdoctoral Registration according to the Government of Quebec's 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. This individual wishes to conduct the research stage or elective component of their program of study at McGill University under the supervision of a McGill professor. This individual will be engaged in full-time research with well-defined objectives, responsibilities, and methods of reporting. Applications must be accompanied by a letter of permission from the applicant's 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 fulfils 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/diplomas.
- 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.

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## 8 Graduate Studies Guidelines and Policies

Refer to [University Regulations & 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
- Failure Policy
- Guideline on Hours of Work

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## 9 Graduate Student Services and Information

Graduate students are encouraged to refer to [: Student Services and Information](#) for information on the following topics:

- Service Point
- Student Rights and Responsibilities
- Student Services – Downtown and Macdonald Campuses
- Residential Facilities
- Athletics and Recreation
- Ombudsperson for Students
- Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities
- Bookstore
- Computer Store
- Day Care

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

Refer to [University Regulations & Resources](#) > *Graduate* > : [Research Policy and Guidelines](#) for information on the following:

- Regulations on Research Policy
- Regulations Concerning the Investigation of Research Misconduct
- Requirements for Research Involving Human Participants
- Policy on the Study and Care of Animals
- Policy on Intellectual Property
- Regulations Governing Conflicts of Interest
- Safety in Field Work
- Office of Sponsored Research
- Postdocs
- Research Associates

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## 11 Browse Academic Units & Programs

The programs and courses in the following sections have been approved for the 2024–2025 session as listed.

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### 11.1 Agricultural Economics

#### 11.1.1 Location

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Website: [mcgill.ca/nrs/graduate-students/graduate/agricultural-economics](http://mcgill.ca/nrs/graduate-students/graduate/agricultural-economics)

#### 11.1.2 About Agricultural Economics

The goal of graduate training in Agricultural Economics is to provide students with the applied concepts and tools to identify, define, and analyze economic problems affecting the performance of the agri-food sector and the environment. Attention is given to:

- the development of analytical skills in Applied Economics related to agriculture, environment, and ecological economics;
- Environmental and Resource Economics;
- International Agricultural Development;
- Farm Management, Production, and Finance.

The program prepares graduates for rewarding careers in research, analysis, and decision-making in academia; private and NGO sectors; and government. For more information on the **M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics**, please refer to [section 11.7: Natural Resource Sciences](#). Further details can also be found at [mcgill.ca/nrs/academic/graduate/agricultural-economics](http://mcgill.ca/nrs/academic/graduate/agricultural-economics).

### 11.1.3 Agricultural Economics Admission Requirements and Application Procedures

#### 11.1.3.1 Admission Requirements

This program provides students with applied economic concepts and tools to identify, define, and analyze economic problems affecting the performance of the agri-food sector and the environment. The ideal prior preparation is an undergraduate degree in Agricultural Economics or Economics, including undergraduate courses in intermediate economic theory (micro and macro), calculus, algebra, statistics, and econometrics.

Attention is given to the development of analytical skills in the broad areas of agricultural, environmental, and ecological economics. Students may specialize, by way of their research program, in agribusiness, development, finance, marketing and trade, policy, and resource economics. The program prepares graduates for rewarding careers in research, analysis, and decision-making in academia, private, and NGO sectors, and government.

When an applicant does not have sufficient background in economics for admission to the M.Sc., they may be admitted to a Qualifying Year program of undergraduate courses. To enter the M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics from the Qualifying Year program, a student must earn a GPA of at least a 3.2 in the approved program. In all cases, after completion of a Qualifying Year, an applicant interested in commencing the M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics must apply for admission by the posted deadline.

Details on the M.Sc. are available from [section 11.7: Natural Resource Sciences](#) > [section 11.7.4: Master of Science \(M.Sc.\) Agricultural Economics \(Thesis\) \(45 credits\)](#). Further details can also be found at [mcgill.ca/nrs/academic/graduate/agricultural-economics](http://mcgill.ca/nrs/academic/graduate/agricultural-economics).

#### Financial Aid

Financial aid is available but limited, and is highly competitive. It is suggested that students give serious consideration to their financial planning before submitting an application. Normally, a student will not be accepted unless adequate financial support can be provided through a scholarship/award and/or by the student's supervisor. Academic units cannot guarantee financial support via teaching assistantships.

#### English Language Proficiency

For graduate applicants whose mother tongue is not English, and who have not completed an undergraduate or graduate degree from a recognized Canadian or American (English or French) institution or from a recognized foreign institution where English is the language of instruction, documented proof of English proficiency is required prior to admission. For a list of acceptable test scores and minimum requirements, visit [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/international/proficiency](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/international/proficiency).

#### 11.1.3.2 Application Procedures

McGill's online application form for graduate program candidates is available at [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply).

See [University Regulations & Resources](#) > [Graduate](#) > [Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures](#) > [Application Procedures](#) for detailed application procedures.

#### 11.1.3.2.1 Additional Requirements

The items and clarifications below are additional requirements set by this department:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Personal Statement
- The GRE – not required, but highly recommended

#### 11.1.3.3 Application Dates and Deadlines

Application opening dates are set by Enrolment Services in consultation with Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS), while application deadlines are set by the Department of Agricultural Economics and may be revised at any time. Applicants must verify all deadlines and documentation requirements well in advance on the appropriate McGill departmental website; please consult the list at [mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program](http://mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program).

Information on application deadlines is available at [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/application-steps/application-deadlines](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/application-steps/application-deadlines).

Admission to graduate studies is competitive; accordingly, late and/or incomplete applications are considered only as time and space permit.

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## 11.2 Animal Science

### 11.2.1 Location

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### 11.2.2 About Animal Science

The Department of Animal Science provides exciting challenges to graduate students in the areas of:

- Animal Breeding and Genetics;
- Animal Models for Human Medical Applications;
- Dairy Cattle Welfare;
- Epigenetic Modelling;
- Food Safety;
- Genome Editing (CRISPR tools);
- Large-Data Analyses;
- Metabolomics;
- Reproductive Physiology; and
- Ruminant and Non-Ruminant Nutrition and Metabolism

as they relate not only to livestock production, but also lead into the fields of human nutrition and medicine via animal models for human disease, infertility, and obesity. Official options in Biotechnology are also available.

Departmental researchers have excellent wet-lab facilities at their disposal; large-animal studies can be carried out at the Large Animal Research Unit on the Macdonald Campus farm, where other livestock species are available for research trials as well. Research can make use of the Small Animal Research Unit for studies involving rodent animal models, guinea pigs, neonatal piglets, and rabbits. Expertise is also available in applied information systems, management-software development, and large-scale data analyses. Close collaboration with the *Quebec Centre for Expertise in Dairy Production (Lactanet)* allows for large-scale data-mining projects, software development, and the production of advising tools for the industry. The Department also has significant expertise in food safety, environmental studies related to animal production, and global food security. Our staff's many connections via research networks allow for rich learning environments for our graduate students.

#### *section 11.2.4: Master of Science (M.Sc.) Animal Science (Thesis) (45 credits)*

Two one-semester courses and three seminar courses at the postgraduate level complement an area of research (resulting in a thesis) under the supervision of one of our staff—many of whom are leaders in their respective fields. Entrance to this program is highly competitive, requiring an excellent B.Sc. and letters of reference. Graduates of this program are well prepared for careers in the animal industry, the pharmaceutical sector, and many varied fields in biotechnology.

#### *section 11.2.5: Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Animal Science (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)*

The Applied Master's program must be taken with the Sustainable Agriculture concentration. Please see the respective program description for the Sustainable Agriculture option.

#### *section 11.2.6: Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Animal Science (Non-Thesis): Sustainable Agriculture (45 credits)*

Climate change and rising human population have increased the need for sustainable agricultural practices. The Sustainable Agriculture option is taken with a M.Sc. Applied (Non-Thesis) program, and designed for students who wish to supplement their basic degree with graduate studies in animal science, with a specific focus on sustainability in agriculture. Students will be exposed to different approaches to improve the sustainability of agricultural systems through specialized coursework and a project. The program aims to provide graduate training in applied areas of animal production with a view toward integrating technology and management in sustainable animal production with allied areas of agricultural resource utilization.

#### *section 11.2.7: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Animal Science*

Since the Ph.D. is primarily a research degree, the amount of coursework required will normally be considerably less than is the case for the M.Sc. It depends on the background of the individual student and must be approved by the student's advisory committee. At a minimum, it includes two seminar courses at the graduate level and the Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination as an admission to candidacy for the Ph.D. As with the M.Sc. (Thesis), admission is based on an excellent track record. Suitable candidates are encouraged to contact potential supervisors within their chosen area of interest. Applicants should, however, be aware that no professor is in a position to accept students without formal approval of the application by the Graduate Admissions Committee.

#### *section 11.2.8: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Animal Science: Bioinformatics*

Bioinformatics research lies at the intersection of biological/medical sciences and mathematics/computer science/engineering. The intention of the Bioinformatics Option is to train students to become researchers in this interdisciplinary field. This includes the development of strategies for experimental



**section 11.2.8: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Animal Science: Bioinformatics**

design, the construction of tools to analyze datasets, the application of modelling techniques, the creation of tools for manipulating bioinformatics data, the integration of biological databases, and the use of algorithms and statistics.

**11.2.3 Animal Science Admission Requirements and Application Procedures****11.2.3.1 Admission Requirements****M.Sc. (Thesis)**

Candidates are required to have either a bachelor's degree in Agriculture or a B.Sc. degree in an appropriate, related discipline with an equivalent cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0/4.0 (second class–upper division) or a grade point average (GPA) of 3.2/4.0 during the last two years of full-time university study. High grades are expected in courses considered by the academic unit to be preparatory to the graduate program.

**M.Sc. (Applied)**

All candidates are required to have a B.Sc. degree or equivalent.

**Ph.D.**

Candidates are normally required to have an M.Sc. degree in an area related to the chosen field of specialization for the Ph.D. program.

**Qualifying Students**

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 if they have met the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies minimum CGPA of 3.0/4.0. The course(s) to be taken in a Qualifying program will be prescribed by the academic unit concerned. Qualifying students are registered in graduate studies, **but not as candidates for a degree**. Only one Qualifying year is permitted and can only be recommended at the discretion of the Department. **Successful completion of a Qualifying program does not guarantee admission to a degree program.**

**Financial Aid**

Financial aid is available but limited and highly competitive. It is suggested that students give serious consideration to their financial planning before submitting an application. Normally, a student will not be accepted unless adequate financial support can be provided through a scholarship/award and/or by the student's supervisor. Academic units cannot guarantee financial support via teaching assistantships.

**English Language Proficiency**

For graduate applicants whose mother tongue is not English, and who have not completed an undergraduate or graduate degree from a recognized Canadian or American (English or French) institution or from a recognized foreign institution where English is the language of instruction, documented proof of English proficiency is required prior to admission. For a list of acceptable test scores and minimum requirements, visit [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/international/proficiency](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/international/proficiency).

**11.2.3.2 Application Procedures**

McGill's online application form for graduate program candidates is available at [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply).

See [University Regulations & Resources](#) > Graduate > Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures > : [Application Procedures](#) for detailed application procedures.

**11.2.3.2.1 Additional Requirements**

The items and clarifications below are additional requirements set by this department:

- Acceptance to all programs depends on a staff member agreeing to serve as the student's supervisor and the student obtaining financial support.
- The GRE – not required, but highly recommended.

**11.2.3.3 Application Dates and Deadlines**

Application opening dates are set by Enrolment Services in consultation with Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS), while application deadlines are set by the Department of Animal Science and may be revised at any time. Applicants must verify all deadlines and documentation requirements well in advance on the appropriate McGill departmental website; please consult the list at [mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program](http://mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program).

Information on application deadlines is available at [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/application-steps/application-deadlines](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/application-steps/application-deadlines).

Admission to graduate studies is competitive; accordingly, late and/or incomplete applications are considered only as time and space permit.

**11.2.4 Master of Science (M.Sc.) Animal Science (Thesis) (45 credits)****Thesis Courses (36 credits)**

ANSC 680	(9)	M.Sc. Thesis 1
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ANSC 681	(9)	M.Sc. Thesis 2
ANSC 682	(9)	M.Sc. Thesis 3
ANSC 683	(9)	M.Sc. Thesis 4

#### **Required Courses (9 credits)**

6 credits of coursework at the 500 level or higher approved by the student's advisory committee, and three 1-credit seminars.

ANSC 695	(1)	MSc General Topic Seminar
ANSC 696	(1)	MSc Research Proposal Seminar
ANSC 697	(1)	MSc Research Results Seminar

Depending on the needs and competencies of the student, additional coursework may be assigned by the supervisory committee.

#### **11.2.5 Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Animal Science (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)**

The program aims to provide graduate training in applied areas of animal production with a view toward integrating technology and management in animal production with allied areas of agricultural resource utilization.

#### **Research Project (15 credits)**

ANSC 643	(3)	Project 1
ANSC 644	(3)	Project 2
ANSC 645	(3)	Project 3
ANSC 646	(3)	Project 4
ANSC 647	(3)	Project 5

#### **Complementary Courses (30 credits)**

15-30 credits from the following:

AEMA 610	(3)	Statistical Methods 2
ANSC 530	(3)	Experimental Techniques in Nutrition
ANSC 551	(3)	Carbohydrate and Lipid Metabolism
ANSC 552	(3)	Protein Metabolism and Nutrition
ANSC 560	(3)	Biology of Lactation
ANSC 565	(3)	Applied Information Systems
ANSC 600	(3)	Advanced Eukaryotic Cells and Viruses
ANSC 604	(3)	Advanced Animal Biotechnology
ANSC 606	(3)	Selection Index and Animal Improvement
ANSC 608	(3)	Population Genetics
ANSC 622	(3)	Experimental Techniques in Animal Science
ANSC 635	(3)	Vitamins and Minerals in Nutrition
ANSC 636	(3)	Analysis - Animal Breeding Research Data
ANSC 691	(3)	Special Topic: Animal Sciences
ANSC 692	(3)	Topic in Animal Sciences 1

0-15 credits selected from 500- and 600-level courses from across the Faculty (with the possibility of up to 9 credits from outside the Faculty if deemed appropriate by the supervisor).

**11.2.6 Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Animal Science (Non-Thesis): Sustainable Agriculture (45 credits)**

Climate change and rising human population have increased the need for sustainable agricultural practices. The Sustainable Agriculture option is taken with a M.Sc. Applied (Non-Thesis) program, and designed for students who wish to supplement their basic degree with graduate studies in animal science, with a specific focus on sustainability in agriculture. Students will be exposed to different approaches to improve the sustainability of agricultural systems through specialized coursework and a research project. The program aims to provide graduate training in applied areas of animal production with a view toward integrating technology and management in sustainable animal production with allied areas of agricultural resource utilization.

**Research Project (15 credits)**

ANSC 643	(3)	Project 1
ANSC 644	(3)	Project 2
ANSC 645	(3)	Project 3
ANSC 646	(3)	Project 4
ANSC 647	(3)	Project 5

**Required Courses (12 credits)**

ANSC 555	(3)	The Use and Welfare of Animals
BREE 533	(3)	Water Quality Management
IGFS 611	(3)	Advanced Issues on Development, Food and Agriculture
PLNT 602	(3)	Advances in Agronomy

**Complementary Courses (18 credits)**

3 credits from the following list:

AEMA 610	(3)	Statistical Methods 2
AEMA 611	(3)	Experimental Designs 1
AEMA 614	(3)	Temporal and Spatial Statistics 1

9-15 credits from the following list:

ANSC 530	(3)	Experimental Techniques in Nutrition
ANSC 551	(3)	Carbohydrate and Lipid Metabolism
ANSC 552	(3)	Protein Metabolism and Nutrition
ANSC 560	(3)	Biology of Lactation
ANSC 565	(3)	Applied Information Systems
ANSC 604	(3)	Advanced Animal Biotechnology
ANSC 611D1	(1.5)	Advanced Reproductive Biology
ANSC 611D2	(1.5)	Advanced Reproductive Biology
ANSC 622	(3)	Experimental Techniques in Animal Science
ANSC 637	(3)	Livestock Breeding Systems
FDSC 545	(3)	Advances in Food Microbiology
PLNT 635	(3)	Advanced Plant Breeding
PLNT 662	(3)	Advances in Plant Biotechnology

0-6 credits of sufficient 500-, or 600-level courses (with Adviser's approval) to bring the total credits to 45.

### 11.2.7 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Animal Science

Since the Ph.D. is primarily a research degree, the amount of coursework required will depend on the background of the individual student, and must be approved by the student's advisory committee.

#### 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

ANSC 701	(0)	Doctoral Comprehensive Examination
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Two seminar courses at the 500, 600, or 700 level.

### 11.2.8 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Animal Science: Bioinformatics

#### 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 (5 credits)

ANSC 701	(0)	Doctoral Comprehensive Examination
ANSC 797	(1)	Animal Science Seminar 3
ANSC 798	(1)	Animal Science Seminar 4
COMP 616D1	(1.5)	Bioinformatics Seminar
COMP 616D2	(1.5)	Bioinformatics Seminar

#### Complementary Courses (6 credits)

Two courses chosen from the following:

BINF 621	(3)	Bioinformatics: Molecular Biology
BMDE 652	(3)	Bioinformatics: Proteomics
BTEC 555	(3)	Structural Bioinformatics
COMP 618	(3)	Bioinformatics: Functional Genomics
PHGY 603	(3)	Systems Biology and Biophysics

Additional courses at the 500, 600, or 700 level may be required at the discretion of the candidate's supervisory committee.

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## 11.3 Bioresource Engineering

### 11.3.1 Location

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### 11.3.2 About Bioresource Engineering

The Department offers M.Sc. and Ph.D. research programs in various areas of bioresource engineering including:

- **Bio-production engineering**
  - biomass production engineering;
  - precision agriculture and sensor systems engineering;
  - smart production systems engineering; and
  - irrigation and drainage engineering.
- **Bio-process engineering**
  - post-harvest technologies engineering;
  - food process engineering;
  - food quality, safety, and security engineering;
  - food and bioprocess engineering;
  - bio-inspired multifunctional metamaterials; and
  - meta-structures engineering.
- **Bio-environmental engineering**
  - ecological engineering;
  - sustainable bioresource consumption and supply chain engineering
  - hydrology and water engineering and management;
  - water resource and environmental systems engineering; and
  - soil and water ecology engineering.

The Department has well-equipped laboratories for conducting research in all these areas.

The interdisciplinary nature of bioresource engineering often requires candidates for higher degrees to work in association with, or attend courses given by, a number of other departments at both the McGill University Macdonald Campus and the Downtown Campus.

#### *section 11.3.4: Master of Science (M.Sc.) Bioresource Engineering (Thesis) (45 credits)*

This option for the M.Sc. degree is oriented toward individuals who intend to develop a career in bioresource engineering research. The research areas include: plant and animal environments; ecological engineering (ecosystem modelling, design, management, and remediation); water resources management (hydrology, irrigation, drainage, water quality); agricultural machinery, mechatronics, and robotics; food engineering and bio-processing; post-harvest technology; waste management and protection of the environment; bio-energy; and artificial intelligence.

#### *section 11.3.5: Master of Science (M.Sc.) Bioresource Engineering (Thesis): Environment (45 credits)*

**\*\*This program is currently not offered.\*\***

The Environmental option is coordinated through the Bieler School of Environment (BSE). This option is intended for students who want to take an interdisciplinary approach in their graduate research on environmental issues. Students will learn how to transfer knowledge into action and develop an appreciation for the roles of science, politics, economics, and ethics with regard to the environment.

#### *section 11.3.6: Master of Science (M.Sc.) Bioresource Engineering (Non-Thesis): Integrated Water Resources Management (45 credits)*

Integrated Water Resource Management is a one-year program providing an essential approach for sustainable management of our natural watershed resources. The 13-credit internship is a central feature of this master's program. The degree gives students the unique opportunity to study the biophysical, environmental, legal, institutional, and socio-economic aspects of water use and management, in an integrated context. The degree is directed at practising professionals who wish to upgrade and/or focus their skill set to address water management issues.

As a graduate from this program, you will be well suited to opportunities in diverse fields of employment, such as water resources consulting, international development project management, research with governments or universities, public policy and governance development, and climate change impact assessment.

***section 11.3.7: Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Bioresource Engineering (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)***

The non-thesis option is aimed at individuals already employed in industry or seeking to improve their skills in specific areas (soil and water, structures and environment, waste management, environment protection, post-harvest technology, food process engineering, environmental engineering) in order to attain a higher level of engineering qualification. Candidates must be qualified to be members of a Canadian professional engineering association such as the *Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec* (OIQ) and must maintain contact with their academic advisor in the Department of Bioresource Engineering before registration to clarify objectives, investigate project possibilities, and plan a program of study.

***section 11.3.8: Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Bioresource Engineering (Non-Thesis): Environment (45 credits)***

**\*\*This program is currently not offered.\*\***

The non-thesis Environment option is aimed at individuals already employed in industry or seeking to improve their skills in specific areas with the coordination of the Bieler School of Environment.

***section 11.3.9: Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Bioresource Engineering (Non-Thesis): Environmental Engineering (45 credits)***

The Environmental Engineering program emphasizes interdisciplinary fundamental knowledge, practical perspective, and awareness of environmental issues through a wide range of technical and non-technical courses offered by collaborating departments and faculties at the University.

The primary objective of the program is to train environmental professionals at the advanced level. The program is thus designed for individuals with a university undergraduate degree in engineering. Through this program, students will master specialized skills in their home disciplines and acquire a broader perspective and awareness of environmental issues.

***section 11.3.10: Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Bioresource Engineering (Non-Thesis): Integrated Food and Bioprocessing (45 credits)***

This graduate program will provide students with the tools to understand how food and agricultural production interact to better manage agricultural, food, and biomass systems for the adequate supply of wholesome food, feed, fibre, biofuel, and any other bio-based material. This course-based program will present students with the skills needed to assess existing production, delivery, and quality management systems; introduce improvements; and communicate effectively with policy makers and with colleagues in multi-disciplinary teams.

The goals of this program are to provide up-to-date world class knowledge on techniques for adequate process design and management of biomass production strategies for the delivery of quality food, natural fibre, biochemicals, biomaterials, and biofuels, in a sustainable and environment-friendly way that benefits all. Training activities will include laboratory research and/or industrial/government internships.

***section 11.3.11: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Bioresource Engineering***

This is a research-based degree and is offered in the following areas: plant and animal environments; ecological engineering (ecosystem modelling, design, management, and remediation); water resources management (hydrology, irrigation, drainage, water quality); agricultural machinery, mechatronics and robotics; food engineering and bio-processing; post-harvest technology; waste management and protection of the environment; bio-energy; and artificial intelligence.

***section 11.3.12: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Bioresource Engineering: Environment***

**\*\*This program is currently not offered.\*\***

The Ph.D. Bioresource Engineering: Environment – Option is coordinated through the Bieler School of Environment. This option is intended for students who want to take an interdisciplinary approach in their graduate research on environmental issues. Students will learn how to transfer knowledge into action and develop an appreciation for the roles of science, politics, economics, and ethics with regard to the environment.

### **11.3.3 Bioresource Engineering Admission Requirements and Application Procedures**

#### **11.3.3.1 Admission Requirements**

The general rules of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies apply. Candidates should indicate in some detail their fields of special interest when applying for admission. An equivalent cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0/4.0 (second class–upper division) or a grade point average (GPA) of 3.2/4.0 during the last two years of full-time university study is required at the bachelor's level. High grades are expected in courses considered by the academic unit to be preparatory to the graduate program. Experience after the undergraduate degree is an additional asset.



**Note:** Candidates for the M.Sc. (non-thesis) program with concentration in Integrated Water Resources Management are required to have a Bachelor's degree but this does not need to be an engineering degree. Non-engineering students with a demonstrated interest in water resources management are encouraged to apply. Related disciplines could include, for example, geography, international development studies, sociology, anthropology, mathematics, environmental studies, biology, natural resources management, and engineering, among others.



**Note:** Candidates for the M.Sc. Applied program (general or general with Environment option) must meet the qualification of professional engineer in a Canadian professional engineering association such as the *Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec* (OIQ), either before or during their M.Sc. Applied program.



**Note:** Candidates for the M.Sc. Applied program with concentration in Environmental Engineering shall have completed an undergraduate degree in engineering.



**Note:** Candidates for the M.Sc. Applied program with concentration in Integrated Food and Bioprocessing shall have graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Engineering or a Bachelor of Technology, and possess a strong knowledge in the following core engineering areas: fluid mechanics, heat and/or mass transfer, thermodynamics, and engineering mathematics (including statistics).

### Qualifying Students

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 if they have met the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies minimum CGPA of 3.0/4.0. The course(s) to be taken in a Qualifying program will be prescribed by the academic unit concerned. Qualifying students are registered in graduate studies, **but not as candidates for a degree**. Only one Qualifying year is permitted. **Successful completion of a Qualifying program does not guarantee admission to a degree program.**

### Financial Aid

Financial aid is available but limited and highly competitive. It is suggested that students give serious consideration to their financial planning before submitting an application. Normally, a student will not be accepted unless adequate financial support can be provided through a scholarship/award and/or by the student's supervisor. Academic units cannot guarantee financial support via teaching assistantships.

### English Language Proficiency

For graduate applicants whose mother tongue is not English, and who have not completed an undergraduate or graduate degree from a recognized Canadian or American (English or French) institution or from a recognized foreign institution where English is the language of instruction, documented proof of English proficiency is required prior to admission. For a list of acceptable test scores and minimum requirements, visit [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/international/proficiency](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/international/proficiency).

#### 11.3.3.2 Application Procedures

McGill's online application form for graduate program candidates is available at [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply).

See [University Regulations & Resources](#) > Graduate > Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures > : [Application Procedures](#) for detailed application procedures.

##### 11.3.3.2.1 Additional Requirements

The items and clarifications below are additional requirements set by this department:

- Acceptance to all programs depends on a staff member agreeing to serve as the student's supervisor and the student obtaining financial support.
- The GRE – not required, but highly recommended.

#### 11.3.3.3 Application Dates and Deadlines

Application opening dates are set by Enrolment Services in consultation with Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS), while application deadlines are set by the Department of Bioresource Engineering and may be revised at any time. Applicants must verify all deadlines and documentation requirements well in advance on the appropriate McGill departmental website; please consult the list at [mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program](http://mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program).

Information on application deadlines is available at [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/application-steps/application-deadlines](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/application-steps/application-deadlines).

Admission to graduate studies is competitive; accordingly, late and/or incomplete applications are considered only as time and space permit.

### 11.3.4 Master of Science (M.Sc.) Bioresource Engineering (Thesis) (45 credits)

This option for the M.Sc. degree is oriented toward individuals who intend to develop a career in bioresource engineering research.

#### Required Courses (36 credits)

BREE 651	(1)	Departmental Seminar M.Sc. 1
BREE 652	(1)	Departmental Seminar M.Sc. 2
BREE 699	(3)	Scientific Publication

#### Thesis Courses

BREE 691	(4)	M.Sc. Thesis 1
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BREE 692	(4)	M.Sc. Thesis 2
BREE 693	(4)	M.Sc. Thesis 3
BREE 694	(4)	M.Sc. Thesis 4
BREE 695	(4)	M.Sc. Thesis 5
BREE 696	(4)	M.Sc. Thesis 6
BREE 697	(4)	M.Sc. Thesis 7
BREE 698	(3)	M.Sc. Thesis 8

#### Complementary Courses (9 credits)

500-, 600-, or 700-level courses in bioresource engineering and other fields to be determined in consultation with the Research Director.

#### 11.3.5 Master of Science (M.Sc.) Bioresource Engineering (Thesis): Environment (45 credits)

\*\*This program is currently not offered.\*\*

The M.Sc. in Bioresource Engineering; (Thesis) Environment is a research program offered in collaboration with the Bieler School of Environment. As a complement to the unit's expertise, the program considers how various dimensions (scientific, social, legal, ethical.) interact to define environment and sustainability issues.

#### Required Courses (39 credits)

BREE 651	(1)	Departmental Seminar M.Sc. 1
BREE 652	(1)	Departmental Seminar M.Sc. 2
BREE 699	(3)	Scientific Publication
ENVR 615	(3)	Interdisciplinary Approach Environment and Sustainability

#### Thesis Courses

BREE 691	(4)	M.Sc. Thesis 1
BREE 692	(4)	M.Sc. Thesis 2
BREE 693	(4)	M.Sc. Thesis 3
BREE 694	(4)	M.Sc. Thesis 4
BREE 695	(4)	M.Sc. Thesis 5
BREE 696	(4)	M.Sc. Thesis 6
BREE 697	(4)	M.Sc. Thesis 7
BREE 698	(3)	M.Sc. Thesis 8

#### Complementary Courses (6 credits)

3-6 credits from:

ENVR 610	(3)	Foundations of Environmental Policy
ENVR 614	(3)	Mobilizing Research for Sustainability

0-3 credits from:

ENVR 585	(3)	Readings in Environment 2
ENVR 630	(3)	Civilization and Environment
ENVR 680	(3)	Topics in Environment 4

or 3 credits at the 500 level or higher recommended by the Advisory Committee and approved by the Environment Option Committee.



**11.3.6 Master of Science (M.Sc.) Bioresource Engineering (Non-Thesis): Integrated Water Resources Management (45 credits)****Research Project (6 credits)**

BREE 631	(6)	Integrated Water Resources Management Project
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**Required Courses (27 credits)**

BREE 503	(3)	Water: Society, Law and Policy
BREE 510	(3)	Watershed Systems Management
BREE 630	(13)	Integrated Water Resources Management Internship
BREE 651	(1)	Departmental Seminar M.Sc. 1
BREE 652	(1)	Departmental Seminar M.Sc. 2
BREE 655	(3)	Integrated Water Resources Management Research Visits
PARA 515	(3)	Water, Health and Sanitation

**Elective Courses (12 credits)**

12 credits, at the 500 level or higher, of any relevant course(s) chosen in consultation with the Program Director.

**11.3.7 Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Bioresource Engineering (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)**

The non-thesis option is aimed toward individuals already employed in industry or seeking to improve their skills in specific areas (soil and water/structures and environment/waste management/environment protection/post-harvest technology/food process engineering/environmental engineering) in order to enter the engineering profession at a higher level.

Candidates must meet the qualifications of a professional engineer either before or during their M.Sc. Applied program.

Each candidate for this option is expected to establish and maintain contact with his/her academic adviser in the Department of Bioresource Engineering some time before registration in order to clarify objectives, investigate project possibilities and plan a program of study.

**Research Project (12 credits)**

BREE 671	(6)	Project 1
BREE 672	(6)	Project 2

**Required Courses (2 credits)**

BREE 651	(1)	Departmental Seminar M.Sc. 1
BREE 652	(1)	Departmental Seminar M.Sc. 2

**Complementary Courses (31 credits)**

31 credits of 500-, 600-, or 700-level courses in bioresource engineering and other fields\* to be determined in consultation with the Project Director.

\* Note: 12 of the 31 credits are expected to be from collaborative departments, e.g., food process engineering: 12 credits divided between Food Science and Chemical Engineering.

**11.3.8 Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Bioresource Engineering (Non-Thesis): Environment (45 credits)**

\*\*This program is currently not offered.\*\*

The M.Sc.(Applied) in Bioresource Engineering; Non-Thesis - Environment is a program offered in collaboration with the Bieler School of Environment. As a complement to the unit's expertise, the program considers how various dimensions (scientific, social, legal, ethical) interact to define environment and sustainability issues.

Candidates must meet the qualifications of a professional engineer either before or during their M.Sc.(Applied) program.

**Research Project (12 credits)**

BREE 671	(6)	Project 1
BREE 672	(6)	Project 2

**Required Courses (5 credits)**

BREE 651	(1)	Departmental Seminar M.Sc. 1
BREE 652	(1)	Departmental Seminar M.Sc. 2
ENVR 615	(3)	Interdisciplinary Approach Environment and Sustainability

**Complementary Courses (28 credits)**

3-6 credits from:

ENVR 610	(3)	Foundations of Environmental Policy
ENVR 614	(3)	Mobilizing Research for Sustainability

0-3 credits

ENVR 585	(3)	Readings in Environment 2
ENVR 630	(3)	Civilization and Environment
ENVR 680	(3)	Topics in Environment 4

or 3 credits at the 500 level or higher recommended by the Advisory Committee and approved by the Environment Options Committee.

22 additional credits of 500-level or higher chosen in consultation with the academic adviser.

**11.3.9 Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Bioresource Engineering (Non-Thesis): Environmental Engineering (45 credits)**

This inter-departmental graduate program leads to a master's degree in Environmental Engineering. The objective of the program is to train environmental professionals at an advanced level. The program is designed for individuals with an undergraduate degree in engineering. This non-thesis degree falls within the M.Eng. and M.Sc. programs which are offered in the Departments of Bioresource, Chemical, Civil, and Mining, Metals, and Materials Engineering.

**Research Project (6 credits)**

BREE 671*	(6)	Project 1
BREE 672	(6)	Project 2

\* BREE 671 may also be taken as part of this requirement.

**Required Courses (9 credits)**

BREE 533	(3)	Water Quality Management
CHEE 591	(3)	Environmental Bioremediation
CIVE 615	(3)	Environmental Engineering Seminar

**Complementary Courses (19 credits)**

**Data Analysis Course**

3 credits from the following:

AEMA 611	(3)	Experimental Designs 1
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CIVE 555	(3)	Environmental Data Analysis
PSYC 650	(3)	Advanced Statistics 1

**Toxicology Course**

3 credits from the following:

OCCH 612	(3)	Principles of Toxicology
OCCH 616	(3)	Occupational Hygiene

**Water Pollution Engineering Course**

4 credits from the following:

CIVE 651	(4)	Theory: Water / Wastewater Treatment
CIVE 652	(4)	Bioprocesses for Wastewater Resource Recovery
CIVE 660	(4)	Chemical and Physical Treatment of Waters

**Air Pollution Engineering Course**

3 credits from the following:

CHEE 592	(3)	Industrial Air Pollution Control
MECH 534	(3)	Air Pollution Engineering

or an approved 500-, 600-, or 700-level alternative course.

**Environmental Impact Course**

3 credits from the following:

GEOG 601	(3)	Advanced Environmental Systems Modelling
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or an approved 500-, 600-, or 700-level alternative course.

**Environmental Policy Course**

3 credits from the following:

URBP 506	(3)	Environmental Policy and Planning
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or an approved 500-, 600-, or 700-level alternative course.

Further complementary courses (balance of coursework to meet the 45-credit program requirement):

Remaining Engineering or Non-Engineering courses from an approved list of courses, at the 500, 600, or 700 level, from the Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Religious Studies, Desautels Faculty of Management, and Departments of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Planetary Sciences, Economics, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Geography, Occupational Health, Political Science, Sociology, and the Bieler School of Environment.

**11.3.10 Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Bioresource Engineering (Non-Thesis): Integrated Food and Bioprocessing (45 credits)****Required Courses (6 credits)**

BREE 600	(1)	Project/Internship Proposal
BREE 651	(1)	Departmental Seminar M.Sc. 1
BREE 652	(1)	Departmental Seminar M.Sc. 2
BREE 699	(3)	Scientific Publication

### Complementary Courses (39 credits)

Minimum of 3 credits of graduate-level Statistics in any department

Minimum of 9 credits from courses selected from the following:

BREE 518	(3)	Ecological Engineering
BREE 519	(3)	Advanced Food Engineering
BREE 520	(3)	Food, Fibre and Fuel Elements
BREE 530	(3)	Fermentation Engineering
BREE 531	(3)	Post-Harvest Drying
BREE 532	(3)	Post-Harvest Storage
BREE 535	(3)	Food Safety Engineering
BREE 603	(3)	Advanced Properties: Food and Plant Materials

Minimum of 12 credits selected from the following:

BREE 601	(6)	Integrated Food and Bioprocessing Internship 1
BREE 602	(6)	Integrated Food and Bioprocessing Internship 2
BREE 671	(6)	Project 1
BREE 672	(6)	Project 2

Minimum of 3 credits selected from the following:

AGEC 630	(3)	Food and Agricultural Policy
AGEC 633	(3)	Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
AGEC 642	(3)	Economics of Agricultural Development
AGRI 510	(3)	Professional Practice

Minimum of 3 credits selected from the following:

BTEC 502	(3)	Biotechnology Ethics and Society
FDSC 519	(3)	Advanced Food Processing
FDSC 538	(3)	Food Science in Perspective
GEOG 515	(3)	Contemporary Dilemmas of Development
NUTR 501	(3)	Nutrition in Developing Countries

9 credits of any relevant graduate-level course chosen in consultation with the Program Director.

#### 11.3.11 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Bioresource Engineering

Candidates for the Ph.D. degree will normally register for the M.Sc. degree first. In cases where the research work is proceeding very satisfactorily, or where the equivalent of the M.Sc. degree has been completed previously, candidates may be permitted to proceed directly to the Ph.D. degree.

#### 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**

BREE 701	(0)	Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination
BREE 751	(0)	Departmental Seminar Ph.D. 1
BREE 752	(0)	Departmental Seminar Ph.D. 2
BREE 753	(0)	Departmental Seminar Ph.D. 3
BREE 754	(0)	Departmental Seminar Ph.D. 4

**Complementary Courses**

Courses of study selected for a Ph.D. program will depend on the existing academic qualifications of the candidate, and on those needed for effective pursuit of research in the chosen field. Candidates are encouraged to take an additional course of study of their own choice in some field of the humanities, sciences, or engineering not directly related to their research. The program will be established by consultation of the candidate with a committee that will include the Research Director and at least one other professor.

**11.3.12 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Bioresource Engineering: Environment**

\*\*This program is currently not offered.\*\*

The Ph.D. in Bioresource Engineering Environment is a research program offered in collaboration with the Bieler School of Environment. As a complement to the unit's expertise, the program considers how various dimensions (scientific, social, legal, ethical) interact to define environment and sustainability issues.

**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 (3 credits)**

Note: BREE 701, the comprehensive component, must be taken either late in the first, or early in the second, registration year to qualify to proceed to the completion of the Ph.D. degree.

BREE 701	(0)	Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination
BREE 751	(0)	Departmental Seminar Ph.D. 1
BREE 752	(0)	Departmental Seminar Ph.D. 2
BREE 753	(0)	Departmental Seminar Ph.D. 3
BREE 754	(0)	Departmental Seminar Ph.D. 4
ENVR 615	(3)	Interdisciplinary Approach Environment and Sustainability

**Complementary Courses (6 credits)**

3-6 credits from:

ENVR 610	(3)	Foundations of Environmental Policy
ENVR 614	(3)	Mobilizing Research for Sustainability

0-3 credits from:

ENVR 585	(3)	Readings in Environment 2
ENVR 630	(3)	Civilization and Environment
ENVR 680	(3)	Topics in Environment 4

or 3 credits at the 500 level or higher recommended by the Advisory Committee and approved by the Environment Option Committee.

## 11.4 Biotechnology

### 11.4.1 Location

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Website: [mcgill.ca/biotechgradprog](http://mcgill.ca/biotechgradprog)

### 11.4.2 About Biotechnology

The non-thesis (M.Sc.A.) degree in Biotechnology offers a course-based curriculum with practical training in laboratory courses and research project internships. This program is offered through the Institute of Parasitology. The Institute is housed on Macdonald Campus of McGill University in beautiful Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue about 30 kilometres from the Montreal main campus downtown.

Graduates typically enter the biotechnology sector in research, management, sales, or government positions.

#### Biotechnology Programs

##### *section 11.4.4: Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Biotechnology (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)*

Candidates must possess a bachelor's degree in the biological/molecular sciences or an equivalent program. This applied master's program is unique in Quebec. It aims to prepare students for entry into the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry or equip them to pursue further graduate studies in biomedicine, agriculture, or the environment. Students can choose from a wide range of complementary courses given throughout McGill campuses to "design" their own program toward a future career choice. The program provides in-house training in cell and molecular biology, and protein biochemistry, with strong focus on the molecular/biochemical sciences. Concurrently, it provides students with insight into the management and/or business aspects of the biotechnology industry.

A research internship of four to eight months is carried out in an active laboratory, and students learn to present and write research results. Graduates will find jobs ranging from positions as research assistants and/or technicians in biomedical or pharmaceutical laboratories to managerial or supervisory positions. They may also pursue a career in the business of biotechnology including patent/intellectual property management and investment banking analysis.

##### *section 11.4.5: Graduate Certificate (Gr. Cert.) Biotechnology (16 credits)*

\*\*This program is currently not offered.\*\*

Candidates must possess a bachelor's degree in the biological/molecular sciences or an equivalent program. This is a short, intense program for students wishing to deepen their understanding of biotechnology and gain hands-on experience via an intensive laboratory course using the latest molecular biology techniques. Students can choose from a wide range of complementary courses given throughout the McGill campuses to "design" their own program toward a future career choice. Graduates will find employment in research or industrial laboratories as assistants and/or technicians.

### 11.4.3 Biotechnology Admission Requirements and Application Procedures

#### 11.4.3.1 Admission Requirements

Candidates for the M.Sc.(Applied) in Biotechnology must possess a bachelor's degree in biological sciences or equivalent with a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.2/4.0, as well as all prerequisites or their equivalents. Applicants are required to have sufficient background in biochemistry, cellular biology, and molecular biology, preferably at an advanced level for the Master's Applied.

#### Financial Aid

Financial support is not available for this applied program. It is suggested that students give serious consideration to their financial planning before submitting an application. Students should be self-financed or self-funded to ensure they can complete this program financially worry free. Academic units cannot guarantee financial support via teaching assistantships.

#### English Language Proficiency

For graduate applicants whose mother tongue is not English, and who have not completed an undergraduate or graduate degree from a recognized Canadian or American (English or French) institution or from a recognized foreign institution where English is the language of instruction, documented proof of English proficiency is required prior to admission. For a list of acceptable test scores and minimum requirements, visit [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/international/proficiency](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/international/proficiency).

### 11.4.3.2 Application Procedures

McGill's online application form for graduate program candidates is available at [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply](https://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply).

See [University Regulations & Resources](#) > [Graduate](#) > [Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures](#) > [Application Procedures](#) for detailed application procedures.

#### 11.4.3.2.1 Additional Requirements

The items and clarifications below are additional requirements set by this department:

- An [English Proficiency test](#) is required for most international applicants.
- The GRE (optional).
- Other Supporting Documents – Other documents may be required for the admission process. Please consult the Biotechnology website at [mcgill.ca/biotechgradprog/admissions](https://mcgill.ca/biotechgradprog/admissions) for full details of the admission process.

### 11.4.3.3 Application Dates and Deadlines

Application opening dates are set by Enrolment Services in consultation with Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS), while application deadlines are set by the Institute of Parasitology and may be revised at any time. Applicants must verify all deadlines and documentation requirements well in advance on the appropriate McGill departmental website; please consult the list at [mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program](https://mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program).

Information on application deadlines is available at [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/application-steps/application-deadlines](https://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/application-steps/application-deadlines).

Admission to graduate studies is competitive; accordingly, late and/or incomplete applications are considered only as time and space permit.

## 11.4.4 Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Biotechnology (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)

### Research Project (16 credits)

BTEC 622	(2)	Biotechnology Research Project 1
BTEC 623	(6)	Biotechnology Research Project 2
BTEC 624	(6)	Biotechnology Research Project 3
BTEC 625	(2)	Biotechnology Research Project 4

### Required Courses (20 credits)

BIOT 505	(3)	Selected Topics in Biotechnology
BTEC 501	(3)	Bioinformatics
BTEC 619	(4)	Biotechnology Laboratory 2
BTEC 620	(4)	Biotechnology Laboratory 1
BTEC 621	(3)	Biotechnology Management
HGEN 660	(3)	Genetics and Bioethics

### Complementary Courses (9 credits)

9 credits at the 500 level or higher, selected within the Faculties of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Medicine, Science, or Management in consultation with the academic adviser of the program in line with the interests of the student.

## 11.4.5 Graduate Certificate (Gr. Cert.) Biotechnology (16 credits)

\*\* This program is currently not offered. \*\*

### Required Courses (10 credits)

BIOT 505	(3)	Selected Topics in Biotechnology
BTEC 620	(4)	Biotechnology Laboratory 1
BTEC 621	(3)	Biotechnology Management

### Complementary Courses (6 credits)

Two courses chosen from the following:

#### General Topics

ANSC 622	(3)	Experimental Techniques in Animal Science
BINF 511	(3)	Bioinformatics for Genomics
BIOL 524	(3)	Topics in Molecular Biology
BIOL 568	(3)	Topics on the Human Genome
BTEC 501	(3)	Bioinformatics
BTEC 502	(3)	Biotechnology Ethics and Society
BTEC 535	(3)	Functional Genomics in Model Organisms
BTEC 555	(3)	Structural Bioinformatics
BTEC 691	(3)	Biotechnology Practicum
EXMD 511	(3)	Joint Venturing with Industry
EXMD 602	(3)	Techniques in Molecular Genetics

#### Health

EXMD 610	(3)	Molecular Methods in Medical Research
PARA 635	(3)	Cell Biology and Infection
PHGY 518	(3)	Artificial Cells

#### Environment and Food

BREE 530	(3)	Fermentation Engineering
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## 11.5 Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry

### 11.5.1 Location

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### 11.5.2 About Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry

The Department of Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry offers M.Sc. (thesis and non-thesis) and Ph.D. programs. These programs provide training in evolving interdisciplinary areas of:

- food quality;
- food safety/food microbiology;
- food chemistry;
- food biotechnology;



- food packaging
- functional ingredients;
- bimolecular spectroscopy;
- food processing;
- enzymology;
- nano sciences;
- thermal generation of aromas and toxicants;
- marine biochemistry; and
- food chemical toxicants.

The Department has key infrastructure with all major equipment necessary for conducting research in all these areas. Our graduate program provides strong mentoring/advisory support while maintaining high flexibility for individual research projects.

#### *section 11.5.5: Master of Science (M.Sc.) Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)*

The program offers advanced food science courses in a broad range of areas. Applicants with a strong background in food science, microbiology, chemistry/biochemistry, processing, or engineering are encouraged to apply. Students must complete a total of 45 credits including ten graduate-level courses, the graduate seminar, and the research project. The program may be completed in three to four academic terms (12 to 16 months). Entry is possible from other disciplines; however, students may be required to complete selected undergraduate courses as determined by the Department at the time of admission in order to orient themselves to food science. Subsequent career paths include work within the food industry and government agencies.

#### *section 11.5.4: Master of Science (M.Sc.) Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry (Thesis) (45 credits)*

This program is a research-based degree in various areas related to food science for candidates entering the M.Sc. program without restrictions (i.e., not requiring a Qualifying term/year). Entry into the M.Sc. (Thesis) program also hinges on the availability of supervisory staff and financing. Therefore, it is advisable that the applicant for the M.Sc. (Thesis) degree select the M.Sc. (Non-Thesis) as a second choice in the application form, to enhance the possibility of entry into the Food Science graduate program. Subsequent career paths include work within the food industry, government agencies, and in research.

#### *section 11.5.6: Master of Science (M.Sc.) Food Science & Agricultural Chemistry: Food Safety (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)*

The program is intended to train graduate students as specialists in food safety with the expectation that graduates will be well prepared academically to take on the challenging food safety events and issues that emerge both in Canada and globally. The program will cover food safety through the entire food supply chain from food production through processing/manufacturing to the food consumer; the courses which make up the program reflect the food safety considerations at the different stages of the farm to table food supply chain.

#### *section 11.5.7: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry*

A Ph.D. in food science is suitable for students with an M.Sc. degree in food science or related areas who wish to become independent researchers and/or leaders in the field of food science. Candidates with a B.Sc. degree applying for the Ph.D. need to register first for the M.Sc. degree. In cases where the candidates are performing well during their first year, they may be permitted to fast track to the Ph.D. degree. Entry into the Ph.D. graduate program hinges on the availability of supervisory staff and financing.

### 11.5.3 Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry Admission Requirements and Application Procedures

#### 11.5.3.1 Admission Requirements

Applicants to the M.Sc. programs (thesis or non-thesis) must be graduates of a university of recognized reputation and hold a B.Sc. in Food Science or a related discipline such as Chemistry, Biochemistry, or Microbiology with a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.4/4.0 (second class–upper division). Applicants to the Ph.D. program must hold an M.Sc. degree in Food Science or related areas with a minimum CGPA of 3.4 in their M.Sc. and a minimum GPA of 3.6 for the last two years of their B.Sc. degree. High grades are expected in courses considered by the academic unit to be preparatory to the graduate program.

#### Qualifying Students

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 if they have met the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies minimum CGPA of 3.0/4.0. The course(s) to be taken in a Qualifying program will be prescribed by the academic unit concerned. Qualifying students are registered in graduate studies, **but not as candidates for a degree**. Only one Qualifying year is permitted. **Successful completion of a Qualifying program does not guarantee admission to a degree program.**

#### Financial Aid

Financial aid is available but limited and highly competitive. It is suggested that students give serious consideration to their financial planning before submitting an application. Normally, a student will not be accepted unless adequate financial support can be provided through a scholarship/award and/or by the student's supervisor. Academic units cannot guarantee financial support via teaching assistantships.

### 11.5.3.2 Application Procedures

McGill's online application form for graduate program candidates is available at [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply).

See [University Regulations & Resources](#) > Graduate > Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures > : [Application Procedures](#) for detailed application procedures.

#### 11.5.3.2.1 Additional Requirements

The items and clarifications below are additional requirements set by this department:

- Final acceptance to the M.Sc. Thesis or Ph.D. program depends on a faculty member agreeing to serve as the student's supervisor. A supervisor is not required for acceptance to the M.Sc. Non-Thesis program.
- The GRE – not required, but highly recommended.
- Proof of funding (all graduate programs, international applicants only): Documents must be provided in the application to prove that funding is available for the entire duration of the applied-for degree (including tuition, fees, surcharges, books and supplies, living and personal expenses, and any mandatory medical insurance required for the applicant's studies).
- An interview with the applicant may be requested by the Department of Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry in order to assist in the evaluation of the application.

### 11.5.3.3 Application Dates and Deadlines

Application opening dates are set by Enrolment Services in consultation with Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS), while application deadlines are set by the Department of Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry and may be revised at any time. Applicants must verify all deadlines and documentation requirements well in advance on the appropriate McGill departmental website; please consult the list at [mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program](http://mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program).

Information on application deadlines is available at [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/application-steps/application-deadlines](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/application-steps/application-deadlines).

Admission to graduate studies is competitive; accordingly, late and/or incomplete applications are considered only as time and space permit.

## 11.5.4 Master of Science (M.Sc.) Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry (Thesis) (45 credits)

For candidates entering the M.Sc. program without restrictions, i.e., those not requiring a qualifying term/year, the M.Sc. degree consists of 45 graduate credits. These credits are obtained through a combination of graduate courses and a research thesis.

The residence time for a M.Sc. degree is three academic terms based on unqualified entry into the M.Sc. program. Students are encouraged to complete their studies within this time frame.

### Thesis (30 credits)

FDSC 690	(8)	M.Sc. Literature Review
FDSC 691	(7)	M.Sc. Research Protocol
FDSC 692	(15)	M.Sc. Thesis

### Required Courses (6 credits)

FDSC 695	(3)	M.Sc. Graduate Seminar 1
FDSC 696	(3)	M.Sc. Graduate Seminar 2

### Complementary Courses (9 credits)

At least 9 credits, normally from 500- or 600-level departmental courses.

## 11.5.5 Master of Science (M.Sc.) Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)

This 45-credit program is offered to candidates who seek further training in Food Science, but do not wish to pursue independent research. These credits are obtained through a combination of graduate courses.

The residence time for a M.Sc. degree (Non-Thesis) is three academic terms.

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#### Research Project (12 credits)

FDSC 697	(6)	M.Sc. Project Part 1
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FDSC 698 (6) M.Sc. Project Part 2

### Complementary Courses (18 credits)

3 credits chosen from the following:

FDSC 695 (3) M.Sc. Graduate Seminar 1  
 FDSC 696 (3) M.Sc. Graduate Seminar 2

15 credits chosen from the following:

AGRI 510 (3) Professional Practice  
 FDSC 515 (3) Enzymology  
 FDSC 516 (3) Flavour Chemistry  
 FDSC 519 (3) Advanced Food Processing  
 FDSC 520 (3) Biophysical Chemistry of Food  
 FDSC 536 (3) Food Traceability  
 FDSC 537 (3) Nutraceutical Chemistry  
 FDSC 538 (3) Food Science in Perspective  
 FDSC 540 (3) Sensory Evaluation of Foods  
 FDSC 545 (3) Advances in Food Microbiology  
 FDSC 634 (3) Food Toxins and Toxicants  
 FDSC 651 (3) Principles of Food Analysis 2  
 FDSC 652 (3) Separation Techniques in Food Analysis 2

### Elective Courses (15 credits)

At the 500 level or higher, and chosen in consultation with the academic adviser.

## 11.5.6 Master of Science (M.Sc.) Food Science & Agricultural Chemistry: Food Safety (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)

The program is intended to train graduate students as specialists in food safety with the expectation that graduates will be well prepared academically to take on the challenging food safety events and issues that emerge both in Canada and globally. The program will cover food safety through the entire food supply chain from food production through processing/manufacturing to the food consumer; the courses which make up the program reflect the food safety considerations at the different stages of the farm to table food supply chain.

### Required Courses (12 credits)

FDSC 545 (3) Advances in Food Microbiology  
 FDSC 624 (3) Current Food Safety Issues  
 FDSC 626 (3) Food Safety Risk Assessment  
 FDSC 634 (3) Food Toxins and Toxicants

### Research Project (12 credits)

FDSC 697 (6) M.Sc. Project Part 1  
 FDSC 698 (6) M.Sc. Project Part 2

### Complementary Courses (15 credits)

3 credits chosen from the following:

FDSC 695	(3)	M.Sc. Graduate Seminar 1
FDSC 696	(3)	M.Sc. Graduate Seminar 2

12 credits chosen from the following:

AGRI 510	(3)	Professional Practice
BREE 535	(3)	Food Safety Engineering
FDSC 525	(3)	Food Quality Assurance
FDSC 536	(3)	Food Traceability
FDSC 555	(3)	Comparative Food Law
NUTR 512	(3)	Herbs, Foods and Phytochemicals
OCCH 612	(3)	Principles of Toxicology
PARA 515	(3)	Water, Health and Sanitation

### **Elective Courses (6 credits)**

At the 500 level or higher, and selected in consultation with the academic adviser.

### **11.5.7 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry**

Candidates will be judged principally on their research ability. Coursework will be arranged in consultation with the student's departmental graduate advisory committee.

#### **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 (9 credits)**

Note: Candidates should be prepared to take the Comprehensive Preliminary Examination before the end of the second year of the program.

FDSC 700	(0)	Comprehensive Preliminary Examination
FDSC 725	(3)	Advanced Topics in Food Science
FDSC 797	(3)	Ph.D. Graduate Seminar 1
FDSC 798	(3)	Ph.D. Graduate Seminar 2

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## **11.6 Human Nutrition**

### **11.6.1 Location**

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## 11.6.2 About Human Nutrition

In the School of Human Nutrition, cutting-edge nutrition research is conducted by tenure-track professors and six faculty lecturers in all areas recommended by North American Nutrition Societies. These areas include clinical, community, and international nutrition as well as molecular and cellular nutrition. Research at the School emphasizes the following domains:

- nutritional biochemistry and metabolism;
- nutrigenomics and lifestyle behaviours;
- global food security;
- fetal, perinatal, and childhood origins of health and disease;
- clinical and epidemiological studies addressing health outcomes in at-risk populations including Indigenous Peoples, mothers and children, and older adults; and
- nutritional management and development of novel nutritional approaches to optimize health during chronic diseases and for treatment during surgery and recovery from disease.

Research is conducted in our on-site research labs, the *Centre for Indigenous Peoples' Nutrition and Environment* (CINE), the *McGill Institute for Global Food Security*, the *Clinical Nutrition Research Unit* (CNRU), and the MUHC teaching hospitals. Students can conduct research or participate in clinical rotations in Ghana and field sites in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

### *section 11.6.4: Master of Science (M.Sc.) Human Nutrition (Thesis) (45 credits)*

A master's degree in Human Nutrition offers advanced Nutrition courses in a broad range of research areas. The program is suitable for students with an undergraduate degree in nutritional sciences, exercise physiology, kinesiology, food science, biochemistry, medicine, or another closely related field. Students are required to complete advanced nutrition coursework and activities related to their thesis research. Graduates of our M.Sc. thesis degree have pursued successful careers in research, international health agencies, government agencies, and industry.

### *section 11.6.6: Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Human Nutrition (Non-Thesis): Practicum (45 credits) and section 11.6.7: Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Human Nutrition (Non-Thesis): Project (45 credits)*

The M.Sc. Applied program is a course-based master's program. It allows students to further develop knowledge and expertise in nutrition. Students are required to complete advanced Nutrition courses and activities related to a research project or an advanced practicum (reserved for registered dietitians). Careers include managerial positions for practising dietitians, and careers in nutrition programs, government, and industry.

### *section 11.6.5: Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Human Nutrition (Non-Thesis): Dietetics Credentialing (83 credits)*

The M.Sc. Applied program in Dietetics Credentialing is a course-based master's program with a dietetics *Stage* (internship) included. At the end of the program, students are qualified to be licensed with one of the provincial regulatory bodies in Canada, as well as in other countries, and practise in the areas of clinical nutrition, community nutrition, and foodservice management; French competency is a requirement for the program and for the licensing with *l'Ordre des diététistes-nutritionnistes du Québec* (ODNQ). The program is preceded by a Qualifying year, if necessary, to complete certain courses required for licensure. This is followed by three semesters of graduate-level courses and three semesters of *Stage*, which include a practice-based graduate project.

### *section 11.6.8: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Human Nutrition*

A Ph.D. degree in Human Nutrition is suitable for students with an M.Sc. degree in Nutritional Sciences or related areas who wish to become independent researchers and/or leaders in the field of nutritional sciences. The School offers a stimulating research environment with opportunities in a wide range of areas of basic science, clinical research with our many hospital clinicians, as well as population health in Canada and abroad. Careers include academic, senior government, and industry positions within Canada and internationally.

### *section 11.6.9: Graduate Diploma (Gr. Dip.) Registered Dietitian Credentialing (30 credits)*

In the School of Human Nutrition at McGill, students pursuing a Ph.D. in human nutrition have the opportunity to apply to our Graduate Diploma in R.D. Credentialing, upon completion of the Ph.D. program and upon completion of the undergraduate courses required by *l'Ordre des diététistes-nutritionnistes du Québec* (ODNQ). Additional preparatory courses for *Stages* (internships) are NUTR 513, NUTR 515, NUTR 607, and NUTR 611. This Diploma consists of two semesters of *Stage* (internship) in clinical nutrition, community nutrition, and foodservice management. Upon completion of the Diploma, the recipient is eligible to register and practice as a Dietitian in Quebec (professional French is a requirement), as well as in other Canadian provinces and other countries.

## 11.6.3 Human Nutrition Admission Requirements and Application Procedures

### 11.6.3.1 Admission Requirements

#### M.Sc. Thesis and M.Sc. Applied (Project, Practicum, and Dietetics Credentialing)

Applicants must be graduates of a university of recognized reputation and hold a B.Sc. degree equivalent to a McGill degree in a subject closely related to the one selected for graduate work. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) in McGill University's credit equivalency of 3.3/4.0 (high second class–upper division) for the M.Sc. Thesis and M.Sc. Applied during their bachelor's degree program. Eligible candidates to the M.Sc. (Applied) program may select one of three options:

1. The project option;
2. The practicum option, which is reserved for those who have completed a dietetics internship and six months of work experience and are members of the ODNQ and wish to further develop their skills in a particular area of practice through an advanced internship;
3. The dietetics credentialing option, for those who wish to follow a program combining courses and internship, leading to licensure as a dietitian. This program has a specific entrance **CGPA requirement of 3.5/4.0** and French proficiency (minimum level B2) requirement.

#### Ph.D.

Applicants must be graduates of a university of recognized reputation and hold a B.Sc. and M.Sc. degree equivalent to a McGill degree in a subject closely related to the one selected for graduate work. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) in McGill University's credit equivalency of 3.3/4.0 (high second class–upper division) during their bachelor's and master's degree programs. Exceptional students may apply to transfer to the Ph.D. program after one year of study in the M.Sc. (Thesis) program.

#### Qualifying Students

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 if they have met the School's minimum CGPA of 3.3 out of 4.0. The courses to be taken in a Qualifying program will be prescribed by the academic unit. Qualifying students are registered in graduate studies, **but not as candidates for a degree**. Only one Qualifying year (two terms) is permitted. **Successful completion of a Qualifying program does not guarantee admission to a degree program. Students must re-apply for admission to a degree program.**

#### Financial Aid

Financial aid is available but limited and highly competitive. It is suggested that students give serious consideration to their financial planning before submitting an application. Normally, a student will not be accepted unless adequate financial support can be provided through a scholarship/award and/or by the student's supervisor. Academic units cannot guarantee financial support via teaching assistantships.

#### English Language Proficiency

For graduate applicants whose mother tongue is not English, and who have not completed an undergraduate or graduate degree from a recognized Canadian or American (English or French) institution or from a recognized foreign institution where English is the language of instruction, documented proof of English proficiency is required prior to admission. For a list of acceptable test scores and minimum requirements, visit [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/international/proficiency](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/international/proficiency).

#### 11.6.3.2 Application Procedures

McGill's online application form for graduate program candidates is available at [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply).

See [University Regulations & Resources](#) > Graduate > Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures > : [Application Procedures](#) for detailed application procedures.

#### 11.6.3.2.1 Additional Requirements

The items and clarifications below are additional requirements set by this department:

- Final acceptance to the M.Sc. (Thesis) and Ph.D. programs depends on a faculty member agreeing to serve as the student's supervisor. A supervisor is not required for acceptance to the M.Sc. (Applied) program.
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) – The GRE is required for all Ph.D. applicants to the School of Human Nutrition who are submitting non-Canadian or non-U.S. transcripts.

#### 11.6.3.3 Application Dates and Deadlines

Application opening dates are set by Enrolment Services in consultation with Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS), while application deadlines are set by the School of Human Nutrition and may be revised at any time. Applicants must verify all deadlines and documentation requirements well in advance on the appropriate McGill departmental website; please consult the list at [mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program](http://mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program).

Information on application deadlines is available at [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/application-steps/application-deadlines](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/application-steps/application-deadlines).

Admission to graduate studies is competitive; accordingly, late applications are considered only as time and space permit.

### 11.6.4 Master of Science (M.Sc.) Human Nutrition (Thesis) (45 credits)

#### Thesis Courses (33 credits)

NUTR 680	(7)	Human Nutrition M.Sc. Thesis 1
NUTR 681	(8)	Human Nutrition M.Sc. Thesis 2
NUTR 682	(9)	Human Nutrition M.Sc. Thesis 3

NUTR 683 (9) Human Nutrition M.Sc. Thesis 4

#### Required Courses (3 credits)

NUTR 695 (1) Human Nutrition Research Orientation  
 NUTR 696 (1) Human Nutrition Seminar  
 NUTR 697 (1) MSc Final Presentation

#### Complementary Courses (9 credits)

3 credits in graduate-level statistics

3 credits in graduate-level research methods

3 credits in graduate-level courses (chosen in consultation with supervisory committee)

### 11.6.5 Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Human Nutrition (Non-Thesis): Dietetics Credentialing (83 credits)

The M.Sc.(Applied) in Human Nutrition; Non-Thesis – Dietetics Credentialing focuses on nutrition and food, leadership, communication skills, management skills and critical thinking. The program includes 40 weeks of internship or professional practice (stage). This program is accredited by the Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice (PDEP), and recognized in Québec by the Ordre des diététistes-nutritionnistes du Québec (ODNQ), and meets all the standards and requirements of this professional order.

#### Required Courses (77 credits)

IPEA 500 (0) Roles in Interprofessional Teams  
 IPEA 501 (0) Communication in Interprofessional Teams  
 IPEA 502 (0) Patient-Centred Care in Action  
 IPEA 503 (0) Managing Interprofessional Conflict  
 NUTR 503 (3) Nutrition and Exercise  
 NUTR 505 (3) Public Health Nutrition  
 NUTR 511 (3) Nutrition and Behaviour  
 NUTR 545 (4) Clinical Nutrition 2  
 NUTR 546 (4) Clinical Nutrition 3  
 NUTR 551 (3) Analysis of Nutrition Data  
 NUTR 603 (3) Credentialing in Dietetics  
 NUTR 606 (3) Human Nutrition Research Methods  
 NUTR 607 (3) Counselling in Professional Practice  
 NUTR 611 (2) Graduate Professional Practice 1  
 NUTR 612 (8) Graduate Professional Practice 2 Management  
 NUTR 613 (7) Graduate Professional Practice 3 Clinical Nutrition  
 NUTR 614 (8) Graduate Professional Practice 4 Community Nutrition  
 NUTR 615 (7) Graduate Professional Practice 5 Clinical Nutrition  
 NUTR 618 (1) Dietetics Professional Practice  
 NUTR 625 (3) Emerging Issues for Nutritionists  
 NUTR 629 (6) Professional Dietetics Project  
 NUTR 651 (3) M.Sc. (Applied) Literature Review  
 NUTR 660 (1) M.Sc.(Applied) Final Presentation  
 NUTR 695 (1) Human Nutrition Research Orientation  
 NUTR 696 (1) Human Nutrition Seminar

### Complementary Courses (3 credits)

3 credits from the following:

AEMA 610	(3)	Statistical Methods 2
ANSC 560	(3)	Biology of Lactation
EDKP 654	(3)	Sport Psychology
EDPC 501	(3)	Facilitating Relationships
EDPC 504	(3)	Communication and Critical Conflict Resolution
EDPE 502	(3)	Theories of Human Development
EPIB 507	(3)	Biostats for Health Sciences
FDSC 537	(3)	Nutraceutical Chemistry
FDSC 538	(3)	Food Science in Perspective
FDSC 545	(3)	Advances in Food Microbiology
NUTR 501	(3)	Nutrition in Developing Countries
NUTR 502	(3)	Independent Study 2
NUTR 506	(3)	Qualitative Methods in Nutrition
NUTR 507	(3)	Advanced Nutritional Biochemistry
NUTR 512	(3)	Herbs, Foods and Phytochemicals
NUTR 520	(3)	Indigenous Peoples' Nutrition
NUTR 537	(3)	Advanced Human Metabolism
NUTR 608	(3)	Special Topics 1
NUTR 610	(3)	Pediatric and Maternal Nutrition
NUTR 641	(3)	Advanced Global Food Security
PSYC 650	(3)	Advanced Statistics 1

### Elective Courses (3 credits)

To be chosen, at the 500 level or higher, in consultation with the Program Director.

#### Compulsory Immunization

A compulsory immunization program exists at McGill which is required for Dietetics students. Students should complete their immunization upon commencing the program. Confirmation of immunization will be coordinated by the Student Wellness Hub (<https://www.mcgill.ca/wellness-hub/>). Certain deadlines apply.

\*Advising Notes for Professional Practice (Stage):

All courses must be passed with a minimum grade of B-. The admissions CGPA of 3.5 must be maintained throughout to remain in the program. All clinical nutrition courses must be completed at McGill University within 3 years prior to commencing the Professional Practice (Stage). Students who have had extended delays and exceed this 3-year maximum will be asked to repeat these clinical nutrition courses. Registration for all Professional Practice (Stage) courses is restricted to students with a CGPA greater than or equal to 3.5. Students need to develop a working knowledge of French in order to effectively complete their Stage placements. Students are reminded that ethical conduct on Professional Practice (Stage) rotations is required. The School reserves the right to require the withdrawal of any student if at any time the student has displayed unprofessional conduct or demonstrates incompetence.

### 11.6.6 Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Human Nutrition (Non-Thesis): Practicum (45 credits)

#### Practicum (12 credits)

NUTR 656	(3)	M.Sc. (Applied) Practicum 1
NUTR 657	(3)	M.Sc. (Applied) Practicum 2
NUTR 658	(3)	M.Sc. (Applied) Practicum 3
NUTR 659	(3)	M.Sc. (Applied) Practicum 4



**Required Courses (6 credits)**

NUTR 651	(3)	M.Sc. (Applied) Literature Review
NUTR 660	(1)	M.Sc.(Applied) Final Presentation
NUTR 695	(1)	Human Nutrition Research Orientation
NUTR 696	(1)	Human Nutrition Seminar

**Complementary Courses (18 credits)**

3 credits in statistics at the 500 level or higher

3 credits in research methods at the 500 level or higher

12 credits of course work, at the 500 level or higher, in Nutrition, Animal Science, or Food Science chosen in consultation with the student's supervisor.

**Elective Courses (9 credits)**

9 credits of 500-level or higher courses in consultation with the student's academic adviser or supervisor.

**11.6.7 Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Human Nutrition (Non-Thesis): Project (45 credits)****Research Project (12 credits)**

NUTR 652	(3)	M.Sc. (Applied) Project 1
NUTR 653	(3)	M.Sc. (Applied) Project 2
NUTR 654	(3)	M.Sc. (Applied) Project 3
NUTR 655	(3)	M.Sc. (Applied) Project 4

**Required Courses (6 credits)**

NUTR 651	(3)	M.Sc. (Applied) Literature Review
NUTR 660	(1)	M.Sc.(Applied) Final Presentation
NUTR 695	(1)	Human Nutrition Research Orientation
NUTR 696	(1)	Human Nutrition Seminar

**Complementary Courses (18 credits)**

3 credits of 500-level or higher Statistics.

3 credits in research methods at the 500 level or higher

12 credits of course work, at the 500 level or higher, in Nutrition, Animal Science, or Food Science chosen in consultation with the student's supervisor.

**Elective Courses (9 credits)**

9 credits of 500-level or higher courses in consultation with the student's academic adviser or supervisor.

**11.6.8 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Human Nutrition****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**

NUTR 695	(1)	Human Nutrition Research Orientation
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NUTR 701	(0)	Doctoral Comprehensive Examination
NUTR 796	(1)	PhD Research Presentation

### 11.6.9 Graduate Diploma (Gr. Dip.) Registered Dietitian Credentialing (30 credits)

The Graduate Diploma in Registered Dietitian Credentialing is open to students with a Ph.D. in Human Nutrition from the School of Human Nutrition who would like to become a member of the Ordre professionnel des diététistes du Québec (OPDQ). The Diploma consists of 30 weeks of stage placements in Clinical, Community, and Management rotations. Before acceptance into the program, students will be required to complete courses in clinical nutrition, and certain required courses in preparation for Stage; and to demonstrate a basic level of French competency. This preparation may be done during the Ph.D. program, or in a qualifying year after the Ph.D. On completion, students will meet OPDQ credits and professional practice requirements for licensure as a registered dietitian.

The Graduate Diploma is open to students who have completed a graduate degree with the School of Human Nutrition including NUTR 603 Credentialing in Dietetics.

#### Required Courses (30 credits)

NUTR 612	(8)	Graduate Professional Practice 2 Management
NUTR 613	(7)	Graduate Professional Practice 3 Clinical Nutrition
NUTR 614	(8)	Graduate Professional Practice 4 Community Nutrition
NUTR 615	(7)	Graduate Professional Practice 5 Clinical Nutrition

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## 11.7 Natural Resource Sciences

### 11.7.1 Location

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### 11.7.2 About Natural Resource Sciences

The Department of Natural Resource Sciences offers programs leading to **M.Sc.** and **Ph.D.** degrees in:

- Agricultural Economics (M.Sc. only)
- Entomology (Neotropical Environment option available)
- Microbiology (Bioinformatics option available)
- Renewable Resources (this includes Forest Science, Micrometeorology, Soil Science, and Wildlife Biology; Neotropical Environment options available)

An **interdisciplinary** option in Bioinformatics for doctoral students will not be offered in the 2024/2025 academic year.

The Department possesses, or has access to, excellent facilities for laboratory and field research. Affiliated with the Department are the *Lyman Entomological Museum and Research Laboratory*, the *Molson Nature Reserve*, the *Morgan Arboretum*, and the *Ecomuseum* of the *St. Lawrence Valley Natural History Society*; details are available on the [Natural Resource Sciences website](#).

#### Master of Science Degrees

##### *section 11.7.4: Master of Science (M.Sc.) Agricultural Economics (Thesis) (45 credits)*

This program provides students with applied economic concepts and tools to identify, define, and analyze economic problems affecting the performance of the agri-food sector and the environment. The ideal prior preparation is an undergraduate degree in Agricultural Economics or Economics, including undergraduate courses in intermediate economic theory (micro and macro), calculus, algebra, statistics, and econometrics.

***section 11.7.4: Master of Science (M.Sc.) Agricultural Economics (Thesis) (45 credits)***

Attention is given to the development of analytical skills in the broad areas of agricultural, environmental, and ecological economics. Students may specialize, by way of their research program, in agribusiness, development, finance, marketing and trade, policy, and resource economics. The program prepares graduates for rewarding careers in research, analysis, and decision-making in academia, private and NGO sectors, and government.

***section 11.7.5: Master of Science (M.Sc.) Entomology (Thesis) (45 credits)***

Graduate students in the entomology program work within, and often across, multiple disciplines of basic and applied environmental sciences. Specialties within the program include terrestrial arthropod ecology, physiology, zoogeography, diversity, and systematics. Our students typically have exceptionally strong backgrounds in one or more of these specialties and an interest in research that advances both theory and applied management of ecosystems. After completing their degrees they go on to careers in academia, environmental policy, government agencies, industry, and other fields.

***section 11.7.6: Master of Science (M.Sc.) Microbiology (Thesis) (45 credits)***

Graduate students in the microbiology program work within, and often across, multiple disciplines of basic and applied environmental sciences. Specialties within the program range from the study of microbial diversity in extreme environments, either natural or man-induced, to the role of microbes in managed ecosystems, such as in agriculture and forests. Our students typically have exceptionally strong backgrounds in one or more of these specialties and an interest in research that advances our fundamental knowledge about microorganisms as well as leads to improved efficiencies of our managed ecosystems. After completing their degrees they go on to careers in academia, environmental policy, government agencies, industry, and other fields.

***section 11.7.7: Master of Science (M.Sc.) Renewable Resources (Thesis) (45 credits)***

Graduate students in the renewable resources program work within, and often across, multiple disciplines of basic and applied environmental sciences. Specialties within the program include environmental and ecological economics, environmental health and toxicology, forest ecology, fish and fisheries biology, landscape ecology, limnology, micrometeorology, soil science, and wildlife biology. They typically have exceptionally strong backgrounds in one or more of these specialties and an interest in research that advances both theory and applied management of natural resources. After completing their degrees they go on to careers in academia, environmental policy, government agencies, industry, and other fields.

***section 11.7.8: Master of Science (M.Sc.) Renewable Resources (Thesis): Neotropical Environment (45 credits)***

Please contact the Department for more information about this program.

**Ph.D. Degrees in Entomology, Microbiology, or Renewable Resources (Includes Micrometeorology, Forest Science, Soil Science, and Wildlife Biology)*****section 11.7.9: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Entomology***

Graduate students in the entomology program work within, and often across, multiple disciplines of basic and applied environmental sciences. Specialties within the program include terrestrial arthropod ecology, physiology, zoogeography, diversity, and systematics. Our students typically have exceptionally strong backgrounds in one or more of these specialties and an interest in research that advances both theory and applied management of ecosystems. After completing their degrees, they go on to careers in academia, environmental policy, government agencies, industry, and other fields.

***section 11.7.10: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Microbiology***

Graduate students in the microbiology program work within, and often across, multiple disciplines of basic and applied environmental sciences. Specialties within the program range from the study of microbial diversity in extreme environments, either natural or man-induced, to the role of microbes in managed ecosystems, such as in agriculture and forests. Our students typically have exceptionally strong backgrounds in one or more of these specialties and an interest in research that advances our fundamental knowledge about microorganisms and leads to improved efficiencies of our managed ecosystems. After completing their degrees they go on to careers in academia, environmental policy, government agencies, industry, and other fields.

***section 11.7.11: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Renewable Resources***

Graduate students in the renewable resources program work within, and often across, multiple disciplines of basic and applied environmental sciences. Specialties within the program include environmental and ecological economics, environmental health and toxicology, forest ecology, fish and fisheries biology, landscape ecology, limnology, micrometeorology, soil science, and wildlife biology. Our students typically have exceptionally strong backgrounds in one or more of these specialties and an interest in research that advances both theory and applied management of natural resources. After completing their degrees they go on to careers in academia, environmental policy, government agencies, industry, and other fields.

***section 11.7.12: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Renewable Resources: Neotropical Environment***

Please contact the Department for more information about this program.

### 11.7.3 Natural Resource Science Admission Requirements and Application Procedures

#### 11.7.3.1 Admission Requirements

##### M.Sc. Thesis (Agricultural Economics)

Direct admission to the M.Sc. requires the completion of a B.Sc. in Agricultural Economics or a closely related area, with the minimum equivalent cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0/4.0 (second class–upper division) or minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.2/4.0 during the last two years of full-time university study. High grades are expected in courses considered by the academic unit to be preparatory to the graduate program.

The ideal preparation includes courses in agricultural economics, economic theory (intermediate micro and macro), calculus, linear algebra, and statistics. Students with deficiencies in these areas will be required to take additional courses as part of their degree program.

##### M.Sc. Thesis (Entomology, Microbiology, Renewable Resources)

Candidates are required to have a bachelor's degree with a minimum equivalent CGPA of 3.0/4.0 (second class–upper division) or a minimum GPA of 3.2/4.0 during the last two years of full-time university study. High grades are expected in courses considered by the academic unit to be preparatory to the graduate program.

##### M.Sc. in Renewable Resources (Non-Thesis) – Environmental Assessment Option

Applications are not being accepted for the current academic year; the program is currently under review.

##### Ph.D. Thesis (Entomology, Microbiology, Renewable Resources)

Candidates are normally required to hold an M.Sc. degree and will be judged primarily on their ability to conduct an original and independent research study.

##### 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 if they have met the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies minimum CGPA of 3.0/4.0. The course(s) to be taken in a Qualifying program will be prescribed by the academic unit concerned. Qualifying students are registered in graduate studies, **but not as candidates for a degree**. Only one Qualifying year is permitted. **Successful completion of a Qualifying program does not guarantee admission to a degree program.**

##### Financial Aid

Financial aid is available but limited and highly competitive. It is suggested that students give serious consideration to their financial planning before submitting an application. Normally, a student will not be accepted unless adequate financial support can be provided through a scholarship/award and/or by the student's supervisor. Academic units cannot guarantee financial support via teaching assistantships.

##### English Language Proficiency

For graduate applicants whose mother tongue is not English, and who have not completed an undergraduate or graduate degree from a recognized Canadian or American (English or French) institution or from a recognized foreign institution where English is the language of instruction, documented proof of English proficiency is required prior to admission. For a list of acceptable test scores and minimum requirements, visit [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/international/proficiency](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/international/proficiency).

#### 11.7.3.2 Application Procedures

McGill's online application form for graduate program candidates is available at [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply).

See [University Regulations & Resources](#) > [Graduate](#) > [Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures](#) > : [Application Procedures](#) for detailed application procedures.

##### 11.7.3.2.1 Additional Requirements

The items and clarifications below are additional requirements set by this department:

- Acceptance to all programs normally depends on a staff member agreeing to serve as the student's supervisor and the student obtaining financial support.
- The GRE – not required, but highly recommended.

#### 11.7.3.3 Application Dates and Deadlines

Application opening dates are set by Enrolment Services in consultation with Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS), while application deadlines are set by the Department of Natural Resource Sciences and may be revised at any time. Applicants must verify all deadlines and documentation requirements well in advance on the appropriate McGill departmental website; please consult the list at [mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program](http://mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program).

Information on application deadlines is available at [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/application-steps/application-deadlines](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/application-steps/application-deadlines).

Admission to graduate studies is competitive; accordingly, late and/or incomplete applications are considered only as time and space permit.

### 11.7.4 Master of Science (M.Sc.) Agricultural Economics (Thesis) (45 credits)

Graduate students receive rigorous training in economic theory, institutional economics, and quantitative methods, with a focus on applying economic concepts and tools to identify, define, analyze, and solve economic problems in the agri-food sector and the environment. The ideal prior preparation is an

undergraduate degree in Agricultural Economics or Economics, including undergraduate courses in intermediate economic theory (micro and macro), calculus, algebra, statistics, and econometrics.

Attention is given to analytical skills in the broad areas of agricultural and environmental economics. Students may specialize, by way of their research program, in agribusiness, resource economics, development, finance, marketing, trade, policy, and environmental economics. The program is intended to prepare graduates for rewarding careers in research, analysis, and decision-making in academia, private, NGO, and government sectors.

#### Thesis Courses (24 credits)

AGEC 691	(3)	M.Sc. Thesis 1
AGEC 692	(3)	M.Sc. Thesis 2
AGEC 693	(6)	M.Sc. Thesis 3
AGEC 694	(6)	M.Sc. Thesis 4
AGEC 695	(6)	M.Sc. Thesis 5

#### Required Course (3 credits)

AGEC 690	(3)	Seminar in Agricultural Economics
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#### Complementary Courses (18 credits)

6 credits, two theory courses chosen from:

ECON 610	(3)	Microeconomic Theory 1
ECON 620	(3)	Macroeconomic Theory 1

or a theory course, at the 500 level or higher, approved by the Graduate Program Director.

At least 3 credits of quantitative methods course chosen from:

ECON 662D1	(3)	Econometrics
ECON 662D2	(3)	Econometrics
ECON 665	(3)	Quantitative Methods

or a quantitative course, at the 500 level or higher, approved by the Graduate Program Director.

A minimum of 3 credits from the following:

AGEC 630	(3)	Food and Agricultural Policy
AGEC 633	(3)	Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
AGEC 642	(3)	Economics of Agricultural Development
AGEC 685	(3)	Selected Topics in Agricultural Economics

Additional Complementary Courses: To complete the 45 credit program requirement from courses in your field or thesis area at the 500 level or higher in consultation with the Agricultural Economics Adviser.

### 11.7.5 Master of Science (M.Sc.) Entomology (Thesis) (45 credits)

#### Thesis Courses (36 credits)

NRSC 691	(12)	M.Sc. Thesis Research 1
NRSC 692	(12)	M.Sc. Thesis Research 2
NRSC 693	(12)	M.Sc. Thesis Research 3

#### Required Courses (3 credits)

NRSC 643	(1)	Graduate Seminar 1
NRSC 644	(1)	Graduate Seminar 2
NRSC 651	(1)	Graduate Seminar 3

**Complementary Courses (6 credits)**

Two 3-credit courses at the 500, 600, or 700 level; normally one of these will be a course in statistics.

**11.7.6 Master of Science (M.Sc.) Microbiology (Thesis) (45 credits)**

**Thesis Courses (36 credits)**

NRSC 691	(12)	M.Sc. Thesis Research 1
NRSC 692	(12)	M.Sc. Thesis Research 2
NRSC 693	(12)	M.Sc. Thesis Research 3

**Required Courses (3 credits)**

NRSC 643	(1)	Graduate Seminar 1
NRSC 644	(1)	Graduate Seminar 2
NRSC 651	(1)	Graduate Seminar 3

**Complementary Courses (6 credits)**

Two 3-credit 500-, 600-, or 700-level courses; normally one of these will be a course in statistics.

**11.7.7 Master of Science (M.Sc.) Renewable Resources (Thesis) (45 credits)**

Includes Micrometeorology, Forest Science, Soil Science and Wildlife Biology as areas of research.

**Thesis Courses (36 credits)**

NRSC 691	(12)	M.Sc. Thesis Research 1
NRSC 692	(12)	M.Sc. Thesis Research 2
NRSC 693	(12)	M.Sc. Thesis Research 3

**Required Courses (3 credits)**

NRSC 643	(1)	Graduate Seminar 1
NRSC 644	(1)	Graduate Seminar 2
NRSC 651	(1)	Graduate Seminar 3

**Complementary Courses (6 credits)**

Two 3-credit courses at the 500 level or higher recommended by the supervisory committee; one of which must be in quantitative methods/techniques.

**11.7.8 Master of Science (M.Sc.) Renewable Resources (Thesis): Neotropical Environment (45 credits)**

The McGill-STRI Neotropical Environment Option (NEO) is a research-based option for Masters or PhD students in the departments of Anthropology, Biology, Bioresource Engineering, Geography, Natural Resource Sciences, Plant Science, and Political Science at McGill University. NEO is aimed at students who wish to focus their graduate research on environmental issues relevant to the Neotropics and Latin American countries. NEO favors interdisciplinary approaches to research and learning through the participation of researchers from McGill and from STRI. Students will complete their research in Latin America and NEO's core and complementary courses will be taught in Panama. NEO's educational approach seeks to facilitate a broader understanding of tropical environmental issues and the development of skills relevant to working in the tropics.

Whether applying to a Master or a PhD, students are expected to meet all the degree.

#### Thesis Courses (33 credits)

NRSC 691	(12)	M.Sc. Thesis Research 1
NRSC 692	(12)	M.Sc. Thesis Research 2
NRSC 694	(9)	M.Sc. Thesis Research 4

#### Required Courses (9 credits)

BIOL 640	(3)	Tropical Biology and Conservation
ENVR 610	(3)	Foundations of Environmental Policy
NRSC 643	(1)	Graduate Seminar 1
NRSC 644	(1)	Graduate Seminar 2
NRSC 651	(1)	Graduate Seminar 3

Note: Participation in the MSE-Panama Symposium presentation in Montreal is also required.

#### Elective Courses (3 credits)

3 credits, at the 500 level or higher, on environmental issues to be chosen in consultation with and approved by the student's supervisor AND the Neotropical Environment Options Director.

### 11.7.9 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Entomology

Includes Micrometeorology, Forest Science, Soil Science, and Wildlife Biology.

#### 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

NRSC 701	(0)	Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination
NRSC 751	(0)	PhD Research Proposal
NRSC 752	(0)	Teaching Experience
NRSC 753	(0)	PhD Research Progress Report
NRSC 754	(0)	PhD Final Research Report

#### Coursework

Course requirements are specified by the staff in the discipline, but are flexible and depend largely on the student's background, immediate interests, and ultimate objectives.

### 11.7.10 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Microbiology

Includes Micrometeorology, Forest Science, Soil Science, and Wildlife Biology.

#### 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

NRSC 701	(0)	Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination
NRSC 751	(0)	PhD Research Proposal
NRSC 752	(0)	Teaching Experience
NRSC 753	(0)	PhD Research Progress Report
NRSC 754	(0)	PhD Final Research Report

### Coursework

Course requirements are specified by the staff in the discipline, but are flexible and depend largely on the student's background, immediate interests, and ultimate objectives.

#### 11.7.11 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Renewable Resources

Includes Micrometeorology, Forest Science, Soil Science, and Wildlife Biology.

### 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

NRSC 701	(0)	Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination
NRSC 751	(0)	PhD Research Proposal
NRSC 752	(0)	Teaching Experience
NRSC 753	(0)	PhD Research Progress Report
NRSC 754	(0)	PhD Final Research Report

### Coursework

Course requirements are specified by the staff in the discipline, but are flexible and depend largely on the student's background, immediate interests, and ultimate objectives.

#### 11.7.12 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Renewable Resources: Neotropical Environment

### 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

BIOL 640	(3)	Tropical Biology and Conservation
ENVR 610	(3)	Foundations of Environmental Policy
NRSC 701	(0)	Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination
NRSC 751	(0)	PhD Research Proposal
NRSC 752	(0)	Teaching Experience
NRSC 753	(0)	PhD Research Progress Report
NRSC 754	(0)	PhD Final Research Report



Note: Participation in the MSE-Panama Symposium presentation in Montreal is required.

### Elective Courses

3 credits, at the 500 level or higher, on environmental issues to be chosen in consultation with and approved by the student's supervisor AND the Neotropical Environment Options Director.

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## 11.8 Parasitology

### 11.8.1 Location

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### 11.8.2 About Parasitology

The Institute of Parasitology offers **M.Sc.** and **Ph.D.** thesis research degrees in Parasitology and a non-thesis **M.Sc. (Applied)** degree in Biotechnology (Information on the Biotechnology programs is found in the [section 11.4: Biotechnology](#) section). For the Ph.D. program, it is possible to add a Bioinformatics option.

The Institute of Parasitology teaches and researches the phenomenon of parasitism in humans, livestock, and other animals, and the control of parasitic diseases. The interface of parasitism/immunity/nutrition is also examined in the context of the host–parasite interaction. Current research involves:

- molecular biology;
- molecular genetics;
- biochemistry;
- bioinformatics;
- pharmacology;
- control and drug resistance;
- immunology;
- epidemiology;
- biology;
- neurobiology;
- drug discovery; and
- the ecology of parasitic organisms—such as helminths and protozoa, viruses, and cancer cells.

The non-thesis program in Biotechnology offers course-based curricula with practical training in laboratory courses and internships.

The Institute is housed in its own building adjacent to the Macdonald Campus Library and has well-equipped modern laboratories with excellent facilities for molecular research, and includes a confocal suite. Small and large animal facilities are available on the Macdonald Campus. The Institute is affiliated with the [J.D. MacLean Centre for Tropical Diseases](#) at the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC).

Graduates typically go on to academic and research careers; enter private industry in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical sectors in research, management, technical services, and sales; or accept positions in the health, agriculture, food safety, and other government sectors.

#### Parasitology Programs

##### [section 11.8.4: Master of Science \(M.Sc.\) Parasitology \(Thesis\) \(45 credits\)](#)

A research project is undertaken in an area of parasitology under the direction of a supervisor, and a thesis is produced. Coursework is minimal. Graduates have gone on to medical school, to teaching positions, or have found employment in scientific fields.

### *section 11.8.5: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Parasitology*

An advanced, original research project is undertaken in an area of parasitology supervised by faculty staff. Coursework is minimal. Graduates are well suited for teaching positions in academia or scientific careers in a university, private industry, or government.

### *section 11.8.6: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Parasitology: Bioinformatics*

**\*\*This program is currently not being offered\*\***

An advanced, original research project in an area of parasitology is undertaken supervised by faculty staff, and a thesis is produced. Additional coursework in the field of bioinformatics is required for this option. Graduates are well suited for a teaching or research career, especially where there is particular emphasis on the science of bioinformatics.

## **11.8.3 Parasitology Admission Requirements and Application Procedures**

### **11.8.3.1 Admission Requirements**

Candidates for either the M.Sc. or the Ph.D. thesis research degree should possess a bachelor's degree in biological or medical sciences with a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.2/4.0 (second class–upper division). High grades are expected in courses considered by the academic unit to be preparatory to the graduate program. Previous experience in parasitology is not essential.

#### **Qualifying Students**

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 if they have met the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies minimum CGPA of 3.0/4.0. The course(s) to be taken in a Qualifying program will be prescribed by the academic unit concerned. Qualifying students are registered in graduate studies, **but not as candidates for a degree**. Only one Qualifying year is permitted. **Successful completion of a Qualifying program does not guarantee admission to a degree program.**

#### **Financial Support**

Financial aid is available but limited and highly competitive. It is suggested that students give serious consideration to their financial planning before submitting an application. Normally, a student will not be accepted unless adequate financial support can be provided through a scholarship/award and/or by the student's supervisor. Academic units cannot guarantee financial support via teaching assistantships. For information on awards and funding opportunities, see:

- [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/funding](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/funding);
- [mcgill.ca/parasitology/graduatestudies/admissions](http://mcgill.ca/parasitology/graduatestudies/admissions);
- [mcgill.ca/macdonald/prospective/gradstudies/funding](http://mcgill.ca/macdonald/prospective/gradstudies/funding);
- [mcgill.ca/macdonald/gradstudents/gradawards](http://mcgill.ca/macdonald/gradstudents/gradawards); and
- [mcgill.ca/internalawards/faculty/agricultural-and-environmental-sciences](http://mcgill.ca/internalawards/faculty/agricultural-and-environmental-sciences).

#### **English Language Proficiency**

For graduate applicants whose mother tongue is not English, and who have not completed an undergraduate or graduate degree from a recognized Canadian or American (English or French) institution or from a recognized foreign institution where English is the language of instruction, documented proof of English proficiency is required prior to admission. For a list of acceptable test scores and minimum requirements, visit [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/international/proficiency](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/international/proficiency).

### **11.8.3.2 Application Procedures**

McGill's online application form for graduate program candidates is available at [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply).

See [University Regulations & Resources](#) > [Graduate](#) > [Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures](#) > : [Application Procedures](#) for detailed application procedures.

#### **11.8.3.2.1 Additional Requirements**

The items and clarifications below are additional requirements set by this department:

- Acceptance to all thesis research programs depends on a staff member agreeing to serve as the student's supervisor and the student's obtaining financial support.
- International students are strongly encouraged to secure funding from their home country or international agencies.
- Other documents may be required for the admission process. Please consult the Parasitology website at [mcgill.ca/parasitology/graduatestudies/admission](http://mcgill.ca/parasitology/graduatestudies/admission) for full details.

**11.8.3.3 Application Dates and Deadlines**

Application opening dates are set by Enrolment Services in consultation with Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS), while application deadlines are set by the Institute of Parasitology and may be revised at any time. Applicants must verify all deadlines and documentation requirements well in advance on the appropriate McGill departmental website; please consult the list at [mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program](http://mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program).

Information on application deadlines is available at [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/application-steps/application-deadlines](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/application-steps/application-deadlines).

Admission to graduate studies is competitive; accordingly, late and/or incomplete applications are considered only as time and space permit.

**11.8.4 Master of Science (M.Sc.) Parasitology (Thesis) (45 credits)****Thesis Courses (35 credits)**

PARA 687	(10)	Thesis Research 1
PARA 688	(10)	Thesis Research 2
PARA 689	(12)	Thesis Research 3

**Required Courses (10 credits)**

PARA 606	(2)	Parasitology Seminar
PARA 607	(2)	Parasitology Research Seminar
PARA 635	(3)	Cell Biology and Infection
PARA 655	(3)	Host-Parasite Interactions

Other course work in related subjects may be required, depending upon the candidate's background and research orientation.

**11.8.5 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Parasitology****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 (10 credits)**

PARA 635	(3)	Cell Biology and Infection
PARA 655	(3)	Host-Parasite Interactions
PARA 701	(0)	PhD Comprehensive Exam
PARA 710	(2)	Parasitology Ph.D. Seminar 1
PARA 711	(2)	Parasitology Ph.D. Seminar 2

\* Note: In the first year of the doctoral program, the candidates must successfully complete a written thesis proposal and make an oral presentation on their proposed research to fulfil PARA 700, the comprehensive component.

Depending upon the candidate's background, other course work may be required.

**11.8.6 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Parasitology: Bioinformatics****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 (13 credits)**

COMP 616D1	(1.5)	Bioinformatics Seminar
COMP 616D2	(1.5)	Bioinformatics Seminar
PARA 635	(3)	Cell Biology and Infection
PARA 655	(3)	Host-Parasite Interactions
PARA 701	(0)	PhD Comprehensive Exam
PARA 710	(2)	Parasitology Ph.D. Seminar 1
PARA 711	(2)	Parasitology Ph.D. Seminar 2

### Complementary Courses (6 credits)

6 credits chosen from the following:

BINF 621	(3)	Bioinformatics: Molecular Biology
BMDE 652	(3)	Bioinformatics: Proteomics
BTEC 555	(3)	Structural Bioinformatics
COMP 618	(3)	Bioinformatics: Functional Genomics
PHGY 603	(3)	Systems Biology and Biophysics

Additional courses at the 500, 600, or 700 level may be required at the discretion of the candidate's supervisory committee.

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## 11.9 Plant Science

### 11.9.1 Location

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### 11.9.2 About Plant Science

The Department offers an M.Sc. and a Ph.D. in Plant Science covering all fields of plant science. Research facilities—both field and laboratory—are available for investigations in plant breeding, crop physiology, crop management, crop quality, plant ecology, the epidemiology and biology of plant diseases, epigenetics, biosystematics, recombinant DNA technology, mycology, weed biology, tissue culture, plant phenotyping, plant biochemistry, and bioinformatics. Facilities include:

- Horticultural Research Centre
- Emile A. Lods Agronomy Research Centre
- greenhouses
- growth cabinets
- McGill University Herbarium
- multi-scale imaging facility
- genome editing laboratory
- plant-pest containment laboratory
- field phenomics platform

An advisory committee is named for each student and has the responsibility of developing the program of study appropriate to the student's background and area of specialization.

***section 11.9.4: Master of Science (M.Sc.) Plant Science (Thesis) (45 credits)***

This M.Sc. in Plant Science requires approximately two years for completion. Overall, the program consists of two graduate-level courses, seminars, and a research project leading to a thesis. The courses and the research project are chosen and defined with the help of an advisory committee. Subsequent career paths are varied, but include work with government agencies, the private sector, or further graduate studies in a related field.

***section 11.9.5: Master of Science (M.Sc.) Plant Science (Thesis): Bioinformatics (45 credits)***

This M.Sc. in Plant Science requires approximately two years for completion. Overall, the program consists of two graduate-level courses, seminars, and a research project leading to a thesis. The courses and the research project are chosen and defined with the help of an advisory committee. The goal of the Bioinformatics option is to train students to become researchers in the interdisciplinary field of bioinformatics, which lies at the intersection of biological/medical sciences and mathematics/computer science/engineering. This option has an added emphasis on bioinformatics, including additional seminars. Subsequent career paths are varied, but include work with government agencies, the private sector, or further graduate studies in a related field.

***: Master of Science (M.Sc.) Plant Science (Thesis): Environment (45 credits)***

**\*\*This program is currently not offered.\*\***

This M.Sc. in Plant Science requires approximately two years for completion. Overall, the program consists of two graduate-level courses, seminars, and a research project leading to a thesis. The courses and the research project are chosen and defined with the help of an advisory committee. Subsequent career paths are varied, but include work with government agencies, the private sector, or further graduate studies in a related field. This Environment graduate option has an added emphasis on environmental sciences, including additional courses and seminars. It is aimed at students who wish to take an interdisciplinary approach in their graduate research on environmental issues and who wish to benefit from interactions with students from a wide range of disciplines.

***section 11.9.6: Master of Science (M.Sc.) Plant Science (Thesis): Neotropical Environment (45 credits)***

This M.Sc. in Plant Science requires approximately two years for completion. Overall, the program consists of two graduate-level courses, seminars, and a research project leading to a thesis. The courses and the research project are chosen and defined with the help of an advisory committee. Subsequent career paths are varied, but include work with government agencies, the private sector, or further graduate studies in a related field. This option has an added emphasis on neotropical environments, including additional courses and seminars. Part of the program takes place in Panama.

***section 11.9.7: Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Plant Science (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)***

**\*\*Please note that program is currently under revision and will not be accepting applicants.\*\***

This M.Sc. in Plant Science requires about 18 months or four to five terms for completion. Overall, the program consists of graduate-level courses, seminars, and a research project. The courses and the research project are chosen and defined with the help of an advisory committee. Subsequent career paths are varied, but include work with government agencies, the private sector, or further graduate studies in a related field.

***section 11.9.8: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Plant Science***

This Ph.D. in Plant Science requires approximately three years for completion. Overall, the program consists of seminars and a research project leading to a thesis. Students must also complete a comprehensive examination within their first year of study. The research project is defined with the help of an advisory committee. Subsequent career paths are varied, but include work with government agencies, universities, or the private sector.

***section 11.9.9: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Plant Science: Bioinformatics***

This Ph.D. in Plant Science requires approximately three years for completion. Overall, the program consists of seminars and a research project leading to a thesis. Students must also complete a comprehensive examination within their first year of study. The research project is defined with the help of an advisory committee. Subsequent career paths are varied, but include work with government agencies, universities, or the private sector. This Bioinformatics option has an added emphasis on bioinformatics, including additional courses and seminars. The goal of this option is to train students to become researchers in the interdisciplinary field of bioinformatics, which lies at the intersection of biological/medical sciences and mathematics/computer science/engineering.

***section 11.9.10: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Plant Science: Environment***

**\*\*This program is currently not offered.\*\***

This Ph.D. in Plant Science requires approximately three years for completion. Overall, the program consists of seminars and a research project leading to a thesis. Students must also complete a comprehensive examination within their first year of study. The research project is defined with the help of an advisory committee. Subsequent career paths are varied, but include work with government agencies, universities, or the private sector. This Environment graduate option has an added emphasis on environmental sciences, including additional courses and seminars. It is aimed at students who wish to take an interdisciplinary approach in their graduate research on environmental issues and who wish to benefit from interactions with students from a wide range of disciplines.

### *section 11.9.11: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Plant Science: Neotropical Environment*

This Ph.D. in Plant Science requires approximately three years for completion. Overall, the program consists of seminars and a research project leading to a thesis. Students must also complete a comprehensive examination within their first year of study. The research project is defined with the help of an advisory committee. Subsequent career paths are varied, but include work with government agencies, universities, or the private sector. This option has an added emphasis on neotropical environments, including additional courses and seminars. Part of the program takes place in Panama.

### *section 11.9.12: Graduate Certificate (Gr. Cert.) Bioinformatics (15 credits)*

**\*\*This program is currently under revision and will not be accepting applicants.\*\***

The Graduate Certificate in Bioinformatics is a new cross-disciplinary program that teaches students the foundations of bioinformatics thinking, methodology, and applications through hands-on experience with computers and bioinformatics tools. The program introduces students to many areas of application such as medicine, agriculture, and chemistry. Required courses include basic UNIX skills, genomics data, common bioinformatics software, relational databases, and web resources. The Certificate is completed in one term (Winter term **only**) after which graduates may go on to pursue successful careers in the biomedical, biotechnology, and biosciences fields.

## **11.9.3 Plant Science Admission Requirements and Application Procedures**

### **11.9.3.1 Admission Requirements**

#### **General**

The minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) is 3.0/4.0 (second class–upper division) or a minimum GPA of 3.2/4.0 during the last two years of full-time university study. High grades are expected in courses considered by the academic unit to be preparatory to the graduate program.

#### **Ph.D.**

Ph.D. candidates are required to have an M.Sc. degree in an area related to the chosen field of specialization for the Ph.D. program. Outstanding M.Sc. students may be permitted to transfer to the second year of the Ph.D. program following one year of study.

#### **Qualifying Students**

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 selected subject, may be admitted to a Qualifying program if they have met the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies minimum CGPA of 3.0/4.0. The course(s) to be taken in a Qualifying program will be prescribed by the academic unit concerned. Qualifying students are registered in graduate studies, but not as candidates for a degree. Only one Qualifying year is permitted. Successful completion of a Qualifying program does not guarantee admission to a degree program. The Qualifying year is only offered at the discretion of the Department.

#### **Financial Aid**

Financial aid is available but limited and highly competitive. It is suggested that students give serious consideration to their financial planning before submitting an application. A student will not be accepted unless adequate financial support can be provided through a scholarship/award and/or by the student's supervisor. Academic units cannot guarantee financial support via teaching assistantships.

#### **English Language Proficiency**

For graduate applicants whose mother tongue is not English, and who have not completed an undergraduate or graduate degree from a recognized Canadian or American (English or French) institution or from a recognized foreign institution where English is the language of instruction, documented proof of English proficiency is required prior to admission. For a list of acceptable test scores and minimum requirements, visit [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/international/proficiency](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/international/proficiency).

### **11.9.3.2 Application Procedures**

McGill's online application form for graduate program candidates is available at [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply](http://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply).

See [University Regulations & Resources](#) > [Graduate](#) > [Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures](#) > : [Application Procedures](#) for detailed application procedures.

#### **11.9.3.2.1 Additional Requirements**

The items and clarifications below are additional requirements set by this department:

- Acceptance to all programs depends on a staff member agreeing to serve as the student's supervisor and the student obtaining financial support.
- The GRE – not required, but highly recommended.

#### **11.9.3.3 Application Dates and Deadlines**

Application opening dates are set by Enrolment Services in consultation with Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS), while application deadlines are set by the Department of Plant Science and may be revised at any time. Applicants must verify all deadlines and documentation requirements well in advance on the appropriate McGill departmental website; please consult the list at [mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program](http://mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program).

Information on application deadlines is available at [mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/application-steps/application-deadlines](https://mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/application-steps/application-deadlines).

Admission to graduate studies is competitive; accordingly, late and/or incomplete applications are considered only as time and space permit.

#### 11.9.4 Master of Science (M.Sc.) Plant Science (Thesis) (45 credits)

##### Thesis Courses (39 credits)

PLNT 664	(12)	M.Sc. Thesis 1
PLNT 665	(12)	M.Sc. Thesis 2
PLNT 666	(15)	M.Sc. Thesis 3

##### Required Invitational Seminar

PLNT 690	(0)	Research Horizons in Plant Science 1
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##### Complementary Courses (6 credits)

Two graduate-level courses

Additional courses may be required at the discretion of the candidate's supervisory committee.

#### 11.9.5 Master of Science (M.Sc.) Plant Science (Thesis): Bioinformatics (45 credits)

##### Thesis Courses (36 credits)

PLNT 664	(12)	M.Sc. Thesis 1
PLNT 665	(12)	M.Sc. Thesis 2
PLNT 667	(12)	MSc Thesis 3A

##### Required Invitational Seminar

PLNT 690	(0)	Research Horizons in Plant Science 1
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##### Required Courses (3 credits)

COMP 616D1	(1.5)	Bioinformatics Seminar
COMP 616D2	(1.5)	Bioinformatics Seminar
PLNT 691	(0)	Research Horizons in Plant Science 2

##### Complementary Courses (6 credits)

Chosen from the following:

BINF 511	(3)	Bioinformatics for Genomics
BINF 621	(3)	Bioinformatics: Molecular Biology
BMDE 652	(3)	Bioinformatics: Proteomics
BTEC 555	(3)	Structural Bioinformatics
COMP 618	(3)	Bioinformatics: Functional Genomics
PHGY 603	(3)	Systems Biology and Biophysics

Additional courses at the 500 or 600 level may be required at the discretion of the candidate's advisory committee.

### 11.9.6 Master of Science (M.Sc.) Plant Science (Thesis): Neotropical Environment (45 credits)

Candidates must participate in the STRI seminar series when in residence in Panama, and in the MSE-Panama Symposium Presentation in Montreal.

#### Thesis Courses (36 credits)

PLNT 664	(12)	M.Sc. Thesis 1
PLNT 665	(12)	M.Sc. Thesis 2
PLNT 667	(12)	MSc Thesis 3A

#### Required Invitational Seminar

PLNT 690	(0)	Research Horizons in Plant Science 1
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#### Required Courses (6 credits)

BIOL 640	(3)	Tropical Biology and Conservation
ENVR 610	(3)	Foundations of Environmental Policy

#### Elective Courses (3 credits)

3 credits at the 500 level or higher, on environmental issues to be chosen in consultation with and approved by the student's supervisor AND the Neotropical Environment Options Director.

Additional courses may be required at the discretion of the candidate's supervisory committee.

### 11.9.7 Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Plant Science (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)

N.B. this program is under revision. Please contact Ms. Carolyn Bowes for information.

### 11.9.8 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Plant Science

Students who have taken their M.Sc. degree at McGill University will be required to spend one term in study at another research institution.

#### 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 Invitational Seminar

PLNT 690	(0)	Research Horizons in Plant Science 1
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#### Required Courses

\* Must be taken within one year of registering

PLNT 701	(0)	Doctoral Comprehensive Examination
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#### Complementary Courses

Any courses at the 500 or 600 level deemed necessary for the chosen area of specialization.



**11.9.9 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Plant Science: Bioinformatics****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 Invitational Seminar**

PLNT 690	(0)	Research Horizons in Plant Science 1
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**Required Courses (3 credits)**

\* Must be taken within one year of registering.

COMP 616D1	(1.5)	Bioinformatics Seminar
COMP 616D2	(1.5)	Bioinformatics Seminar
PLNT 701*	(0)	Doctoral Comprehensive Examination

**Complementary Courses (6 credits)**

Two courses to be chosen from the following:

BINF 511	(3)	Bioinformatics for Genomics
BINF 621	(3)	Bioinformatics: Molecular Biology
BMDE 652	(3)	Bioinformatics: Proteomics
BTEC 555	(3)	Structural Bioinformatics
COMP 618	(3)	Bioinformatics: Functional Genomics
PHGY 603	(3)	Systems Biology and Biophysics

Additional courses at the 500 or 600 level may be required at the discretion of the candidate's advisory committee.

**11.9.10 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Plant Science: Environment**

\*\*This program is currently not offered.\*\*

The Ph.D. in Plant Science Environment is a research program offered in collaboration with the Bieler School of Environment. As a complement to the unit's expertise, the program considers how various dimensions (scientific, social, legal, ethical) interact to define environment and sustainability issues.

Students who have taken their M.Sc. degree at McGill University will be required to spend one term in study at another research institution.

**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 Invitational Seminar**

PLNT 690	(0)	Research Horizons in Plant Science 1
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**Required Courses (3 credits)**

\* Must be taken within the first year of registering

ENVR 615	(3)	Interdisciplinary Approach Environment and Sustainability
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PLNT 701\* (0) Doctoral Comprehensive Examination

**Complementary Courses (6 credits)**

3-6 credits from:

ENVR 610 (3) Foundations of Environmental Policy  
ENVR 614 (3) Mobilizing Research for Sustainability

3 credits from:

ENVR 585 (3) Readings in Environment 2  
ENVR 630 (3) Civilization and Environment  
ENVR 680 (3) Topics in Environment 4

or 3 credits at the 500 level or higher recommended by the Advisory Committee and approved by the Environment Option Committee.

**11.9.11 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Plant Science: Neotropical Environment**

Students who have taken their M.Sc. degree at McGill University will be required to spend one term in study at another research institution.

The required thesis for this Ph.D. degree must display original scholarship expressed in proper literate style and must be a distinct contribution to knowledge.

Candidates must participate in the STRI seminar series when in residence in Panama, and in the MSE-Panama Symposium Presentation in Montreal.

**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 Invitational Seminar**

PLNT 690 (0) Research Horizons in Plant Science 1

**Required Courses (6 credits)**

\* Must be taken within one year of registering.

BIOL 640 (3) Tropical Biology and Conservation  
ENVR 610 (3) Foundations of Environmental Policy  
PLNT 701\* (0) Doctoral Comprehensive Examination

**Elective Courses (3 credits)**

3 credits at the 500 level or higher, on environmental issues to be chosen in consultation with and approved by the student's supervisor AND the Neotropical Environment Options Director.

**11.9.12 Graduate Certificate (Gr. Cert.) Bioinformatics (15 credits)**

**Required Courses (9 credits)**

BINF 511 (3) Bioinformatics for Genomics  
BINF 660 (3) Advances in Bioinformatics  
BTEC 555 (3) Structural Bioinformatics

**Complementary Courses (6 credits)**

6 credits from the following:

ANSC 565	(3)	Applied Information Systems
BMDE 652	(3)	Bioinformatics: Proteomics
COMP 616D1	(1.5)	Bioinformatics Seminar
COMP 616D2	(1.5)	Bioinformatics Seminar
COMP 616N1	(1.5)	Bioinformatics Seminar
COMP 616N2	(1.5)	Bioinformatics Seminar
COMP 618	(3)	Bioinformatics: Functional Genomics
GLIS 673	(3)	Bioinformatics Resources
HGEN 663	(3)	Beyond the Human Genome

