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# 1 The Faculty of Law

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## 1.1 Legal Education at McGill

### **We do legal education like nobody else**

Proudly bilingual; rigorously bijural: McGill Law sits at the epicentre of two major legal traditions of the western world—the civil law and the common law.

From its earliest days, McGill has been a bridge between these two traditions. The McGill program is a global model for legal education that adapts to the changing shape of our world without borders.

And now, we are pushing things even further.

### **Legal education at McGill explores legal traditions through a comparative, integrated lens that is unique around the world.**

The McGill curriculum features multiple opportunities for problem-based learning, translation of knowledge into action, and the development of skills that

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## 1.1.2 Administrative Officers and Staff

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You should anticipate at least two hours of directed study for every hour of lecture. In addition, you are obliged to write essays, attend seminars, participate in the Legal Methodology Program, and fulfil all other Faculty requirements. You are expected to devote your whole time to your legal studies, and must not undertake other studies during the academic session without prior approval of the Dean or the Dean's delegate.

The Faculty generally follows the University Examination Regulations, and evaluates all students anonymously (Regulations 19 and 22). Examinations and other assignments may be written in either English or French. Examinations are set in the language in which a course is given, but may contain materials in either French or English (Regulation 20).

If you do not pass a session, you will be required to withdraw from the Faculty, subject to your right to apply for readmission to the Faculty (Regulations 49 and 50). For more information, see [www.mcgill.ca/law-studies](http://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies).

### 1.2.3 Changes in Regulations

This publication and the Faculty Regulations in force govern students registered in the Faculty of Law during the 2016–2017 academic year. As well, students are subject to changes published in this publication from time to time within the Faculty before Fall registration.

These Regulations, and all others under which the curriculum is administered, are subject to change at any time.

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## 1.3 Admission to the Legal Profession

The Faculty's Career Development Office (CDO) endeavours to maintain up-to-date information on Bar admission requirements for jurisdictions of interest to the majority of students graduating from the Faculty. However, it is the student's responsibility to ensure that they have fulfilled all requirements of the Bar to which they are applying, including pre-law educational requirements.

### 1.3.1 Admission to the Legal Profession: Canada

Information on the following Bars/Law Societies can be obtained by consulting their websites. For information on the National Committee on Accreditation, which oversees the transfer from one provincial bar to another, visit the Federation of Law Societies of Canada's website: [www.flsc.ca](http://www.flsc.ca). Transfer to the Quebec Bar is managed by the *Comités des équivalences*: [www.cdeq.com](http://www.cdeq.com).

Barreau du Québec: [www.barreau.qc.ca](http://www.barreau.qc.ca)

Chambre des notaires du Québec: [www.cmq.org](http://www.cmq.org)

École du barreau du Québec: [www.ecoledubarreau.qc.ca](http://www.ecoledubarreau.qc.ca)

Law Society of Alberta: [www.lawsociety.ab.ca](http://www.lawsociety.ab.ca)

Law Society of British Columbia: [www.lawsociety.bc.ca](http://www.lawsociety.bc.ca)

Law Society of Manitoba: [www.lawsociety.mb.ca](http://www.lawsociety.mb.ca)

Law Society of New Brunswick: [www.lawsociety-barreau.nb.ca](http://www.lawsociety-barreau.nb.ca)

Law Society of Newfoundland: [www.lawsociety-nf.ca](http://www.lawsociety-nf.ca)

Law Society of the Northwest Territories: [www.lawsociety.nt.ca](http://www.lawsociety.nt.ca)

Law Society of Nunavut: [www.lawsociety-nu.ca](http://www.lawsociety-nu.ca)

### 1.3.3 Language Requirements for Professions

For details on this topic, see [University Regulations and Resources](#) > [Undergraduate](#) > [Admission to Professional and Graduate Studies](#) > [Language Requirements for Professions](#).

## 1.4 Career Development Office

The programs offered by the Faculty of Law prepare students for a wide array of careers in the practice of law and related fields. To enable its graduates to take full advantage of opportunities available to them, the Faculty provides career counselling through its [Career Development Office](#) (CDO). With the assistance of the Career Development Officer, the Director of the Office, a faculty graduate and lawyer with experience in private practice, journalism, and non-profit organizations, oversees all career development activities, which include assisting students with their search for summer employment and articling positions. Career development communications, activities, and programs also provide students with information about the various types of career opportunities open to them after graduation.

The CDO also assists employers with their search for candidates by giving them access to [myFuture](#), where they can post positions for free, by organizing on-campus interviews, and certainly by inviting employers to various events.

The CDO Advisory Committee, made up of:

- three student representatives, including the Vice-President (Public Relations) of the Law Students Association (LSA);
- the CDO Director;
- the CDO Officer; and
- the Assistant Dean (Admissions and Recruitment)

meets twice every semester to discuss issues related to career development.

### 1.4.1 Resource Centre

The Resource Centre of the Career Development Office (CDO) houses publications related to job search strategies, diversity, employer types, and much more! The CDO also maintains a website full of publications, information, and resources. Students regularly use the online job search tool [myFuture](#) to research employment opportunities in the legal sector and other fields.

Further information is available on the [CDO website](#) and the [myFuture](#) tool.

### 1.4.2 On-Campus Recruitment

The Career Development Office (CDO; [www.mcgill.ca/cdo](http://www.mcgill.ca/cdo)) coordinates various recruitment processes throughout the year. Two of these involve On-Campus Interviews (OCIs): one for Toronto employers (September) and the other for U.S. firms (August). Students can also take part in organized recruitment processes for Vancouver, Calgary, Ottawa, and Atlantic provinces.

Prior to the Toronto and U.S. OCIs, the CDO publishes a list of employers who will be recruiting. Interested students should submit their applications online. The CDO schedules preliminary interviews with the selected students. Second-round interviews are arranged between the employer and the student and take place at the employer's office.

Montreal recruitment is called *Course aux stages*. During this recruitment period, local firms conduct interviews at their offices. The CDO provides step-by-step support to participants.

### 1.4.3 Career Days

The Career Development Office (CDO; [www.mcgill.ca/cdo](http://www.mcgill.ca/cdo)) organizes three career fairs annually: one for Quebec employers, one for out-of-province employers, and one for social justice and government organizations from all over the country. The first two take place in January in preparation for the Canadian organized recruitment processes. Several legal employers visit the Faculty of Law to speak to students about the opportunities available at their law firm or government organization. During *Public Interest Career Day*, which is held in November, guest speakers and panellists discuss opportunities for law graduates in various public interest fields.

### 1.4.4 Training Programs and Publications

The Career Development Office (CDO; [www.mcgill.ca/cdo](http://www.mcgill.ca/cdo)) provides materials and organizes seminars on how to pursue a career in law and related areas. Individual counselling is provided to assist students in their search for employment. Special newsletters for participants of various organized recruitment processes provide step-by-step tips, reminders, and resources. Students can also request a mock interview to prepare for a meeting with a potential employer.

Furthermore, the CDO is pleased to offer several panel discussions and networking events throughout the year at which practitioners and alumni discuss their area of specialization with students. Through these events and others, the CDO supports and promotes student employment opportunities in Quebec, elsewhere in Canada, and abroad.

The CDO publishes various guides to assist students with their preparations for life beyond the F



Since 1976, the Centre for Research in Air and Space Law has published the *Annals of Air and Space Law*, a specialized journal devoted to promoting scholarship in the field of air and space law. Published every year as a hardcover book, the *Annals of Air and Space Law* is among the premier periodicals in its field. The Centre has also published several other books and reports in recent years, and held seminars and conferences in Montreal, Bogota, Dubai, Macau, New Delhi, Brussels, Abu Dhabi, Cologne, Singapore, London, and Amsterdam.

Further information is available on the [Centre's website](#).

#### 1.6.4 Paul-André Crépeau Centre for Private and Comparative Law

The Paul-André Crépeau Centre for Private and Comparative Law was founded in 1975 and conducts research in the field of comparative private law, with a special focus on jurilinguistics, i.e., the relationship between law and language. The Centre produces historical and critical editions of the Civil Codes and an ongoing multi-volume Treatise of Quebec Civil Law. The Centre has also published a series of volumes making up the Private Law Dictionary / *Dictionnaire de droit privé*, along with associated bilingual lexicons; these are world-renowned authorities on the vocabulary of the civil law in English and French. The new dictionary project focuses on the law of successions as a continuation of the individual volumes which cover the law of obligations, property, and family. The Centre sponsors the Civil Law Workshops at the Faculty, which are designed to explore the foundations of the civil law tradition and further explore new theoretical understandings of private law, of which many have led to published collections of scholarly texts. It also serves as the focus for research relating to the implications for legal knowledge of the Faculty's ground-breaking program of transsystemism.

Further information is available on the [Centre's website](#).

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## 2 Undergraduate Studies

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### 2.1 Overview of Undergraduate Degrees Offered

Our undergraduate Law program integrates the Civil Law and the Common Law. Consequently, students in the undergraduate program obtain a double degree of Civil Law (B.C.L.) and Common Law (LL.B.). Students may enrich their program with one of our minor, major, or honours programs, or take one of our joint degree programs in Management or Social Work. Students can also go on exchange through our Student Exchange Program, take non-course credits and outside credits, or put their learning in practice through our various internship programs.

#### 2.1.1 McGill B.C.L./LL.B. Program

The Faculty of Law's unique integrated program leads to graduation with both civil law and common law degrees (B.C.L./LL.B.).

McGill Law students are introduced to “transsystemic” teaching in the first year of the program; fundamental concepts of the civil law and common law traditions are studied within a single course. This unique method of instruction fosters analytical ability, critical reflection, and openness to diverse approaches to legal problems. Students in the McGill program must complete 105 credits. Most students take three-and-a-half or four years to complete the program. It is possible, however, to complete the program in three years by taking additional credits over the summer and by carrying heavier course loads in second and third years.

#### 2.1.2 M.B.A./Law Program

This joint program, Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) with integrated Bachelor of Civil Law/Bachelor of Laws (B.C.L./LL.B.) is offered by the Faculty of Law and the Desautels Faculty of Management.

Candidates interested in pursuing this program must submit separate applications to the Faculty of Law and to the Desautels Faculty of Management M.B.A. program. Information about the M.B.A./Law program is available at [www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/undergrad-programs/joint/#MBA](http://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/undergrad-programs/joint/#MBA).

#### 2.1.3 M.S.W./Law Program

This joint program, Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) with integrated Bachelor of Civil Law/Bachelor of Laws (B.C.L./LL.B.) is offered by the Faculty of Law and the School of Social Work.

Candidates interested in pursuing this program must submit separate applications to the Faculty of Law and to the School of Social Work M.S.W. program. Information about the M.S.W./Law program is available at [www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/undergrad-programs/joint/#MSW](http://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/undergrad-programs/joint/#MSW).

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## 2.2 Undergraduate Admissions Policy and Application Procedures

In this section you will find information on our admissions policy, requirements, categories of applicants, deadlines, supporting documents for application, and the application procedures.

## 2.2.1 Admissions Policy

The Faculty's admissions policy is to select applicants who are best suited to studying law in McGill's uniquely comparative, trans-systemic, and bilingual environment. Diversity and excellence are essential to our Faculty. Indeed, our Faculty's excellence is based on its diversity.

The Admissions Committee looks for indicators of intellectual curiosity, community engagement, insight (cultural, economic, political, social, and otherwise), leadership, ability to work with others, openness to diversity, maturity, ethical sense, judgment, and potential for development through opportunity or adversity, among other criteria.

The Committee conducts its assessment through a holistic evaluation of each applicant's file, including the applicant's academic record, linguistic abilities, personal statement, extracurricular, community or professional activities, and letters of reference (see [section 2.2.2.8: Application Supporting Documents](#)).

In addition, applicants must demonstrate substantial reading ability in, and aural comprehension of, both English and French (see [section 2.2.1.2: Language Requirements](#)).

The Admissions Committee seeks to achieve a plural learning community drawn from across Quebec, Canada, and beyond, in which there is a wide range of career aspirations, backgrounds, and life experiences.

The Faculty of Law is committed to equity and diversity. We welcome applications from Aboriginal persons; persons with disabilities; persons from ethnic minorities and racialized communities; persons of minority sexual orientation or gender identity; women; persons from an economically disadvantaged background; and others who may contribute to equity and diversity.

The B.C.L./LL.B. is a limited enrolment program for which admission is competitive. Each year the Faculty admits approximately 178 new students. Successful applicants are chosen by the Faculty's Admissions Committee, which is composed of eight full-time faculty members appointed by the Dean, two senior law students selected by the Law Students' Association Executive, and the Assistant Dean, Admissions and Recruitment. Each application is reviewed by at least one member of the Admissions Committee, and the majority of full-time f

wish to improve their abilities in English or French before starting the program. Financial support is also available to help deal with a relative weakness in English or French during legal studies here. Please contact us to find out how we can support you.

### **Indigenous Research Opportunities**

McGill offers Indigenous students the opportunity to study and complete research with a wide range of legal scholars in English and French. The Faculty is host to a vibrant Indigenous Law Association and the [Aboriginal Human Rights Initiatives](#). McGill also gives Indigenous students the possibility to acquire practical experience working at the Legal Clinic at Kahnawak

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In addition to all post-secondary transcripts, Mature applicants are required to submit a detailed résumé of their non-academic experience along with letters of reference from persons who are familiar with their academic potential. The candidate should seek to demonstrate his or her ability to meet the demands of law studies, to reason and analyze, and to express him/herself well both orally and in writing.

### 2.2.2.6.3 CEGEP and Quebec French Baccalaureate (Collège international Marie de France and Collège Stanislas) Applicants

Candidates may apply on the basis of a Diploma of Collegial Studies (DCS) from a CEGEP, or a Quebec French Baccalaureate (QFB). This category includes candidates who will have completed up to one year of university studies in addition to the DCS or QFB at the time of registration.

Candidates who will have completed a French Baccalaureate or an International Baccalaureate Diploma outside the province of Quebec must have completed a minimum of two years of full-time university studies (60 credits), at the time of registration, to be eligible to apply to our program.

- CEGEP/QFB candidates are not eligible to apply to the joint degree programs.
- CEGEP/QFB candidates who are regarded as potentially admissible following review of their file are required to attend an interview.

### 2.2.2.6.4 Advanced Standing Students

Applicants who hold a law degree from a Canadian or foreign university recognized by McGill must apply for admission to the B.C.L./LL.B. program under the Advanced Standing category, unless applying under the *Comité des équivalences* category (see [section 2.2.2.6.6: Comité des équivalences](#)). There are a limited number of places available for Advanced Standing applicants. Applications are evaluated using the same criteria as applications to the first year of the B.C.L./LL.B. program, with particular attention to performance in law studies.

Successful applicants must complete a minimum of 75 credits at McGill and undertake the integrated B.C.L./LL.B. program. It is not possible to obtain either the B.C.L. or the LL.B. degree on its own. The Associate Dean (Academic) determines equivalences for previous studies.



**Note:** Advanced Standing candidates applying from the French educational system must have obtained a license (*licence en droit*) in order to be eligible; candidates holding only a D.E.U.G. are not eligible.

### 2.2.2.6.5 Transfer Students

Students who have successfully completed at least one year of full-time studies in an undergraduate program at another **Canadian law faculty** may apply for admission as a Transfer student. There are a limited number of places available for Transfer students. Transfer applications are evaluated according to the criteria for admission to the first year of the B.C.L./LL.B. program. Particular attention is paid to performance in law studies and reasons for requesting a transfer.

Successful transfer applicants must complete a minimum of 75 credits at McGill. The Associate Dean (Academic) determines credit for previous studies. In most cases, Transfer Students will be required to take the transsystemic first-year courses—Contractual Obligations and Extra-Contractual Obligations/Torts—in order to meet McGill's degree requirements. Candidates will not receive credit for courses in obligations, contracts, or torts taken during the first year completed at another law faculty.

- Transfer students should forward transcripts of Winter term results as soon as they become available. Transfer applications cannot be evaluated without these results.
- Candidates who have completed a certificate in law are not eligible to apply under the Transfer category. These candidates must apply in the category of University, Mature, or CEGEP. Courses completed in a certificate in law program cannot be credited toward a McGill law degree.
- Students who are not in good standing or who have been required to withdraw at the end of their first year at another Canadian law faculty are not eligible to transfer to McGill.
- The online application is available from September 1 until November 1 for this category, even though the deadline for submitting an application is May 1. To submit a paper application under this category after November 1, please contact [admissions.law@mcgill.ca](mailto:admissions.law@mcgill.ca).

### 2.2.2.6.6 Comité des équivalences

The Faculty accepts applications from candidates who hold a law degree from a Canadian or foreign university recognized by McGill and who are seeking to fulfil the requirements of the *Comité des équivalences* of the *Barreau du Québec* or of the *Chambre des notaires*, in order to practice in Quebec. Successful applicants must have the final decision of the *Comité des équivalences* of the *Barreau* or the *Chambre des notaires* in hand at the time of registration.

Please note that:

- This is a **non-degree program**: students wishing to obtain the B.C.L./LL.B. degrees should apply under the [section 2.2.2.6.4: Advanced Standing Students](#) category.
- The Faculty does not consider candidates applying to fulfil the requirements of the National Committee on Accreditation.
- Courses taken by *Comité des équivalences* students cannot be credited toward a McGill law degree.

### 2.2.2.6.7 Visiting Students (Letters of Permission)

Students who have completed two years of studies at another law faculty who wish, for academic or personal reasons, to spend a term at McGill may be admitted as a Visiting Student. The Faculty endeavours to accommodate qualified students who are in good standing in their own faculties, where student numbers at McGill permit.

Students from other law faculties who would like to attend McGill as a Visiting Student must apply through the Admissions Office. Their application must include a Letter of Permission from their home university. The Assistant Dean (Student Life and Learning) makes decisions on these applications. Accepted students must arrange their academic program with the Assistant Dean (Student Life and Learning).

- Courses taken by Visiting Students cannot be credited toward a McGill law degree.

#### **2.2.2.6.8 Incoming Exchange Students**

Students registered in degree programs in law at universities that have an official exchange agreement with McGill University or with the Faculty of Law may apply as Exchange students. In addition, McGill participates in a number of exchange programs through BCI (*Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire*, previously known as CREPUQ). *McGill's exchange partners* are listed on McGill University's website.

Students participating in an exchange must fill out the online application form. There is no application fee for these candidates.

Exchange students are selected and officially nominated by their home universities. Please note that home university internal application deadlines may vary. McGill considers applicants on an individual basis; the minimum entrance requirement is generally a cumulative B average or its equivalent. Decisions on applications for exchange are made by the Assistant Dean (Student Life and Learning). Admission decisions on exchange applications are final; there is no reconsideration process.

The Faculty has a limited number of places for Exchange students, and entrance into courses which have enrolment limits or require the permission of the instructor is not guaranteed.



**Note:** Courses taken by Exchange students cannot be credited toward a McGill law degree.

#### **2.2.2.6.9 Special Students**

The Faculty will exceptionally permit a limited number of candidates not actively pursuing a law degree to apply as Special Students. Students registered in other universities, and candidates not actively pursuing a university degree, may apply to take certain courses within the Faculty.

Special Student status will be granted to applicants who pro

*Supporting Documents.* With the exception of reference letters (which must be submitted in accordance with specific instructions for referees) and some transcripts, all supporting documents **must** be uploaded via *Minerva*. We **strongly encourage** emailing rather than mailing reference letters.

**Deadlines must be respected. Late applications are not accepted. There are no exceptions.** Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply and submit all required supporting documents as early in the process as possible and in adv

*2.2.2.7: Application Deadlines for Law Undergraduate Programs.* Documents sent by fax or email will not be accepted, unless specifically indicated in the instructions for document submission. See *section 2.2.2.8.7: Letters of Reference.*

During peak periods (i.e., close to deadlines), the volume of document intake is extremely high (over 1,300 applications yearly) and there may be a delay of up to 48 hours between the receipt of a document and the date on which it is recorded in our information system. Taking this delay into consideration, candidates should contact the Undergraduate Admissions Office only if their file remains incomplete 48 hours past the deadline for supporting documents.

Documents submitted to McGill Uni



**Note:** *McGill University reserves the right to require official academic credentials at any time during the admissions process, and rescind any offer of admission made if discrepancies between unofficial and official transcript(s) are found.*

### 2.2.2.8.5 Extenuating Circumstances

Serious medical or personal difficulties may have had an impact on an applicant's academic performance. If this is the case, the applicant should submit a separate letter to explain their particular extenuating circumstance(s). If appropriate, applicants may include supporting documentation such as a medical certificate.

#### 2.2.2.8.5.1 Format

Indicate your name, McGill ID (indicated in the acknowledgement notice), and the subject of your letter "Extenuating circumstances" in the top right corner of each page. Note that the extenuating circumstances file should include both the letter and supporting documentation (where applicable) and must respect the maximum file size (3 MB). Only one version is accepted. Additional documents sent by mail will not be considered.

### 2.2.2.8.6 Résumé

Applicants are required to submit a résumé highlighting their:

- academic background and achievements;
- work experience;
- volunteer and community work;
- extracurricular activities, sports, hobbies, and other significant interests.



**Note:** It is useful to the Admissions Committee if you indicate the number of hours worked during your studies, as well as the time commitment involved in your volunteer and community activities. It is in your interest to share with the Committee your academic and non-academic contributions and distinctions.

The résumé assists the Admissions Committee in its assessment of a candidate's academic strength, depth of involvement in extracurricular activities, leadership, and time management skills.

**Re-application:** Candidates who have applied to the Faculty of Law in previous years are required to submit an updated résumé.

#### 2.2.2.8.6.1 Format

The résumé is required to be a **maximum of two (2) pages** (letter size). Applicants should not expect that the Admissions Committee will read beyond two pages.

Please indicate your name and McGill ID (indicated in the acknowledgment notice) in the top right corner of each page.

### 2.2.2.8.7 Letters of Reference

Two (2) letters of reference are required. The Admissions Committee **does not accept additional letters of reference**.

Applicants who are students, or who have recently completed programs of study, are expected to provide academic references from current or recent professors or teachers who are f

### 2.2.2.8.8 Law School Admission Test (LSAT)

Applicants are not required to take the LSAT. However, if a candidate **has taken** or **will be taking** the LSAT, the score will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee. Applicants who have taken or will be taking the test **must** report the date(s) of sitting(s) and provide their LSAT identification number in the appropriate places on the application. They must do so irrespective of whether the LSAT may, in their own estimation, strengthen or weaken their candidacy.



**Note:** Candidates must advise the *Faculty of Law Admissions Office* in writing of any change regarding the registration to the LSAT when the change occurs after the submission of the application form. If the candidate is writing the LSAT, the file will be circulated for review by the Admissions Committee only when all pending LSAT results are received.

#### 2.2.2.8.8.1 Consequences of Failure to Disclose

The Faculty of Law may revoke an offer of admission or cancel an application at any time for material misrepresentation, including omissions, in an application. Although the LSAT is not a mandatory element in an application for admission, every applicant who has taken or will be taking it must disclose their LSAT information and failure to do so is a material misrepresentation. The Admissions Office conducts random verifications for LSAT scores throughout the admissions process and a systematic verification with respect to candidates who receive an offer of admission. These verifications have, in the past, resulted in the revocation of offers of admission.

##### 2.2.2.8.8.1.1 Why does the Faculty of Law not require the LSAT?

The Faculty of Law is a bilingual learning environment. We believe it would be disadvantageous to the significant proportion of applicants and admitted students who indicate French as a first language to require, as a matter of eligibility, a test that is offered only in English.

##### 2.2.2.8.8.1.2 Who should take the LSAT?

While it is not required, it may nevertheless be advisable for many candidates to consider writing the LSAT. Admission to McGill's Law program is highly competitive; there are roughly eight times as many applicants as there are available places in the first-year class. Accordingly, candidates are strongly encouraged to apply for admission to a number of faculties of law. Almost all faculties of law outside Quebec (with the exception of the Civil Law program at the University of Ottawa and the French Common Law programs at the University of Moncton and the University of Ottawa) require the LSAT.

The quality of McGill's applicant pool is exceptionally strong. Among admitted students, the average entering GPA is a 3.8 on a 4.0 scale (about an 85% average). Applicants with academic records below this average GPA or percentile are encouraged to consider writing the LSAT.

##### 2.2.2.8.8.1.3 When should I write the LSAT?



**Note:** As of 2018, the Law School Admissions Council has introduced new LSAT dates. Please review the new LSAT schedule at [www.lsat.org/jd/lsat/test-dates-deadlines](http://www.lsat.org/jd/lsat/test-dates-deadlines).

Candidates should write the LSAT by November of the year prior to the year for which they seek admission at the latest. Candidates who register for the November LSAT should be aware that consideration of their file will be delayed until receipt of the score.

Applications from candidates who register for the January LSAT of the year for which they seek admission will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee only when all required elements, including the January LSAT score, are received. Given the passing of several months since the application deadline, candidates who register for the January LSAT risk that, by the time the Committee reviews their application, there will no longer be a place to offer even if the Committee wishes to admit.

##### 2.2.2.8.8.1.4 Processing of LSAT Results

The Admissions Office obtains test results directly from the Law School Admission Council (LSAC).

McGill University does not administer the LSAT. Applicants who wish to register for the LSAT must do so directly with *Law School Admission Council*.

For additional information, see the *LSAT section* of our FAQ.

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## 2.3 Exchange and Study Abroad Options

For more information, see the *Study Abroad & Field Studies* section.

The Faculty of Law has a strong exchange program with partnerships with leading institutions around the world. Approximately 25% of undergraduate law students participate in a study abroad program.

- If you are a **McGill law student** who is interested in participating in an exchange program, consult the *Student Affairs Office website*.
- If you are a **law student from another institution**

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## 2.4 Student Activities and Services

The Faculty of Law offers a wide variety of extracurricular activities for students. All are encouraged to participate. Many of these are organized within the Faculty under the auspices of the Law Students Association (LSA). The LSA website provides details regarding various student clubs: [www.lsa-aed.ca](http://www.lsa-aed.ca). For more information on extracurricular activities and organizations, please visit [www.mcgill.ca/law](http://www.mcgill.ca/law).

### 2.4.1 Clinical Legal Education at McGill Law

The Faculty of Law is proud to offer a wide variety of Clinical Legal Education (CLE) opportunities that allow students to build valuable skills through experiential learning. B.C.L./LL.B. students may take up to **15 "non-course" credits** by participating in the International Human Rights Internship Program, Court Clerkships, Competitive Mooting, the Legal Clinic Course, Law Journals and working as Legal Methodology Tutorial Leaders or Group Assistants for a professor. For additional information about each of the CLE opportunities available, please visit [www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/undergrad-programs/clinical-legal-education](http://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/undergrad-programs/clinical-legal-education).

### 2.4.2 Law Student Services

#### 2.4.2.1 Student Affairs Office

The *Student Affairs Office* (SAO) is located in New Chancellor Day Hall, Room 433. The SAO is home to the Associate Dean (Academic), the Director (Student Life & Learning), two Student Advisors, a Senior Administrative and Student Affairs Coordinator, and two Students Affairs Coordinators. The members of the SAO are here to help students navigate the Law School at every point in their program.

The following SAO services and supports are available to all students at any point in their Law program.

#### 2.4.2.2 Student Advising & Support

Students are encouraged to seek academic advice and support from the SAO throughout their academic career. If you are experiencing acute stress, struggling to maintain productivity, or not sleeping or eating well, dealing with financial problems or any other personal problem, *support is available*. Come by your SAO on the 4th floor or send your availabilities to [sao.law@mcgill.ca](mailto:sao.law@mcgill.ca) to schedule an appointment with the Director (Student Life & Learning) or one of our Student Advisors. For more information, see [www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/information](http://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/information).

If you notice one of your classmates struggling, send them our way.

The SAO also provides academic advising related to registration, program planning, part-time status, leave of absence, exams, major program, honours program, minors, exchange program, clinical legal education, summer courses/programs, exam conflicts and deferrals, and much more.

#### 2.4.2.3 Academic Accommodations

Students may experience personal situations which may prevent them from writing an exam as scheduled, submitting a paper or assignment on time, or completing a course. There may be times when a student may require a more comprehensive academic plan due to illness or a disability. There are policies and procedures in place that provide options to assist a student. These options may include extensions, deferrals, attendance waiver, leave of absence, and/or part time studies. Requests for academic accommodations are directed to the Student Affairs Office rather than individual instructors. The SAO is available to meet with students to discuss ways to provide some flexibility in the program and to accommodate particular circumstances. Students must be prepared to provide supporting documentation when seeking accommodations. Please contact [sao.law@mcgill.ca](mailto:sao.law@mcgill.ca) to arrange an appointment with an advisor. See the *Academic Advising & Support* section of our website to find out about your advisors and how they can support you. For more information, see [www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/information/academic-accommodations](http://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/information/academic-accommodations).

#### 2.4.2.4 Scholarships and Financial Support

The Faculty of Law offers a number of awards that acknowledge academic achievement and extra-curricular activities. Students are encouraged to review the prizes and scholarships available and direct any questions to the Student Affairs Office. For more information, see [www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/information/funding](http://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/information/funding).

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### 2.4.3 Student-Led Associations and Initiatives

- [section 2.4.3.1: Legal Information Clinic at McGill](#)
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- [section 2.4.3.7: McGill Journal of Law and Health](#)
- [section 2.4.3.8: McGill Journal of Sustainable Development Law](#)
- [section 2.4.3.9: McGill Law Journal](#)
- [section 2.4.3.10: Pro Bono Students Canada](#)
- [section 2.4.3.11: Quid Novi](#)
- [section 2.4.3.12: Skit Nite](#)

#### 2.4.3.1 Legal Information Clinic at McGill

The Legal Information Clinic at McGill (LICM) is a non-profit, student-run, bilingual, and free legal information service. Our mandate is to provide legal information, referral and document certification services to the McGill and Montreal communities, with a continuing commitment to meeting the needs of marginalized groups. Students who have completed their first year at the Faculty of Law are eligible to volunteer, but all McGill students are entitled to receive our services for free! For further information, contact:

Legal Information Clinic at McGill  
SSMU Building  
3480 rue McTavish, Room 107  
Montreal QC H3A 0E7  
Telephone: 514-398-6792  
Website: [licm.mcgill.ca](http://licm.mcgill.ca)

#### 2.4.3.2 Contours

*Contours* is a project based at the McGill Faculty of Law that aims to map and shape the contours of debates, experiences, concerns, and aspirations through written and artistic exploration of the intersection of women and law. Founded in 2012, the student-run magazine is a space for women's voices and an invitation for us all to start a conversation. *Contours* is published annually and welcomes contributions in English and French from students and faculty. Nous accueillons des réponses argumentatives et émotionnelles, théoriques et expérimentales, par écrit et de l'art, parce que nous croyons que toutes ces formes d'expression sont utiles pour développer notre compréhension des intersections entre les femmes et le droit à différents niveaux.

#### 2.4.3.3 Graduate Law Student Association

The *Graduate Law Students' Association* (GLSA) is an Association with an Executive Board composed of five graduate students, who represent all Law graduate students at both the Faculty of Law and the Post-Graduate Students Society of McGill University (PGSS). All graduate students and postdoctoral fellows at the McGill Faculty of Law are members of the GLSA. The GLSA executives aim to improve the graduate student experience at McGill and advance your interests within the Faculty of Law. The GLSA holds seats at many Faculty committees, including Faculty Council, the Graduate Studies Committee and PGSS Council. The GLSA also organizes social, cultural and academic events which provide students the opportunity to relax and socialize outside the classroom, and to discuss their research with their peers.

#### 2.4.3.4 Healthy Legal Minds

Healthy Legal Minds is the face of McGill Law Students Mental Health Committee, created to promote a cultural shift towards better mental health at our faculty. The mental health initiative at McGill Law was founded by students who fought for the rights of law students across Quebec to enter the legal profession without discrimination regarding mental health conditions. Now, the McGill Law Students Mental Health Committee is tasked with thinking of solutions that will create a lasting legacy of better mental health at law school and in the legal profession. The Law Students Association allocated a historic \$50,000 for that purpose by referendum in 2014.

#### 2.4.3.5 Innocence McGill

Innocence McGill is a legal clinic based at McGill University's Faculty of Law and dedicated to researching and investigating claims of wrongful conviction for serious crimes in Quebec. Founded in 2005, we are a student-led and student-run organization with oversight by our supervising lawyer (a criminal defence attorney in Montreal) and our Faculty Advisor. Our ultimate goal is to help secure the freedom of those who are factually innocent of serious crimes for which they continue to serve sentences in Quebec prisons.

#### **2.4.3.6 L.E.X. Program**

The Faculty's High School Outreach Program has been renamed to L.E.X. (Law – Éducation – Connexion) to better reflect its bilingual nature and priorities. L.E.X. gives law students and Montreal-area high school kids a chance to meet, interact and learn from each other. This initiative stems from our concern about Quebec's alarming high school dropout rates and about the fact that many underprivileged kids, as well as children of immigrants and visible minorities in Montreal, are under-represented in post-secondary and legal education. The L.E.X. Program reflects our view that the privileges enjoyed by the Faculty of Law and its students also bring responsibilities.

#### **2.4.3.7 McGill Journal of Law and Health**

The *McGill Journal of Law and Health* (MJLH)/*Revue de droit et santé de McGill* (RDSM) is a peer-reviewed academic journal featuring literature from renowned academics and practitioners on current issues of la

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## 2.5 Scholarships, Prizes, and Student Aid for Undergraduate Students

A complete list of undergraduate scholarships, bursaries, and other forms of financial assistance administered by the Scholarships and Student Aid Office (SSAO) is available in the *Undergraduate Scholarships and Awards Calendar*, which can be accessed at [www.mcgill.ca/studentawards/undergraduate-scholarships-and-awards](http://www.mcgill.ca/studentawards/undergraduate-scholarships-and-awards).

- Information and regulations governing **entrance scholarships** may be viewed at [www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/scholarships-aid/future-undergrads/entrance-scholarships](http://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/scholarships-aid/future-undergrads/entrance-scholarships).
- Information and regulations pertaining to **in-course awards** are available at [www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/scholarships-aid/current-undergrads](http://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/scholarships-aid/current-undergrads).
- Information regarding the application process for **discretionary prizes and scholarships awarded by the Faculty of Law Prizes and Scholarships Committee** are available at [www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/information/funding/prizes](http://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/information/funding/prizes).
- For information on **bursaries and loans**, students should consult [www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/scholarships-aid](http://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/scholarships-aid).
- Details on the **Work Study program** are available at [www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/work-study](http://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/work-study).

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## 2.6 Undergraduate Program Requirements

### The McGill B.C.L/LL.B Program

*section 2.6.1: Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) and Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) Law (105 credits)*

*section 2.6.2: Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) and Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) with Minor Law (with Minor) (123 credits)*

*section 2.6.3: B.C.L. and LL.B. with Major Law with Major Concentration Commercial Negotiation and Dispute Resolution (123 credits)*

*section 2.6.4: B.C.L. and LL.B. with Major Concentration Law with Major International Human Rights and Development (123 credits)*

*section 2.6.5: Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) and Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) Honours Law (120 credits)*

*section 2.6.6: Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Civil Law/Bachelor of Laws (Joint M.B.A. & 6 1 30 of Laws (J*

PUB2 101D1	(3)	Constitutional Law
PUB2 101D2	(3)	Constitutional Law
PUB3 116D1	(2)	Foundations
PUB3 116D2	(2)	Foundations

**Second Year**

The following 13 credits of courses may be taken only in the second year:

LAWG 210	(3)	Legal Ethics and Professionalism
LAWG 220D1	(3)	Property
LAWG 220D2	(3)	Property
PROC 124	(4)	Judicial Institutions and Civil Procedure

**Any Year**

The following 1 credit course may be taken in any year after completing the first year:

PRAC 200	(1)	Advocacy
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**Complementary Courses (12 credits)**

Civil Law Immersion Courses

3 credits from the following list of civil law courses:

BUS2 561	(3)	Insurance
LAWG 506	(3)	Advanced Civil Law Property
PROC 200	(3)	Advanced Civil Law Obligations
PROC 549	(3)	Lease, Enterprise, Suretyship
PRV2 270	(3)	Law of Persons
PRV4 548	(3)	Administration Property of Another and Trusts

Common Law Immersion Courses

3 credits from the following list of common law courses:

PRV3 200	(3)	Advanced Common Law Obligations
PRV3 534	(3)	Remedies
PRV4 451	(3)	Real Estate Transactions
PRV4 500	(3)	Restitution
PRV4 549	(3)	Equity and Trusts

Social Diversity, Human Rights and Indigenous Law Courses

Students must take at least 3 credits from the following courses:

CMPL 500	(3)	Aboriginal Peoples and the Law
CMPL 504	(3)	Feminist Legal Theory
CMPL 511	(3)	Social Diversity and Law
CMPL 516	(3)	International Development Law
CMPL 565	(3)	International Humanitarian Law



CMPL 571	(3)	International Law of Human Rights
CMPL 573	(3)	Civil Liberties
CMPL 575	(3)	Discrimination and the Law
IDFC 500	(3)	Indigenous Field Studies
LAWG 503	(3)	Inter-American Human Rights
LAWG 505	(3)	Critical Engagements with Human Rights
LAWG 507	(3)	Critical Race Theory Advanced Seminar
LEEL 369	(3)	Labour Law
LEEL 582	(3)	Law and Poverty
PUB2 105	(3)	Public International Law
PUB2 500	(3)	Law and Psychiatry
PUB2 502	(3)	International Criminal Law
PUB2 551	(3)	Immigration and Refugee Law
PUB3 515	(3)	Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

#### Principles of Canadian Administrative Law

3 credits from the following courses:

BUS1 532	(3)	Bankruptcy and Insolvency
BUS2 504	(3)	Securities Regulation
CMPL 543	(3)	Law and Practice of International Trade
CMPL 574	(3)	Government Control Of Business
CMPL 575	(3)	Discrimination and the Law
CMPL 577	(3)	Communications Law
CMPL 580	(3)	Environment and the Law
LEEL 369	(3)	Labour Law
LEEL 570	(3)	Employment Law
LEEL 582	(3)	Law and Poverty
PRV4 545	(3)	Land Use Planning
PRV5 483	(3)	Consumer Law
PUB2 400	(3)	The Administrative Process
PUB2 401	(3)	Judicial Review of Administrative Action
PUB2 500	(3)	Law and Psychiatry
PUB2 551	(3)	Immigration and Refugee Law

#### Elective Courses

47 credits.

Students must take 47 other elective courses offered within the Faculty or approved as credit equivalences in order to complete the 105-credit degree requirement.

#### Minimum Writing Requirement

All students are required to submit at least one research paper. This requirement may be satisfied by:

- writing an essay in a course in which the essay constitutes no less than 75% of the final grade;
- writing a term essay under independent supervision, for credit, within the Faculty of Law;

c) writing an article, note, or comment of equivalent substance that is published or accepted for publication in the McGill Law Journal and approved by the Faculty Adviser to that publication.

Papers written jointly do not satisfy this requirement.

**Revision, May 2018. End of revision.**

### **2.6.2 Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) and Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) with Minor Law (with Minor) (123 credits)**

The B.C.L. and LL.B. with Minor is open to all students enrolled in the Faculty of Law and allows them to graduate with a minor concentration offered by McGill's Faculty of Arts or a minor offered by McGill's Faculty of Science or a minor offered by McGill's Desautels Faculty of Management for Non-Management students.

Law students should consult the Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Science and the Desautels Faculty of Management sections of the Undergraduate Programs, Courses and University Regulations publication available at <http://www.mcgill.ca/study/> to determine the requirements for individual minor concentrations and minors.

#### **B.C.L. and LL.B with Minor**

In addition to the 105 credits needed for the B.C.L. and LL.B. program, students complete 18 further credits toward a minor program. Since Science minors are typically 24 credits and Management minors and Arts minor concentrations are typically 18 credits, Law students will be allowed to count 6 credits of a 24-credit Science minor toward their Law degree as non-Law credits.

### **2.6.3 B.C.L. and LL.B. with Major Law with Major Concentration Commercial Negotiation and Dispute Resolution (123 credits)**

The B.C.L. and LL.B. with a major concentration is open to all students enrolled in the Faculty of Law.

The Major Concentration in Commercial Negotiation and Dispute Resolution is articulated around a synthetic skill set driven by the transversal theme "Commercial Negotiation and Dispute Resolution" and is inspired by an interdisciplinary approach.

Law and non-law courses are combined with the practical experience acquired during an internship. The required writing of an independent essay allows students to integrate the various academic and clinical strands of the major program, and, more broadly, of legal learning.

BUS1 532	(3)	Bankruptcy and Insolvency
BUS2 503	(3)	Business Organizations
BUS2 504	(3)	Securities Regulation
BUS2 505	(3)	Corporate Finance
CMPL 508	(2)	Research Seminar 1
CMPL 509	(2)	Research Seminar 2
CMPL 515	(3)	International Carriage of Goods by Sea
CMPL 521	(3)	Trade Regulation
CMPL 524	(3)	Entertainment Law
CMPL 533	(3)	Resolution of International Disputes
CMPL 543	(3)	Law and Practice of International Trade
CMPL 568	(3)	Extrajudicial Dispute Resolution
CMPL 574	(3)	Government Control Of Business
LAWG 200	(3)	Commercial Law
LAWG 400	(4)	Secured Transactions
LAWG 500	(3)	Complex Legal Transactions 1
LAWG 511	(1)	Specialized Topics in Law 1
LAWG 512	(1)	Specialized Topics in Law 2
LA	(2)	Specialized Topics in Law 3

ECON 546 (3) Game Theory

**Non-Law Courses - Management**

BUSA 395 (3) Managing in Europe  
BUSA 481 (3) Managing in North America  
BUSA 493 (3) Global Economic Competitiveness  
INDR 459 (3) Comparative Employment Relations  
INDR 492 (3) Globalization and Labour Policy  
INDR 496 (3) Collective Bargaining  
MGCR 211 (3) Introduction to Financial Accounting  
MGCR 293 (3) Managerial Economics  
MGCR 382 (3) International Business  
MGCR 423 (3) Strategic Management  
MGPO 383 (3) International Business Policy  
MGPO 440 (3) Strategies for Sustainability  
MGPO 445 (3) Industry Analysis & Competitive Strategy  
MGPO 450 (3) Ethics in Management  
MGPO 460 (3) Managing Innovation  
MGPO 468 (3) Managing Organizational Politics  
MGPO 469 (3) Managing Globalization  
MGPO 470 (3) Strategy and Organization  
MGPO 567 (3) Business in Society  
ORGB 325 (3) Negotiations and Conflict Resolution  
ORGB 380 (3) Cross Cultural Management  
ORGB 420 (3) Managing Organizational Teams

**Non-Law Courses - Political Science**

POLI 243 (3) International Politics of Economic Relations

**2.6.4 B.C.L. and LL.B. with Major Concentration Law with Major International Human Rights and Development (123 credits)**

The B.C.L. and LL.B. with a major concentration is open to all students enrolled in the Faculty of Law.

The Major Concentration in International Human Rights and Development is articulated around a synthetic skill-set driven by the transversal theme "International Human Rights and Development" and inspired by an interdisciplinary approach.

Law and non-law courses are combined with the practical experience acquired during an internship. The required writing of an independent essay allows students to integrate the various academic and clinical strands of the major program, and, more broadly, of legal learning.

The Major concentration is a 36-credit program. Students are permitted to include within their 105 credits for the B.C.L. and LL.B. 18 credits toward their Major concentration. The remaining 18 credits needed for the Major concentration are added on top of the 105 credits for the Law degrees for a total of 123 credits.

**Required Courses (6 credits)**

WRIT 300D1 (3) Major Internship  
WRIT 300D2 (3) Major Internship

**Complementary Courses (30 credits)**

**Essay Course (3 credits)**

3 credits from:

WRIT 491	(3)	Term Essay 1
WRIT 492	(3)	Term Essay 2
WRIT 493	(3)	Term Essay 3
WRIT 494	(3)	Term Essay 4
WRIT 495	(3)	Term Essay 5
WRIT 496	(3)	Term Essay 6

The essay must be written on a subject related to International Human Rights and Development. The essay is to be written in the fourth year of the program, in order to allow the student to integrate the various academic and clinical strands of the program. The topic must be approved by the Associate Dean (Academic).

**Law and Non-Law Courses (27 credits)**

27 credits from the following lists of law and non-law courses of which at least 6 credits must be from non-law courses.

**Law Courses**

15-21 credits of law courses selected from:

CMPL 508	(2)	Research Seminar 1
CMPL 509	(2)	Research Seminar 2
CMPL 516	(3)	International Development Law
CMPL 521	(3)	Trade Regulation
CMPL 533	(3)	Resolution of International Disputes
CMPL 543	(3)	Law and Practice of International Trade
CMPL 546	(3)	International Environmental Law and Politics
CMPL 565	(3)	International Humanitarian Law
CMPL 571	(3)	International Law of Human Rights
LAWG 503	(3)	Inter-American Human Rights
LAWG 511	(1)	Specialized Topics in Law 1
LAWG 512	(1)	Specialized Topics in Law 2
LAWG 513	(2)	Specialized Topics in Law 3
LAWG 514	(2)	Specialized Topics in Law 4
LAWG 515	(2)	Specialized Topics in Law 5
LAWG 516	(3)	Specialized Topics in Law 6
LAWG 517	(3)	Specialized Topics in Law 7
LAWG 518	(3)	Specialized Topics in Law 8
LAWG 521	(3)	Student-Initiated Seminar 1
LAWG 522	(3)	Student-Initiated Seminar 2
PUB2 105	(3)	Public International Law
PUB2 502	(3)	International Criminal Law
PUB2 503	(3)	Comparative Federalism
PUB2 551	(3)	Immigration and Refugee Law

**Non-Law Courses**

Students may take 6-12 credits of non-law courses. Students who take 6 non-law credits as part of their Major concentration may count an additional 6 non-law credits toward their B.C.L. and LL.B. program. Students who take 9 non-law credits as part of their Major concentration may count an additional 3 credits toward their B.C.L. and LL.B. Students who take 12 non-law credits as part of their major concentration may not count additional non-law credits towards their B.C.L. and LL.B.

Other non-law courses related to International Human Rights and Development not included in these lists may be taken with the approval of the Program Adviser.

**Non-Law Courses - Anthropology**

ANTH 212	(3)	Anthropology of Development
ANTH 342	(3)	Gender, Inequality and the State
ANTH 418	(3)	Environment and Development

**Non-Law Courses - Economics**

ECON 223	(3)	Political Economy of Trade Policy
ECON 313	(3)	Economic Development 1
ECON 314	(3)	Economic Development 2
ECON 316	(3)	The Underground Economy
ECON 426	(3)	Labour Economics

**Non-Law Courses - Geography**

GEOG 200	(3)	Geographical Perspectives: World Environmental Problems
GEOG 210	(3)	Global Places and Peoples
GEOG 216	(3)	Geography of the World Economy
GEOG 408	(3)	Geography of Development
GEOG 410	(3)	Geography of Underdevelopment: Current Problems

**Non-Law Courses - International Development**

INTD 200	(3)	Introduction to International Development
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**Non-Law Courses - Management**

MGPO 469	(3)	Managing Globalization
MGPO 475	(3)	Strategies for Developing Countries
ORGB 380	(3)	Cross Cultural Management

**Non-Law Courses - Political Science**

POLI 227	(3)	Developing Areas/Introduction
POLI 243	(3)	International Politics of Economic Relations
POLI 324	(3)	Developing Areas/Africa
POLI 340	(3)	Developing Areas/Middle East
POLI 345	(3)	International Organizations
POLI 351	(3)	The Causes of Major Wars
POLI 354	(3)	Approaches to International Political Economy
POLI 362	(3)	Political Theory and International Relations
POLI 474	(3)	Inequality and Development

POLI 522	(3)	Seminar: Developing Areas
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### Non-Law Courses - Sociology

SOCI 254	(3)	Development and Underdevelopment
SOCI 265	(3)	War, States and Social Change
SOCI 370	(3)	Sociology: Gender and Development
SOCI 484	(3)	Emerging Democratic States
SOCI 519	(3)	Gender and Globalization
SOCI 550	(3)	Developing Societies

## 2.6.5 Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) and Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) Honours Law (120 credits)

The B.C.L and LL.B. with Honours program is open to students who have completed four terms of study at the Faculty of Law and who, during that time, have maintained a GPA of 3.0. Students must complete 15 credits of Honours Thesis courses in addition to the 105 credits required in the B.C.L and LL.B. program. Conditional upon submission and approval of an Honours Thesis, students will be granted a B.C.L. and LL.B. with Honours.

### Required - Honours Thesis Courses (15 credits)

WRIT 450	(3)	Honours Thesis 1
WRIT 451	(6)	Honours Thesis 2
WRIT 452	(6)	Honours Thesis 3

## 2.6.6 Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Civil Law/Bachelor of Laws (Joint M.B.A. & B.C.L./LL.B.) Management (Non-Thesis) & Law (144 credits)

Revision, May 2018. Start of revision.

A joint Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) with integrated Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) and Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) program is offered by the Desautels Faculty of Management and the Faculty of Law. This joint program provides students the opportunity to pursue legal and administrative aspects of business. Successful candidates graduate with M.B.A., B.C.L., and LL.B. degrees, a trio that prepares them for careers in private and public enterprise, as well as government service.

Students complete 51 credits for the M.B.A. degree and 93 credits for the integrated B.C.L. and LL.B. degrees for a total of 144 credits.

### Required Courses - Management (24 credits)

BUSA 614	(3)	Governance of Corporation: Contemporary Issues
MGCR 629	(1)	Global Leadership
MGCR 650	(2)	Business Tools
MGCR 651	(4)	Managing Resources
MGCR 652	(4)	Value Creation
MGCR 653	(4)	Markets and Globalization
MGCR 660	(6)	International Study Trip

### Complementary Courses - Management (27 credits)

Students complete 27 complementary credits toward the M.B.A. degree selected as follows:

15 credits toward one of the five concentrations of the M.B.A. degree: Finance, Global Leadership, Marketing, Technology and Innovation Management, or General Management.

12 additional credits at the 500 level or above offered by the Desautels Faculty of Management to complete the 27 credits of complementary courses.

Note: Students may have to follow one or all components of the M.B.A. Base Camp (Statistics, Math for Finance, Financial Accounting) prior to commencement of the M.B.A. depending on their academic background.

### Required Courses - Law (46 credits)

First Year

The following 32 credits of courses may be taken only in the first year:

(3) Contractual Obligations



PRV4 549 (3) Equity and Trusts

Social Diversity, Human Rights and Indigenous Law Courses

3 credits from the following courses:

CMPL 500	(3)	Aboriginal Peoples and the Law
CMPL 504	(3)	Feminist Legal Theory
CMPL 511	(3)	Social Diversity and Law
CMPL 516	(3)	International Development Law
CMPL 565	(3)	International Humanitarian Law
CMPL 571	(3)	International Law of Human Rights
CMPL 573	(3)	Civil Liberties
CMPL 575	(3)	Discrimination and the Law
IDFC 500	(3)	Indigenous Field Studies
LAWG 503	(3)	Inter-American Human Rights
LAWG 505	(3)	Critical Engagements with Human Rights
LAWG 507	(3)	Critical Race Theory Advanced Seminar
LEEL 369	(3)	Labour Law
LEEL 582	(3)	Law and Poverty
PUB2 105	(3)	Public International Law
PUB2 500	(3)	Law and Psychiatry
PUB2 502	(3)	International Criminal Law
PUB2 551	(3)	Immigration and Refugee Law
PUB3 515	(3)	Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Principles of Canadian Administrative Law

3 credits from the following courses:

BUS1 532	(3)	Bankruptcy and Insolvency
BUS2 504	(3)	Securities Regulation
CMPL 543	(3)	Law and Practice of International Trade
CMPL 574	(3)	Government Control Of Business
CMPL 575	(3)	Discrimination and the Law
CMPL 577	(3)	Communications Law
CMPL 580	(3)	Environment and the Law
LEEL 369	(3)	Labour Law
LEEL 570	(3)	Employment Law
LEEL 582	(3)	Law and Poverty
PRV4 545	(3)	Land Use Planning
PRV5 483	(3)	Consumer Law
PUB2 400	(3)	The Administrative Process
PUB2 401	(3)	Judicial Review of Administrative Action
PUB2 500	(3)	Law and Psychiatry
PUB2 551	(3)	Immigration and Refugee Law

**Elective Courses (35 credits)**

Students must take 35 other elective courses, offered within the Faculty or approved as credit equivalencies in order to complete the 93-credit degree

**Minimum Writing Requirement**

All students are required to submit at least one research paper. This requirement may be satisfied by:

- a) writing an essay in a course in which the essay constitutes no less than 75% of the final grade;
- b) writing a term essay under independent supervision, for credit, within the Faculty of Law;
- c) writing an article, note, or comment of equivalent substance that is published or accepted for publication in the McGill Law Journal and approved by the Faculty Adviser to that publication. Papers written jointly do not satisfy this requirement.

**Required Courses - Management (24 credits)**

BUSA 614	(3)	Governance of Corporation: Contemporary Issues
MGCR 629	(1)	Global Leadership
MGCR 650	(2)	Business Tools
MGCR 651	(4)	Managing Resources
MGCR 652	(4)	Value Creation
MGCR 653	(4)	Markets and Globalization
MGCR 660	(6)	International Study Trip

**Complementary Courses - Management**

Students complete 27 complementary credits toward the M.B.A. degree selected as follows:

15 credits toward one of the four concentrations of the M.B.A. degree: Finance, Global Strategy and Leadership, Marketing, or Technology and Innovation Management.

12 additional credits at the 500 level or above offered by the Desautels Faculty of Management, for a total of 51 credits to complete the M.B.A. degree.

**Revision, May 2018. End of revision.**

**2.6.7 Bachelor of Civil Law/Bachelor of Laws and Master of Business Administration (Joint B.C.L./LL.B. & M.B.A.) Law & Management (144 credits)**

This program is currently under review.

A joint Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) with integrated Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) and Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) program is offered by the Desautels Faculty of Management and the Faculty of Law. This joint program provides students the opportunity to pursue legal and administrative aspects of business. Successful candidates graduate with M.B.A., B.C.L., and LL.B. degrees, a trio that prepares them for careers in private and public enterprise, as well as government service.

Students complete 51 credits for the M.B.A. degree and 93 credits for the integrated B.C.L. and LL.B. degrees for a total of 144 credits.

**Required Courses - Management (24 credits)**

BUSA 614	(3)	Governance of Corporation: Contemporary Issues
MGCR 629	(1)	Global Leadership
MGCR 650	(2)	Business Tools
MGCR 651	(4)	Managing Resources
MGCR 652	(4)	Value Creation
MGCR 653	(4)	Markets and Globalization
MGCR 660	(6)	International Study Trip

**Complementary Courses - Management (27 credits)**

Students complete 27 complementary credits toward the M.B.A. degree selected as follows:

15 credits toward one of the five concentrations of the M.B.A. degree: Finance, Global Leadership, Marketing, Technology and Innovation Management, or General Management.

12 additional credits at the 500 level or above offered by the Desautels Faculty of Management to complete the 27 credits of complementary courses.

Note: Students may have to follow one or all components of the M.B.A. Base Camp (Statistics, Math for Finance, Financial Accounting) prior to commencement of the M.B.A. depending on their academic background.

**Required Courses - Law (59 credits)**

BUS2 365	(4)	Business Associations
LAWG 100D1	(3)	Contractual Obligations
LAWG 100D2	(3)	Contractual Obligations
LAWG 101D1	(3)	Extra-Contractual Obligations/Torts
LAWG 101D2	(3)	Extra-Contractual Obligations/Torts
PRAC 147D1	(1.5)	Introductory Legal Research
PRAC 147D2	(1.5)	Introductory Legal Research
PRAC 155D1	(1.5)	Legal Ethics and Advocacy
PRAC 155D2	(1.5)	Legal Ethics and Advocacy
PROC 124D1	(2)	Judicial Institutions and Civil Procedure
PROC 124D2	(2)	Judicial Institutions and Civil Procedure
PROC 200	(3)	Advanced Civil Law Obligations
PRV1 144D1	(2.5)	Civil Law Property
PRV1 144D2	(2.5)	Civil Law Property
PRV3 200	(3)	Advanced Common Law Obligations
PRV4 144	(4)	Common Law Property
PUB2 101D1	(3)	Constitutional Law
PUB2 101D2	(3)	Constitutional Law
PUB2 111	(3)	Criminal Law
PUB3 116D1	(2)	Foundations
PUB3 116D2	(2)	Foundations
WRIT 400D1	(3)	Senior Essay
WRIT 400D2	(3)	Senior Essay

**Complementary Courses - Law (34 credits)**

Students complete 34 credits of complementary courses toward the B.C.L. and LL.B. degrees.

**Complementary Courses - Law, Civil Law (3 credits)**

Students complete 3 credits of civil law courses. The following courses count for their full credit weight as civil law:

BUS2 561	(3)	Insurance
LEEL 570	(3)	Employment Law
PROC 549	(3)	Lease, Enterprise, Suretyship
PRV2 270	(3)	Law of Persons
PRV4 548	(3)	Administration Property of Another and Trusts

**Complementary Courses - Law, Common Law (3 credits)**

Students complete 3 credits of common law courses. The following courses count for their full credit weight as common law:

PRV3 534	(3)	Remedies
PRV4 451	(3)	Real Estate Transactions
PRV4 500	(3)	Restitution
PRV4 549	(3)	Equity and Trusts
PRV5 582	(2)	Advanced Torts

**Complementary Course - Law, Civil & Common Law**

The following trans-systemic courses count half their credit weight toward the civil law requirement of 3 credits and half their credit weight toward the common law requirement of 3 credits:

CMPL 522	(3)	Medical Liability
LAWG 200	(3)	Commercial Law
LAWG 273	(3)	Family Law
LAWG 300	(3)	Family Property Law
LAWG 316	(3)	Private International Law
LAWG 400	(4)	Secured Transactions
LAWG 415	(3)	Evidence (Civil Matters)
LEEL 570	(3)	Employment Law
PRV5 483	(3)	Consumer Law

**Complementary Courses - Law, Social Diversity and Human Rights (3 credits)**

Students must take at least 3 credits from the following courses related to social diversity and human rights:

CMPL 500	(3)	Aboriginal Peoples and the Law
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Students complete 15 credits of SWRK courses at the 500 or 600 level. Up to 6 graduate-level credits may be taken outside the School of Social Work with the approval of the Academic Adviser.

**Required Courses - Law (46 credits)**

First Year

The following 32 credits of courses may be taken only in the first year:

LAWG 100D1	(3)	Contractual Obligations
LAWG 100D2	(3)	Contractual Obligations
LAWG 101D1	(3)	Extra-Contractual Obligations/Torts
LAWG 101D2	(3)	Extra-Contractual Obligations/Torts
LAWG 102D1	(3)	Criminal Justice
LAWG 102D2	(3)	Criminal Justice
LAWG 110D1	(2)	Integration Workshop
LAWG 110D2	(2)	Integration Workshop
PUB2 101D1	(3)	Constitutional Law
PUB2 101D2	(3)	Constitutional Law
PUB3 116D1	(2)	Foundations
PUB3 116D2	(2)	Foundations

Second Year

The following 13 credits of courses may be taken only in the second year:

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PRV3 534	(3)	Remedies
PRV4 451	(3)	Real Estate Transactions
PRV4 500	(3)	Restitution
PRV4 549	(3)	Equity and Trusts

#### Social Diversity, Human Rights and Indigenous Law Courses

3 credits from the following courses:

CMPL 500	(3)	Aboriginal Peoples and the Law
CMPL 504	(3)	Feminist Legal Theory
CMPL 511	(3)	Social Diversity and Law
CMPL 516	(3)	International Development Law
CMPL 565	(3)	International Humanitarian Law
CMPL 571	(3)	International Law of Human Rights
CMPL 573	(3)	Civil Liberties
CMPL 575	(3)	Discrimination and the Law
IDFC 500	(3)	Indigenous Field Studies
LAWG 503	(3)	Inter-American Human Rights
LAWG 505	(3)	Critical Engagements with Human Rights
LAWG 507	(3)	Critical Race Theory Advanced Seminar
LEEL 369	(3)	Labour Law
LEEL 582	(3)	Law and Poverty
PUB2 105	(3)	Public International Law
PUB2 500	(3)	Law and Psychiatry
PUB2 502	(3)	International Criminal Law
PUB2 551	(3)	Immigration and Refugee Law
PUB3 515	(3)	Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

#### Principles of Canadian Administrative Law

3 credits from the following courses:

BUS1 532	(3)	Bankruptcy and Insolvency
BUS2 504	(3)	Securities Regulation
CMPL 543	(3)	Law and Practice of International Trade
CMPL 574	(3)	Government Control Of Business
CMPL 575	(3)	Discrimination and the Law
CMPL 577	(3)	Communications Law
CMPL 580	(3)	Environment and the Law
LEEL 369	(3)	Labour Law
LEEL 570	(3)	Employment Law
LEEL 582	(3)	Law and Poverty
PRV4 545	(3)	Land Use Planning
PRV5 483	(3)	Consumer Law
PUB2 400	(3)	The Administrative Process

PUB2 401	(3)	Judicial Review of Administrative Action
PUB2 500	(3)	Law and Psychiatry
PUB2 551	(3)	Immigration and Refugee Law

**Elective Courses (29 credits)**

Students must take 29 other elective courses offered within the Faculty or approved as credit equivalencies in order to complete the 132-credit degree requirement.

**Minimum Writing Requirement**

All students are required to submit at least one research paper. This requirement may be satisfied by:

- a) writing an essay in a course in which the essay constitutes no less than 75% of the final grade;
- b) writing a term essay under independent supervision, for credit, within the Faculty of Law;
- c) writing an article, note, or comment of equivalent substance that is published or accepted for publication in the McGill Law Journal and approved by the Faculty Adviser to that publication.

Papers written jointly do not satisfy this requirement.

**Required Courses - Social Work (30 credits)**

SWRK 643	(3)	Research Methods 2
SWRK 650	(3)	Field Work Practicum 1
SWRK 651	(3)	Field Work Practicum 2
SWRK 653	(3)	Research Methods 1
SWRK 660	(6)	Field Work Practicum 3
SWRK 691	(12)	Social Work / Law Independent Study Project

**Complementary Courses - Social Work (15 credits)**

Students complete 15 credits of SWRK courses at the 500 or 600 level. Up to 6 graduate-level credits may be taken outside the School of Social Work with the approval of the Academic Adviser.

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**2.7 Undergraduate Selection of Course Concentrations (Law Programs)**

Several courses of instruction may be grouped because they treat a common subject matter or theme. The following unofficial groupings of courses regularly offered in the Faculty are intended to assist students desiring to specialize in selecting elective courses. They do not represent any academic policy decision by the Faculty as to the appropriate characterization of individual offerings. Moreover, some courses appear in more than one grouping. In all cases, reference should be made to the course description.

**1. Basic Private Law**

- Contractual Obligations (LAWG 100D1 / LAWG 100D2)
- Extra-Contractual Obligations/Torts (LAWG 101D1 / LAWG 101D2)

**2. Advanced Private Law**

*Civil Law*

- Advanced Civil Law Obligations (PROC 200)
- Advanced Civil Law Property (LAWG 506)
- Insurance (BUS2 561)
- Law of Persons (PRV2 270)
- Lease, Enterprise, Suretyship (PROC 549)

*Common Law*



## **2. Advanced Private Law**

Advanced Common Law Obligations (PRV3 200)

Advanced Torts (PRV5 582)

Equity and Trusts (PRV4 549)

Real Estate Transactions (PRV4 451)

Remedies (PRV3 534)

Restitution (PRV4 500)

### ***Transsystemic Private Law***

Business Associations (BUS2 365)

Commercial Law (LAWG 200)

Consumer Law (PRV5 483)

Death and Property (LAWG 504)

Employment Law (LEEL 570)

Evidence (Civil Matters) (LAWG 415)

Family Law (LAWG 273)

Family Property Law (LAWG 300)

Medical Liability (CMPL 522)

Private International Law (LAWG 316)

Property (LAWG 220D1 / LAWG 220D2)

Secured Transactions (LAWG 400)

## **3. Legal Theory, Legal Traditions and Legal History**

Aboriginal Peoples and the Law (CMPL 500)

Advanced Jurisprudence (CMPL 505)

Canadian Legal History (CMPL 547)

Feminist Legal Theory (CMPL 504)

Foundations (PUB3 116D1 / PUB3 116D2)

Jurisprudence (CMPL 501)

Legal Theory (CMPL 506)

Linguistic and Literary Approaches to Law (CMPL 507)

Roman Law (CMPL 510)

Talmudic Law (CMPL 513)

Theories of Justice (CMPL 512)

## **4. Human Rights and Cultural Diversity**

Aboriginal Peoples and the Law (CMPL 500)

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms (PUB3 515)

Civil Liberties (CMPL 573)

Discrimination and the Law (CMPL 575)

Inter-American Human Rights (LAWG 503)

International Humanitarian Law (CMPL 565)

International Law of Human Rights (CMPL 571)

The McGill International Human Rights Internship (WRIT 020)

Social Diversity and Law (CMPL 511)

## **5. Social Law**

Immigration and Refugee Law (PUB2 551)

Labour Law (LEEL 369)

Land Use Planning (PRV4 545)

Law and Poverty (LEEL 582)

Law and Psychiatry (PUB2 500)

## **6. Law of the State**

The Administrative Process (PUB2 400)

Comparative Federalism (PUB2 503)

Constitutional Law (PUB2 101D1 / PUB2 101D2)

Constitutional Law of the United States (PUB2 102)

Judicial Review of Administrative Action (PUB2 401)

Municipal Law (PUB2 403)

## **9. International Business Law**

European Union Law 2 (CMPL 537)

International Carriage of Goods by Sea (CMPL 515)

International Development Law (CMPL 516)

International Maritime Conventions (CMPL 553)

Law and Practice of International Trade (CMPL 543)

Resolution of International Disputes (CMPL 533)

Trade Regulation (CMPL 521)

## **10. Public International Law**

International Criminal Law (PUB2 502)

International Environmental La

