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1 Dean©sWelcome

To Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows:

I am extremely pleased to welcome you to McGill University. Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) collaborates with the Faculties and other administrative and academic units to provide strategic leadership and vision for graduate teaching, supervision, and research across our over 400 graduate programs. GPS also oversees quality assurance in admissions and registration, the disbursement of graduate fellowships, support for postdoctoral fellows, and facilitates graduate degree completion, including the examination of theses. GPS has partnered with Enrolment Services to manage the admission and registration of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows and to offer streamlined services in a one-stop location at *Service Point*.

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

McGill is one of Canada's most intensive research universities, ranked 21st by *QS World University Rankings 2014*. We recognize that these successes come not only from our outstanding faculty members, but also from the quality of our graduate students and postdoctoral fellows—a community into which we are very happy to welcome you.

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

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2.3 General Statement Concerning Higher Degrees

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

3 Impor tant Dates 2015±2016

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

4 Graduate Studies at a Glance

Please refer to the eCalendar's *University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Graduate Studies at a Glance* for a list of all graduate departments and degrees currently being offered.

5 Program Requirements

5.1 Master©s Degrees

Residence Requirements – Master's Degrees

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

- The following master's programs have a **minimum** residence requirement of **three full-time terms**: M.Arch., M.A., M.Eng., LL.M., M.Mus. (**except** M.Mus. in Sound Recording), M.Sc., M.S.W., M.Sc.A. (**except** M.Sc.A. in Communication Sciences and Disorders).
- The following master's programs have a **minimum** residence requirement of **four full-time terms**: M.I.St.; M.Mus. in Sound Recording; M.U.P.; M.A. (60 credits – Counselling Psychology – thesis; 78 credits – Educational Psychology); M.A. Teaching and Learning – Non-Thesis; M.Sc.A. in Communication Sciences and Disorders; S.T.M., Religious Studies.
- The residence requirement for the master's program in Education (M.Ed.); Information Studies (M.I.St.); Management (M.B.A.); Religious Studies (S.T

As a rule, no more than one-third of the formal coursework (excluding thesis, project, stage, or internship) of a McGill master's degree can be credited with courses from another university or degree (for example, courses taken before admission to the McGill degree, or courses taken through the IUT agreement during the McGill degree, if permitted).

Normally, if courses completed elsewhere or at McGill prior to admission to the McGill master’s degree were not used to complete a degree, they could be credited toward the McGill de

7 Fellowships, Awards, and Assistantships

Please refer to the eCalendar's *University Regulations and Resources* > *Graduate* > *: Fellowships, Awards, and Assistantships* for information and contact information regarding fellowships, awards, and assistantships in Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

8 Postdoctoral Research

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

8.1 Postdocs

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

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

8.2 Guidelines and Policy for Academic Units on Postdoctoral Education

The general guidelines listed below are meant to encourage units to examine their policies and procedures to support postdoctoral education. Every unit hosting Postdocs should have explicitly stated policies and procedures for the provision of postdoctoral education as well as established means for informing Postdocs of policies, procedures, and privileges (e.g., orientation sessions, handbooks, etc.), as well as mechanisms for addressing complaints. Academic units should ensure that their policies, procedures and privileges are consistent with these guidelines and the Charter of Students' Rights. For their part, Postdocs are responsible for informing themselves of policies, procedures, and privileges.

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iv. Postdocs with full responsibility for teaching a course should be compensated over and above their fellowship at the standard rate paid to lecturers by their department. This applies to all postdocs, except those for whom teaching is part of the award (e.g., Mellon grantees).

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

4. Privileges

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

ii. Postdocs have full graduate student borrowing privile

General Conditions

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

9 Graduate Studies Guidelines and P olicies

Refer to the *eCalendar* under *University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Guidelines and Policies* for information on the following:

- Guidelines and Regulations for Academic Units on Graduate Student Advising and Supervision
- Policy on Graduate Student Research Progress Tracking
- Ph.D. Comprehensives Policy
- Graduate Studies Reread Policy
- Failure Policy
- Guideline on Hours of Work

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section 11.1.7: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); Environment (45 credits)

The graduate option in Environment is a cross-disciplinary option offered in conjunction with the School of the Environment within the LL.M. (thesis or non-thesis), providing students with an appreciation for the role of science, politics, and ethics in informed decision-making in the environment sector. The thesis option requires the production of a 30,000-word thesis.

section 11.1.8: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); European Studies (46 credits)

The European Studies Option (ESO) is a cross-disciplinary program offered as an option within the existing LL.M. Thesis program. This option is open to students whose work is focused on Europe, in particular on issues relating to European integration, broadly understood.

Note: Availability of this program is subject to relevant courses being offered in given year.

section 11.1.9: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)

The LL.M. Non-Thesis program is geared toward students who wish to continue their legal education largely through graduate-level coursework (30 credits). The program requires two terms of coursework as well as a 15,000-word research project.

section 11.1.10: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis); Environment (45 credits)

The graduate option in Environment is a cross-disciplinary option offered in conjunction with the School of Environment within the LL.M. (thesis or non-thesis) providing students with an appreciation for the role of science in informed decision-making in the environment sector, and its influence on political, socio-economic, and ethical judgments. The non-thesis option requires two terms of graduate-level coursework on environment law, as well as a 15,000-word research project.

Institute of Air and Space Law

section 11.1.11: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); Air and Space Law (45 credits)

The LL.M. thesis program in the Institute of Air and Space Law is available to qualifying applicants holding a bachelor's law degree who wish to focus on original scholarly research and writing under the supervision of a law professor. This program involves 20 credits in coursework and 25 research credits (a thesis of 30,000 words). The thesis must show familiarity with previous work in the field and demonstrate the student's capacity for independent analysis, writing skills, and organization.

section 11.1.12: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis); Air and Space Law (45 credits)

The LL.M. non-thesis program in the Institute of Air and Space Law is available to qualifying applicants holding a bachelor's law degree who wish to gain a wide exposure to a range of taught courses within, and related to, the domain of Air and Space Law. The non-thesis option requires a 15,000-word research project (18 credits), with the remaining 27 credits earned in courses.

section 11.1.18: Graduate Certificate in Air and Space Law (15 credits)

The Graduate Certificate in Air and Space Law is a coursework program with a limited research and writing requirement. It is particularly appropriate for students with a strong professional orientation who do not wish to write a thesis. This certificate is particularly appropriate for jurists and other professionals who wish to pursue graduate-level legal studies in aviation, air and space law, government regulations, conventions, and treaties dealing with these areas.

Institute of Comparative Law

section 11.1.13: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); Comparative Law (45 credits)

The Institute of Comparative Law (ICL) welcomes master's students studying within the McGill Faculty of Law. ICL students are encouraged to think about the nature and value of comparative scholarship both through the courses that they take (particularly the Legal Traditions course, which is required for all ICL students) and through their master's thesis. Study within the ICL is ideally suited to students who have a background in or a desire to pursue research in the field of comparative law, broadly defined. As such, ICL student members are encouraged and given opportunities to explore how juridical analyses are enriched through openness to learning from diversity in research methods, theoretical frameworks, legal traditions and doctrines, languages, and disciplinary perspectives. The LL.M. thesis program in ICL requires 15 credits earned in graduate-level coursework and the production of a 30,000-word thesis.

section 11.1.14: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis); Comparative Law (45 credits)

The Institute of Comparative Law (ICL) welcomes master's students studying within the McGill Faculty of Law. ICL students are encouraged to think about the nature and value of comparative scholarship both through the courses that they take (particularly the Legal Traditions course, which is required for all ICL students) and through their individual research project. Study within the ICL is ideally suited to students who have a background in or a desire

section 11.1.14: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis); Comparative Law (45 credits)

to pursue research in the field of comparative law, broadly defined. As such, ICL student members are encouraged and given opportunities to explore how juridical analyses are enriched through openness to learning from diversity in research methods, theoretical frameworks, legal traditions and doctrines, languages, and disciplinary perspectives. The LL.M. non-thesis program requires two terms of graduate-level coursework (30 credits) and a 15,000-word research project.

section 11.1.19: Graduate Certificate in Comparative Law (15 credits)

The Graduate Certificate in Comparative Law provides advanced training in subjects within the scope of the Institute of Comparative Law (ICL) to candidates who do not wish to undertake the master's degree. The Graduate Certificate is particularly appropriate for judges, law professors, and legal practitioners from countries undergoing substantial legal reform (such as post-Communist or developing countries) who wish to pursue advanced studies in areas such as civil, commercial, or human rights law.

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

section 11.1.15: Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.)

The Doctor of Civil Law program is centred around the doctoral thesis, which develops a substantive and original contribution to legal research and knowledge under the supervision of a faculty member. Many doctoral candidates intend on pursuing an academic career, and develop their approach to pedagogy, research, and writing while at McGill. Students must successfully complete a comprehensive examination, to be held at the end of the first year or during the second year of the program. A D.C.L. seminar must also be completed successfully no later than the first term of the student's fourth year in the program. The principal basis for evaluation is a doctoral thesis of up to 400 pages. It must constitute significant contribution to legal knowledge, evidencing in concept and execution the original work of the candidate.

section 11.1.16: Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.); Air and Space Law

The Doctor of Civil Law in the Institute of Air and Space Law is a research degree ideal for scholars intent on deepening and broadening their critical understanding of the law, as well as their original engagement with it. Students must successfully complete a comprehensive examination, to be held at the end of the first year or during the second year of the program. A D.C.L. seminar must also be completed successfully no later than the first term of the student's fourth year in the program. The principal basis for evaluation is a doctoral thesis of up to 400 pages. It must constitute significant contribution to legal knowledge, evidencing in concept and execution the original work of the candidate.

section 11.1.17: Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.); Comparative Law

The Institute of Comparative Law (ICL) welcomes doctoral students studying within the McGill Faculty of Law. ICL students are encouraged to think about the nature and value of comparative scholarship both through the courses that they take (particularly the Legal Traditions course, which is required for all ICL students) and through their doctoral thesis. Study within the ICL is ideally suited to students who have a background or a desire to pursue research in the field of comparative law, broadly defined. As such, ICL student members are encouraged and given opportunities to e

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11.1.3.1.1 Language Requirement

Graduate-level courses are generally offered in English, and English competency must be demonstrated for admission. In order to understand all course material, the ability to speak and read French is an asset. At McGill's Faculty of Law, all students may choose to write essays, examinations, and theses in English or French. In areas such as the study of private law in the civilian tradition or comparative private law, a reading knowledge of French is essential.

Applicants to graduate studies 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, must submit documented proof of English proficiency. **Before acceptance**, appropriate test results must be submitted directly from the *TOEFL*, *IELTS*, *MELAB*, *Cambridge English Language Assessment*, or *EDEXCEL* offices. **An institutional version of the TOEFL is not acceptable.** Applications without an appropriate test result may not be reviewed.

One of the following language requirements must be met: 100 on the TOEFL (iBT) with each component score no less than 25, a band score of 7.0 or greater on the IELTS, a grade of 85 or higher on the MELAB, a grade of "A" (Excellent) on the Cambridge English Language Assessment (CAE), a grade of "B" (Good) or higher on the Cambridge English Language Assessment (CPE), an overall grade of at least "Distinction" on the EDEXCEL (Level 4) or an overall grade of at least "Merit" on the EDEXCEL (Level 5).

Alternatively, candidates may satisfy the language requirement by successfully completing one of the following 2 credentials within the *School of Continuing Studies* > *Areas of Study* > *Languages* > *English Language Programs* > *: Intensive English Program: Certificate of Proficiency in English — Language and Culture (160 CEU)* or *: Certificate of Proficiency — English for Professional Communication (30 credits)*.

For information about the TOEFL, including the registration process, visit *www.ets.org/toefl*. For information about the IELTS, visit *www.ielts.org*. There may be a lengthy delay for registration, and it takes approximately 40 days to communicate the results. For both tests, the official results should be sent directly from the testing institutions to McGill University. McGill's institutional code is **0935**; this code must be provided to the testing agencies when requesting a test report form. For further information on English proficiency tests, visit *www.mcgill.ca/law-admissions/graduates/admissions/requirements*.

11.1.3.1.2 D.C.L. Degree

Applicants demonstrating outstanding academic ability will be considered for admission to the doctoral program.

Admission to the D.C.L. program occurs only when all four of the following conditions are met:

a. The candidate holds a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in Law (such as LL.B. or J.D.).*

b. The candidate holds a master's degree (or equivalent) in Law with thesis from McGill University or another university. (Review of the master's thesis is normally part of the admission decision–making process. In exceptional cases, a candidate with a non-thesis master's degree with an outstanding academic record may be admitted to the D.C.L. program.)*

c. The candidate maintained, for each prior degree, a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 out of 4.0 (or equivalent) or higher. (Note that this standing does not guarantee admission; the Graduate Admissions Committee weighs the entire dossier, including the applicant's reference letters and the quality of the research proposal.)

d. The Graduate Admissions Committee is satisfied that the quality of the candidate's previous research is sufficient to justify admission to a D.C.L. program.

Admission to the doctoral program is always dependent on the availability of a suitable supervisor.

* *Candidates holding law degrees from programs delivered by distance or by online teaching and learning are inadmissible to the McGill D.C.L., LL.M. or Graduate Certificate programs.*

11.1.3.1.3 LL.M. Degrees

Candidates for admission to the master's programs must hold a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in Law (such as LL.B. or J.D.), with a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 out of 4.0 (or equivalent).* This standing does not guarantee admission; the Graduate Admissions Committee weighs the entire dossier, including the applicant's reference letters and the quality of the research proposal.

* *Candidates holding law degrees from programs delivered by distance or by online teaching and learning are inadmissible to the McGill D.C.L., LL.M. or Graduate Certificate programs.*

11.1.3.1.4 LL.M. Interdisciplinary Options

1. **Environment Option**: This option is available to students who apply for admission to the LL.M. Thesis or Non-Thesis program at the Faculty of Law. For further information, see *McGill School of Environment* > *Graduate* > *Academic Programs* > *: Environment* or visit *www.mcgill.ca/mse/programs/envroption*.
2. **European Studies Option**: This option is available to students who apply for admission to the LL.M. Thesis program at the Faculty of Law. **Note the availability of this option is subject to relevant courses offered in a given year.**

11.1.3.1.5 LL.M. Specialization in Bioethics

Requirements for admission to the master's program in Bioethics from the base discipline Law are the same as for admission to the LL.M.

For further information, see *Faculty of Medicine* > *Graduate* > *Academic Programs* > *: Bioethics* or visit *www.mcgill.ca/biomedicalethicsunit/masters*.

11.1.3.1.6 Graduate Certificate Programs

The requirements for admission to the graduate certificate programs are essentially the same as for the master's programs, except that greater weight may be placed on professional experience. For further information, visit *www.mcgill.ca/law-admissions/graduates/admissions/requirements*. Graduate certificate programs are available in the following two fields:

1. **Graduate Certificate in *Air and Space Law***

2. Graduate Certificate in *Comparative Law*

Note: ALL international students must obtain permission to study from the governments of Quebec and Canada. Immigration Quebec issues the Certificate of Acceptance of Quebec (CAQ) and Citizenship and Immigration Canada issues federal Study Permits. You may also wish to contact *International Student Services* for assistance.

11.1.3.2 Application Pr ocedures

McGill's online application form for graduate program candidates is available at *www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply*.

See *: Application Procedures* for detailed application procedures.

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Courses offered within this concentration may include:

Securities Regulation (BUS2 504)

11.1.4.3 Human Rights and Cultural Diver sity

Building on the Faculty's strength in public law, this concentration promotes the comparative study of human rights law. It provides students with opportunities to reflect critically on the emergence and institutionalization of human rights norms in both domestic and international settings and to explore complexities arising from cultural diversity.

Courses offered within this concentration may include:

Aboriginal Peoples and the Law (CMPL 500)

Advanced Criminal Law (PUB2 501)

Children and the Law (PRV2 456)

Civil Liberties (CMPL 573)

Discrimination and the Law (CMPL 575)

Feminist Legal Theory (CMPL 504)

Human Rights & Cultural Diversity (CMPL 603)

International Criminal Law (PUB2 502)

International Humanitarian Law (CMPL 565)

International Law of Human Rights (CMPL 571)

Law and Psychiatry (PUB2 500)

Social Diversity and Law (CMPL 511)

11.1.4.4 Regulation, Technology and Society

This concentration focuses on the comparative and interdisciplinary study of legal regulation in areas of rapid technological change. It encourages critical reflection on notions of the public interest and its protection in areas as diverse as the biomedical sciences, the environment, the growth of computer networks, and the commercial exploitation of space.

Courses offered within this concentration may include:

Communications Law (CMPL 577)

Comparative Medical Law (CMPL 551)

Computers and the Law (CMPL 578)

Environment and the Law (CMPL 580)

Government Control of Business (CMPL 574)

Intellectual & Industrial Property (BUS2 502)

International Environmental Law and Politics (CMPL 546)

Land Use Planning (PRV4 145)

Law and Health Care (CMPL 642)

Law and Psychiatry (PUB2 500)

Medical Liability (CMPL 522)

Policies, Politics and Legislative Process (CMPL 518)

Regulation Technology/Society (CMPL 605)

Trade Regulation (CMPL 521)

11.1.4.5 Air and Space La w

This field explores legal issues that arise from international civil aviation and new technologies in space. It provides a comprehensive understanding of the legal processes regulating worldwide aerospace activities.

Courses offered within this concentration may include:

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11.1.6 Master of La ws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); Bioethics (45 credits)

The 45-credit LL.M. program, thesis option, in Bioethics is a research-intensive, interdisciplinary, graduate program focused on developing research interests into a thesis project under the supervision of a faculty member. Graduate-level courses on theoretical and methodological approaches to legal writing complement the research work and thesis completion process, and courses in specific areas of knowledge related to the candidate's research interests complete the program's credit requirements.

Students following the Bioethics option come from the Faculties of Law, Medicine, Religious Studies, or the Department of Philosophy. Entering students pursuing an LL.M., Bioethics are bound by the requirements of the Faculty of Law's LL.M. program (thesis option). For further information regarding this program, please refer to the Bioethics section. See http://www.mcgill.ca/biomedicalethicsunit/.

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms for which full-time fees will be charged. The third term, usually devoted to thesis research, may be taken the Summer of the first year. If the thesis is not completed in this time, students must register for additional sessions as needed. All degree requirements must be completed within a maximum of three years of the date of first registration.

Thesis Cour ses (24 credits)

The Master's Thesis programs consist of a coursework component and a thesis of approximately 100 pages. As part of the thesis requirement, a candidate must provide a protocol to his or her supervisor setting out details as to the thesis topic, the deadlines for the completion of the various thesis courses and the schedule of meetings with the thesis supervisor. Modifications to the protocol must be made in writing and submitted to the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies).

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

Required Cour ses (10 credits)

BIOE 680	(3)	Bioethical Theory
BIOE 681	(3)	Bioethics Practicum
CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law

Complementar y Cour ses (11 credits)

One of the following:

CMPL 613	(3)	Master's Thesis 2
CMPL 614	(3)	Master's Thesis 3
CMPL 615	(6)	Master's Thesis 4
CMPL 616	(12)	Master's Thesis 5
CMPL 618	(2)	Master's Thesis 7

Required Cour ses (10 credits)

CMPL 610	(4)	Legal Research Methodology
ENVR 610	(3)	Foundations of Environmental Policy
ENVR 650	(1)	Environmental Seminar 1
ENVR 651	(1)	Environmental Seminar 2
ENVR 652	(1)	Environmental Seminar 3

Complementar y Cour ses (6 credits)

3-6 credits chosen from:

CMPL 546	(3)	International Environmental Law and Politics
CMPL 580	(3)	Environment and the Law

0-3 credits chosen from:

		Global Environmental Politics

CMPL 612	(3)	Master's Thesis 1
CMPL 613	(3)	Master's Thesis 2
CMPL 614	(3)	Master's Thesis 3
CMPL 615	(6)	Master's Thesis 4
CMPL 616	(12)	Master's Thesis 5
CMPL 617	(3)	Master's Thesis 6

Required Cour ses (7 credits)

CMPL 610	(4)	Legal Research Methodology
LAWG 659	(3)	Interdisciplinary Seminar in European Studies

Complementar y Cour ses (9 credits)

CMPL 536	(3)	European Union Law 1
CMPL 537	(2)	European Union Law 2

One or both of these courses may be replaced with another course at the 500 level or above on European Studies offered by the Faculty of Law or the Faculty of Arts with the approval of the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies).

One of:

CMPL 600	(4)	Legal Traditions
CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law

Master of La ws (LL.M.); La

11.1.10 Master of La ws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis); Envir onment (45 credits)

The Faculty of Law together with the School of Environment and other units at McGill offers a 45-credit, LL.M. program, non-thesis option, in Environment. The program complements previous legal education through specialized graduate-lev

Thesis Courses (25 credits)

As part of the course Master's Thesis 1, a thesis candidate must provide a protocol to his or her supervisor setting out details as to the thesis topic, the deadlines for the completion of the various thesis courses, and the schedule of meetings with the thesis supervisor. Modifications to the protocol must be made in writing and submitted to the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies).

ASPL 690	(4)	Master's Thesis 1
ASPL 691	(3)	Master's Thesis 2
ASPL 692	(6)	Master's Thesis 3
ASPL 693	(12)	Master's Thesis 4

Required Courses (9 credits)

ASPL 633	(3)	Public International Air Law
ASPL 636	(3)	Private International Air Law
ASPL 637	(3)	Space Law: General Principles

Complementary Courses (11 credits)

4 credits from the following:

CMPL 610D1	(2)	Legal Research Methodology
CMPL 610D2	(2)	Legal Research Methodology
CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law

7 credits at the 500 level or higher, chosen from among Faculty offerings (including ASPL offerings).

11.1.12 Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis); Air and Space Law (45 credits)

The 45-credit LL.M. program, non-thesis option, in Air and Space Law complements previous legal education through specialized graduate-level coursework and in-depth research. It enhances expertise in selected areas of legal scholarship and includes a supervised substantial paper in an area of interest.

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms for which full-time fees will be charged. The third term is devoted to the Research Project, usually taken in the summer of the first year. If the research project is not completed in this time, students must register for additional sessions as needed. All degree requirements must be completed within a maximum of three years of the date of first registration.

Research Project (18 credits)

The non-thesis option requires a substantial supervised research project during the third term of registration, a 15,000-word paper, assessed by the supervisor on a pass-fail basis, and typically completed in the Summer.

ASPL 655	(15)	Research Project 1
ASPL 656	(2)	Research Project 2
ASPL 657	(1)	Research Project 3

Required Courses (9 credits)

ASPL 633	(3)	Public International Air Law
ASPL 636	(3)	Private International Air Law
ASPL 637	(3)	Space Law: General Principles

Complementary Courses (18 credits)

4 credits from the following:

CMPL 610D1	(2)	Legal Research Methodology
CMPL 610D2	(2)	Legal Research Methodology

CMPL 641 (4) Theoretical Approaches to Law

14 credits at the 500 level or higher chosen from among Faculty offerings (including ASPL offerings).

11.1.13 Master of La ws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); Comparative La w (45 credits)

The 45-credit LL.M. program, thesis option, in Comparative Law is a research-intensive graduate program focused on developing research interests into a thesis project under the supervision of a faculty member. Graduate-level courses on theoretical and methodological approaches to legal writing complement the research work and thesis completion process, and courses in specific areas of knowledge related to the candidate's research interests complete the program's credit requirements.

LL.M. candidates may be associated with the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, the Quebec Research Centre of Private and Comparative Law, the Centre for Intellectual Property Policy, or one of the specialized Research Chairs at the Faculty of Law. For more information, see our website: http://www.mcgill.ca/la

The non-thesis option requires a substantial supervised research project during the third term of registration, a 15,000-word paper, assessed by the supervisor on a pass-fail basis, and typically completed in the Summer.

CMPL 655	(15)	Research Project 1

Required Courses (12 credits)

CMPL 600	(4)	Legal Traditions
CMPL 610	(4)	Legal Research Methodology
CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law

Complementary Courses (18 credits)

The remaining 18 credits (or fewer if more credits are earned for the research project) are chosen from among Faculty offerings at the 500 and 600 levels.

Additional Research Project Courses

With the approval of the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies) and Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS), students may take up to an additional 3 credits of research project courses by completing one or both of:

CMPL 656	(2)	Research Project 2
CMPL 657	(1)	Research Project 3

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

The Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) program allows the development of substantive and original contributions to legal research and knowledge under the supervision of a faculty member.

The degree will be awarded, at the earliest, after the completion of 3 years of residence in the Faculty. The core of the D.C.L. program is a substantial thesis of up to 400 pages that makes a significant contribution to legal scholarship, evidencing in concept and execution the original work of the candidate. The thesis must be submitted within 4 years of completion of the residency requirement. Every candidate must successfully pass a comprehensive examination, after one year which may occur in the first year of the program, but no later than the end of the second year of the program.

Comprehensive - Required

Every candidate must successfully pass a comprehensive examination, usually after one year in the program.

LA	(0)	Comprehensive Exam - Law

Every candidate must successfully pass a comprehensiv

Complementary Courses (6 credits)

6 additional credits of 500-level or higher law courses.

11.1.19 Graduate Certificate in Comparative Law (15 credits)

The Graduate Certificate in Comparative Law is offered through the Institute of Comparative Law and provides advanced legal training over one term of full-time studies or two terms of part-time studies to candidates who wish to pursue graduate legal education for career-related purposes.

The certificate is awarded after one term of residence in the Faculty and upon completion of 15 credits. In every case, the program is structured to meet individual needs and must be approved by the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies).

For more information, see our website: http://www.mcgill.ca/law-gradprograms/programs/certificate-programs/.

Complementary Courses

Courses at the 500 level or higher are chosen on an individual basis.