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# 1 Legal Education at McGill

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

Proudly bilingual; rigorously pluralistic, the McGill Law program breaks the mold for legal education in our fast-paced, globalized world. No other law program reaches further. The McGill program ensures that students gain a cosmopolitan understanding of the law that is not confined to specific jurisdictions or legal traditions.

## **Legal education at McGill explores concepts and ideas 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 are critical to engaged, effective, and enlightened jurists.

## **An integrated education**

1. designed to work across the traditional boundaries of first-year coursework
2. offered in French and English
3. that builds on an expertise in the civil law and common law, broadened to include other legal traditions, including better understandings of Indigenous law, as well as cutting-edge scholarship in alternate dispute resolution

## **A focus on problem-solving**

1. Students work in small groups to tackle issues in legal methodology and ethics, empirical research, and policy analysis
2. A revised semester timetable makes space for one-week intensive teaching on specialized topics during the fall and winter terms

## **Innovative pedagogy that flips the script and**

1. allows you to take the lead in your own education
2. uses technology in modernized classrooms to enhance participation and critical reflection

The original and critical vision that characterizes legal education at McGill is a springboard for those whose ideas will inspire legal leadership for global challenges.

Above all, the Faculty prides itself on developing agile thinkers, conscientious citizens, and globally oriented, forward-looking jurists for the 21st century.

**McGill Law. It's a world class move.**

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## 1.1 Location

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## 2.2 Outline of Academic Regulations

This publication and the Faculty Regulations in force govern students registered in the Faculty of Law during the 2019–2020 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.

### 2.2.1 Academic Standing

Academic Standing is determined under a credit system as set out in the Faculty Academic Regulations contained in the *Registration Materials* published each academic year. This publication, which is posted on the Student Affairs Office website, [mcgill.ca/law-studies/courses](http://mcgill.ca/law-studies/courses), prior to registration opening on Minerva in May, contains the detailed Regulations for the McGill Program. The Faculty is also governed by the University Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures, found in McGill's *Handbook on Student Rights and Responsibilities* available at [mcgill.ca/students/srr/](http://mcgill.ca/students/srr/).

### 2.2.2 Academic Requirements

To be eligible for a Faculty degree, you must complete the required number of credits for that degree within five years of your initial registration in the program, unless you have been granted a leave of absence by the Dean or the Dean's delegate (Regulation 5), or unless you have received permission to pursue your degree on a part-time basis (Regulation 53).

You are not permitted to be enrolled concurrently in a Faculty of Law program and the professional training program of any Bar, whether this program consists of a course of lectures or a period of articling (Regulation 4).

Full-time students at the Faculty must register for at least 12 credits each term, with the exception of your final term, if fewer credits are required to obtain your degree (Regulation 3). You will not receive credit for any course taken to fulfil the requirements of any other degree (Regulation 10).

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 [mcgill.ca/law-studies/law-student-affairs-office](http://mcgill.ca/law-studies/law-student-affairs-office).

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## 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.

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### 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*: <http://www.barreau.qc.ca/fr/le-barreau/>

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

Law Society of Ontario: [www.lso.ca](http://www.lso.ca)

Law Society of Yukon: [www.lawsocietyyukon.com](http://www.lawsocietyyukon.com)

Nova Scotia Barristers' Society: [nsbs.org](http://nsbs.org)

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### 3.2 Admission to the Legal Profession: The United States

The J.D. degree is an approved law degree in some U.S. jurisdictions (i.e., NY and MA), and is accepted as the equivalent of a degree in law from an accredited U.S. law school in those jurisdictions. This approval means that McGill graduates may proceed through the Bar admission process in those jurisdictions in the same way as their U.S. counterparts, subject to a "Foreign Legal Education Evaluation" process for the New York Bar.

You can obtain information on the Bar examinations of New York and Massachusetts by consulting the following websites:

The Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners: <http://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-board-of-bar-examiners>.

The New York State Board of Law Examiners: [www.nybarexam.org](http://www.nybarexam.org).

In addition to requiring a recognized law degree, some states require specific pre-law studies in order for a candidate to be eligible to sit state Bar exams. Students contemplating practice in the United States should ensure as early as possible that they will meet the Bar admission requirements of the jurisdiction in which they intend to practise. Further information on a number of jurisdictions is available in the Career Development Office's online resources.

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### 4.3 Career Days

The Career Development Office (CDO; [mcgill.ca/cdo](http://mcgill.ca/cdo)) organizes six career days annually: one exploring the different career paths a law degree leads to,

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## **6.2 Centre for Intellectual Property Policy**

This Centre was founded in 2003 under the auspices of the Faculty of Law. The goal of the Centre is to explore new perspectives on intellectual property.

Researchers affiliated with the Centre come from a variety of disciplines such as law, management, philosophy, ethics, science, and economics. They study how governments, researchers, and industry manage new and old technologies, and balance the concerns of technology users, technology creators, and citizens. The Centre also regularly holds conferences and workshops on a variety of topics related to intellectual property and innovation.

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## **6.3 Centre for Research in Air and Space Law**

This Centre is the principal research and educational outreach arm of McGill's Institute of Air and Space Law (established in 1951), which provides the core degree-granting educational program. The Centre for Research in Air and Space La