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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 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.**

### 1.1.1 Location

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**1.2 Faculty Governance and Academic Regulations**

As the delegate of the Senate of McGill University, the Faculty Council is the principal academic policy-making body within the Faculty of Law. It has either direct or advisory authority over all matters relating to undergraduate admissions, curriculum, examinations, graduate studies, library, and staff appointments.

**1.2.1 Faculty Council**

The Faculty Council operates through a committee system and meets on average once per month during teaching terms.

Faculty Council is composed of all members of the full-time teaching staff and undergraduate and graduate students representing one-fifth of its total membership. When considering the admission, evaluation, and Standing of students, and when dealing with the recruitment and terms of contract of members of the academic staff, the Faculty Council is composed solely of members of the full-time teaching staff.

**1.2.2 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.

**1.2.2.1 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/).

**1.2.2.2 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).



## 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 a Career Adviser and an Associate, the Director of the Office—a faculty graduate and lawyer with experience in private practice in Toronto and Montreal and in the provincial public sector—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 by inviting employers to various events.

### 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; [mcgill.ca/cdo](#)) coordinates various recruitment processes throughout the year. Four of these involve On-Campus Interviews (OCIs): one for U.S. employers (August), one for Vancouver and Calgary employers (September), one for Toronto employers (October), and one for Ottawa employers (January). Students can also take part in organized recruitment processes for other major cities in Canada.

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; [mcgill.ca/cdo](#)) organizes six career days annually: one exploring the different career paths a law degree leads to, one for public interest employers from all over the country, one for Ottawa employers, one for Montreal employers, one for Toronto employers, and one for U.S. employers. 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; [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 Faculty of Law.

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## 1.5 Nahum Gelber Law Library

The Law Library is a state-of-the-art facility with a collection of over 185,000 volumes and online resources covering Canadian, foreign, and international law. The collection supports the Faculty of Law undergraduate transsystemic program, graduate courses, and the Faculty of Law research centres with particular focuses on air and space law; comparative law; private and public international law; human rights law; intellectual property; and international trade law. The collection also covers mixed jurisdictions, and some aspects of Talmudic and Islamic Law. It also has legal materials from other common law and civil law jurisdictions such as Great Britain, France, and the United States.

The Peter Marshall Laing Special Collections Room houses the Wainwright Collection of French law from the *ancien régime*, and other rare books in Canadian and English Law. Other collections of note include an extensive collection of French legal theses and the John Humphrey United Nations Collection.

The Dobrin-Steinberg Computer Instruction Classroom, when not in use for legal research workshops, may be used by McGill students for personal research. In addition, wireless network access is available throughout the building, as well as colour printers and scanning facilities. Other facilities include six Moot Team Preparation Rooms for the exclusive use of competitive moot teams representing the Faculty of Law, cubicles, carrels, and three group study rooms for use by McGill Law students.

For complete information on the Nahum Gelber Law Library please visit our website: [mcgill.ca/library/branches/law](http://mcgill.ca/library/branches/law).

## 1.6 Research Centres

Two research institutes are affiliated to the Faculty of Law: the Institute of Comparative Law (ICL); and the Institute of Air and Space Law (IASL).

The Faculty of Law also supports several semi-independent research centres:

- the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism;
- the Centre for Intellectual Property Policy;
- the Centre for Research in Air and Space Law;
- the Paul-André Crépeau Centre for Private and Comparative Law.

### 1.6.1 Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism

This Centre is a focal point for innovative legal and interdisciplinary research, dialogue, and outreach on human rights and legal pluralism. The Centre's mission is to provide students, professors, and the larger community with a locus of intellectual resources and experiential opportunities for engaging critically with the impact that law has on some of the most compelling social problems of our era.

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

### 1.6.2 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.

### 1.6.3 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 Law produces research; publishes books and other literature; and offers educational products around the world. Since its birth, the Centre has published numerous monographic studies, symposia proceedings, reports, and books, and has produced workshops, seminars, and conferences in Montreal and various international venues. In recent years, Centre researchers have undertaken studies addressing the following topics:

- International Aviation Policy
- Peaceful Uses of Outer Space
- Assessing Outer Space Security
- Outer Space Resources
- Governance of Commercialized Air Navigation Services
- International Air Carrier Liability

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, Amsterdam, and Dublin.

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 Juris Doctor. Consequently, students in the undergraduate program obtain a double degree of Civil Law (B.C.L.) and Juris Doctor (J.D.). 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./J.D. Program**

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

McGill Law students are introduced to “transsystemic” teaching in the first year of the program; fundamental concepts of the civil law and Juris Doctor 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



We seek to create a diverse learning community drawn from across Quebec, Canada and beyond, in which there is a wide range of career aspirations, backgrounds and life experiences. We have found year after year that this approach leads to a rich and dynamic learning environment for which McGill Law has become known.

The Faculty of Law is committed to equity and diversity. We welcome applications from Indigenous people, people with disabilities, racialised people, gender non-conforming and trans people, LGBTQ+ people, women, people from an economically disadvantaged background, and others who may face systemic barriers that impact their access to education.

The BCL/JD is a limited enrolment program for which admission is competitive. Each year the Faculty admits approximately 180 new students. The number of applications is approximately 8 times greater than the number of available places. Unfortunately, every year we must refuse many qualified candidates due to lack of space in the program.

Files are reviewed by the Admissions Office and the Faculty's Admissions Committee, which is composed of 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. Files are read by 1-4 file reviewers before a final decision is rendered.

linguistic grounds, and are encouraged to speak with us regarding any concerns on this point. Financial support is available to admitted Indigenous candidates who wish to improve their abilities in English or French before starting the program and to continue to address a relative weakness in English or French during legal studies here. This program is generously supported by the McCarthy Tétrault Fund for Language Training. Please contact us to find out more!

**Indigenous Student Financial Assistance**

### **2.2.2.2 Verifying the status of your application via Minerva**

Your acknowledgment notice will include your McGill Identification (ID), and a password that you will need to log in to the *Minerva* website, where you can monitor the status of your application. As your supporting documents are received and recorded, consult the admissions checklist to see which documents (if any) are missing, incomplete, or illegible. Consult your admissions checklist regularly as new items might be requested to complete your file. It is important to respond to requests for further documentation in a timely manner.

**You are responsible for monitoring the status of your application on Minerle**

Mature applicants must meet the educational requirements, set for all candidates, as outlined in the Education requirements page. Mature applicants who are regarded as potentially admissible following a review of their file may be required to attend an interview.

#### **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 30 credits of university studies in addition to the DCS or QFB at the time of registration.

Only candidates completing French Baccalaureate Programs in Quebec at Collèges international Marie de France and Stanislas are eligible to apply. Any French Baccalaureate programs from outside Quebec do not meet the eligibility requirements. 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.
- Candidates admitted directly from CEGEP or a Quebec French Baccalaureate, who are interested in practicing in the United States, should be aware that Bar admission requirements in a number of US states requires studies at the university level before studying law.

#### **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 BCL/JD 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 ev

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 Director (Student Life and Learning) makes decisions on these applications. Accepted students must arrange their academic program with the Director (Student Life and Learning).

- This is a **non-degree program**. 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 e

### 2.2.2.7 Application Deadlines for Law Undergraduate Programs

The online application is available as of **September 1**. Deadlines vary by applicant category. Applicants must take the time to identify the category in which they must apply. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that the online application is completed by the deadlines indicated below and that all supporting documents are uploaded via *Minerva* by the deadlines listed below. Instructions on uploading documents can be found at [section 2.2.2.8: Application Supporting Documents](#). With the exception of references (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 references.

**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 advance of their relevant deadlines.

Incomplete applications will not be circulated to the Admissions Committee. Incomplete applications will be cancelled the day following the supporting document submission deadlines.

Please refer to [section 2.2.2.6: Applicant Categories](#) in order to determine which deadline applies to you.



**Note:** First-year, Transfer, and Advanced-Standing students may only enter the program in September.

First Year (Fall)	Online Application Deadlines	Supporting Document Deadlines
University	November 1	November 8
Mature	November 1	November 8
CEGEP/Baccalaureate ( <i>Collège international Marie de France</i> and <i>Collège Stanislas</i> )	March 1	March 7
Applicants to Upper Years	Online Application Deadlines	Supporting Document Deadlines
Advanced Standing (Fall)	November 1	January 15
Transfer (Fall)	May 1	June 15
<i>Comité des équivalences</i> (Fall entrance)	May 1	July 1
<i>Chambre des notaires</i> (Fall entrance)	May 1	July 1
Special (Fall entrance)	August 1	August 8
Visiting (Fall and/or Winter)	May 1	June 15
Incoming Exchange (Winter)	September 15	October 1
Incoming Exchange (Fall)	April 15	May 1
<i>Comité des équivalences</i> (Winter entrance)	October 1	December 1
<i>Chambre des notaires</i> (Winter entrance)	October 1	December 1
Special (Winter entrance)	December 1	December 8

### 2.2.2.8 Application Supporting Documents

Applicants **must upload** supporting documents via *Minerva* after having completed the online application (after having received the acknowledgment notice via email). Not all documents may be uploaded via *Minerva*. See [section 2.2.2.8.1: Uploading supporting documents](#) below.

Supporting documents required for all applicant categories (unless otherwise indicated):

- [section 2.2.2.8.3: Transcripts](#)
- [section 2.2.2.8.4: Personal Statement](#)
- [section 2.2.2.8.6: CV](#)
- [section 2.2.2.8.7: References](#) (not required for Exchange students)
- Letter of Permission/Nomination (Visiting and Exchange students only)
- Final decision from the *Comité des équivalences* of the *Barreau du Québec* or the *Chambre des notaires du Québec* (*Comité des équivalences* applicants only)
- Photocopy of passport (Exchange students only)

The Admissions Office will obtain LSAT results directly from the Law Mt.73 Tm 67.52 206.1 y22 707E64Tj/F1 8.eLa

**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: References](#).

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 Admissions Office only if their file remains incomplete 48 hours past the deadline for supporting documents.

Documents submitted to McGill University in support of an application to be admitted, including, but not limited to, transcripts, diplomas, references, and test scores (in paper or electronic format), become the property of McGill University and will not be returned to the applicant or forwarded to another institution.

#### **2.2.2.8.1 Uploading supporting documents**

You **must** upload your supporting documents rather than mailing them. Uploading your documents saves you time, effort, and the expense of mailing transcripts and supporting documents to us. It prevents delays normally incurred in the processing of paper documentation, allows you to associate your documents with the correct application and requirement, and assures that your documents have been received.

<b>Documents that can be uploaded via Minerva</b>	<b>Number of uploads allowed</b>
Unofficial transcripts	Updated version accepted
Personal statement	One
CV	Updated version accepted
Letter of extenuating circumstance (if applicable)	One

Please see the instructions at [mcgill.ca/applying/nextsteps/documents/upload](http://mcgill.ca/applying/nextsteps/documents/upload). Documents that hav



**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.*

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all required transcripts are submitted as early as possible.

- 1. BCI transcripts:** Applicants need not submit paper-based official transcripts of studies undertaken in Quebec universities to the Admissions Office if these transcripts are submitted electronically via the BCI (*Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire*, previously known as CREPUQ) system. Transcripts submitted via the BCI system are considered official.
- 2. McGill transcripts:** T



You may submit your Personal Statement in English, French, or both. It is important that you write the statement in whatever of the two language(s) you are most comfortable expressing yourself. It is not recommended to use the Personal Statement as a way to establish your bilingualism unless you are very comfortable expressing yourself in the other language.

Importantly, make sure that your Personal Statement follows our formatting guidelines (see below) and that it has grammatical integrity. Only one submission of the Personal Statement is accepted so it is important to submit the Personal Statement in its final version of both format and substance. Indigenous applicants are invited to submit additional documentation in addition to the Personal Statement. Please see the [Indigenous Applicants](#) page for more information.

**Format**

The format of the Personal Statement must adhere to the following basic characteristics:

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**Note:** The Law Admissions Office does not contact your referees to solicit their references.

#### 2.2.2.8.7.1 Requirements

The candidate **must send a copy of the Instructions and form for referees** to ensure that the references meet the formatting requirements set out by the Faculty's Admissions Office. The *Instructions for applicant referees and reference form* is available under [Instructions and form for referees](#).

The candidate must send referees the link to [Instructions and form for referees](#). The Admissions Office does not contact referees to invite them to complete the reference form. On the *Instructions for referees* page, referees may download the Reference form which they must complete and email directly to the Admissions Office.

The candidate must inform their referees what category of admission they are applying under. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that Reference forms are received by the Admissions Office by the applicable deadline.

The Admissions Office does not confirm receipt of references with the referee via email. Applicants are instead encouraged to verify the status of their documents via their Supporting Documents Checklist in Minerva.

#### Re-applicants

Re-applicants may choose to either re-use references submitted in previous applications or choose new referees and have them submit new references. If you wish to re-use references, simply fill in the names of the same referees in the on-line application and the references from your previous application will be carried forward.

#### 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 regardless 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.

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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** who is interested in coming to McGill as part of an exchange program, see the [Incoming Exchange & Visiting Students website](#).

The Faculty of Law also offers students the opportunity to participate in credited summer Human Rights Internships. These internships are coordinated through the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism (CHRLP) and count for course credit. Details about the Human Rights Internships can be found at [mcgill.ca/humanrights/clinical/internships](http://mcgill.ca/humanrights/clinical/internships). Please visit [mcgill.ca/cdo](http://mcgill.ca/cdo) for additional information on these opportunities and others.

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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 [mcgill.ca/law](http://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./J.D. 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 [mcgill.ca/law-studies/bcljd-studies/clinical-legal-education](http://mcgill.ca/law-studies/bcljd-studies/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 producti

#### **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 [mcgill.ca/law-studies/information/funding](http://mcgill.ca/law-studies/information/funding).

The University's Scholarships and Student Aid Office also offers scholarships and financial aid to undergraduate students currently enrolled in full-time degree programs at McGill. The Scholarships and Student Aid Office administers the University's In-course Financial Aid Program. Financial Aid Counsellors are available to assess student need, decide on suitable aid amounts (non-repayable and payable), and guide students towards other forms of support such as government aid and on-campus work programs. For more information, see McGill's [Scholarships and Student Aid](#) website.

#### **2.4.2.5 Student Wellness**

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#### **2.4.4.2 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.

#### 2.4.4.11 *Quid Novi*

*Quid Novi* is the weekly newspaper of the McGill Faculty of Law, and is published and financially supported by the Law Students' Association. It covers events and legal issues, both inside and outside the Faculty. Content ranges from wit and satire to investigative journalism, from poetry to front-page news stories, and from political commentary to humorous contests.

#### 2.4.4.12 *Skit Nite*

Skit Nite is an annual theatrical event produced and performed by law students. Comprising humorous vignettes of law school life and musical performances, the show has become the highlight of the Faculty social calendar. The primary purpose of the evening, however, is to raise money for worthy local causes. Skit Nite donates every year to several Montreal charities.

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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 [mcgill.ca/studentawards/undergraduate-scholarships-and-awards](http://mcgill.ca/studentawards/undergraduate-scholarships-and-awards).

- Information and regulations governing **entrance scholarships** may be viewed at [mcgill.ca/studentaid/scholarships-aid/future-undergrads/entrance-scholarships](http://mcgill.ca/studentaid/scholarships-aid/future-undergrads/entrance-scholarships).
- Information and regulations pertaining to **in-course awards** are available at [mcgill.ca/studentaid/scholarships-aid/current-undergrads](http://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 [mcgill.ca/law-studies/financial-support/prizes](http://mcgill.ca/law-studies/financial-support/prizes).
- For information on **bursaries and loans**, students should consult [mcgill.ca/studentaid/scholarships-aid](http://mcgill.ca/studentaid/scholarships-aid).
- Details on the **Work Study program** are available at [mcgill.ca/studentaid/work-study](http://mcgill.ca/studentaid/work-study).

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## 2.6 Undergraduate Program Requirements

### The McGill B.C.L./J.D Program

*section 2.6.1: Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) and Juris Doctor (J.D.) Law (105 credits)*

*section 2.6.2: Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) and Juris Doctor (J.D.) Honours Law (120 credits)*

*section 2.6.3: Bachelor of Law (B.C.L.) / Juris Doctor (J.D.) with Major Concentration Law with Major Concentration Commercial Negotiation and Dispute Resolution (123 credits)*

*section 2.6.4: Bachelor of Law (B.C.L.) / Juris Doctor (J.D.) 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 Juris Doctor (J.D.) with Minor Law (with Minor) (123 credits)*

*section 2.6.7: Bachelor of Law (B.C.L.)/Juris Doctor (J.D.) & Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) (Joint B.C.L./J.D & M.S.W.) Law & Social Work (Non-Thesis) (132 credits)*

### 2.6.1 Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) and Juris Doctor (J.D.) Law (105 credits)

At the Faculty of Law, students pursue an integrated program of studies which qualifies them for the Bar Admission Programs in all Canadian provinces. The Faculty grants concurrently both its degrees - Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) and Juris Doctor (J.D.) - to candidates who have successfully completed 105 credits.

Students should consult the Faculty website for updates: <http://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/>.

#### Required Courses (47 credits)

##### First Year

The following 33 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 103	(3)	Indigenous Legal Traditions
LAWG 110D1	(1.5)	Integration Workshop Integration W

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
LAWG 509	(3)	Indigenous Law Revitalization
LAWG 562	(3)	Regulating Artificial Intelligence
LAWG 580	(3)	Women and Constitutions
LAWG 582	(3)	Disability Law and Policy
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
LAWG 561	(3)	Privacy Law
LAWG 581	(3)	Law and Healthcare
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

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### Elective Courses

46 credits.

Students must take 46 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:

- 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.

## 2.6.2 Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) and Juris Doctor (J.D.) Honours Law (120 credits)

The B.C.L. and J.D. 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 J.D. program. Conditional upon submission and approval of an Honours Thesis, students will be granted a B.C.L. and J.D. 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

### Required Courses (47 credits)

#### First Year

The following 33 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 103	(3)	Indigenous Legal Traditions
LAWG 110D1	(1.5)	Integration Workshop
LAWG 110D2	(1.5)	Integration Workshop
PUB2 101D1	(3)	Constitutional Law
PUB2 101D2	(3)	Constitutional Law
PUB3 116	(3)	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 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)	Indigenous Peoples and the State
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

46 credits

Students must take 46 other elective courses offered within the Faculty or approved as credit equivalences in order to complete the 120-credit degree requirement.

### Minimum Writing Requirement

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

- writing and 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;
- 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.

### 2.6.3 Bachelor of Law (B.C.L.) / Juris Doctor (J.D.) with Major Concentration Law with Major Concentration Commercial Negotiation and Dispute Resolution (123 credits)

The B.C.L. and J.D., 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.

The Major concentration is a 36-credit program. Students are permitted to include within their 105 credits for the B.C.L. and J.D. 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 1A
WRIT 492	(3)	Term Essay 2
WRIT 493	(3)	Term Essay 3
WRIT 494	(3)	Term Essay 1B
WRIT 495	(3)	Term Essay 1C

The essay must be written on a subject related to Commercial Negotiation and Dispute Resolution. 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 non-law courses.

**Law Courses**

15-21 credits of law courses selected from:

BUS1 532	(3)	Bankruptcy and Insolvency
BUS2 503	(3)	Business Organizations
BUS2 504	(3)	Securities Regulation
BUS2 505	(3)	Corporate Finance
CMPL 515	(3)	International Carriage of Goods by Sea
CMPL 521	(3)	Trade Regulation
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

LEEL 369	(3)	Labour Law
PROC 549	(3)	Lease, Enterprise, Suretyship
PRV4 500	(3)	Restitution
PRV5 483	(3)	Consumer Law
PUB2 517	(3)	Corporate Taxation

### **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 J.D. 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 J.D. Students who take 12 non-law credits as part of their Major concentration may not count additional non-law credits toward their B.C.L. and J.D.

Other non-law courses related to Commercial Negotiation and Dispute Resolution not included in these lists may be taken with the approval of the Program Adviser.

### **Non-Law Courses - Economics**

ECON 223	(3)	Political Economy of Trade Policy
ECON 305	(3)	Industrial Organization
ECON 310	(3)	Introduction to Behavioural Economics
ECON 546	(3)	Game Theory

### **Non-Law Courses - Management**

BUSA 395	(3)	Managing in Europe
BUSA 481	(3)	Managing in North America
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

## 2.6.4 Bachelor of Law (B.C.L.) / Juris Doctor (J.D.) with Major Concentration Law with Major International Human Rights and Development (123 credits)

The B.C.L. and J.D. 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 J.D. 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 1A
WRIT 492	(3)	Term Essay 2
WRIT 493	(3)	Term Essay 3
WRIT 494	(3)	Term Essay 1B
WRIT 495	(3)	Term Essay 1C

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

LAWG 515	(3)	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 J.D. 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 J.D.. 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 J.D.

Other non-law courses related to International Human Rights and Development not included in these lists may be tak

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 (0)  
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

#### **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 Juris Doctor (J.D.) with Minor Law (with Minor) (123 credits)**

#### **Required Courses (47 credits)**

##### **First Year**

The following 33 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 103 (3) Indigenous Legal Traditions  
LAWG 110D1 (1.5) Integration Workshop  
LAWG 110D2 (1.5) Integration Workshop  
PUB2 101D1 (3) Constitutional Law  
PUB2 101D2 (3) Constitutional Law  
PUB3 116 (3) 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
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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

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

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LAWG 210	(3)	Legal Ethics and Professionalism
LAWG 220D1	(3)	Property
LAWG 220D2	(3)	Property
PRAC 200	(1)	Advocacy
PROC 124	(4)	Judicial Institutions and Civil Procedure

**Complementary Courses – Law (12 credits)**

Civil Law Immersion Courses (3 credits)

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)

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

Social Diversity, Human Rights and Indigenous Law Courses (3 credits)

CMPL 500	(3)	Indigenous Peoples and the State
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
LAWG 508D1	(3)	Indigenous Constitutionalism
LAWG 508D2	(3)	Indigenous Constitutionalism
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)

BUS1 532	(3)	Bankruptcy and Insolvency
BUS2 504	(3)	Securities Regulation
	(3)	International Taxation

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.

**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	(1.5)	Integration Workshop
LAWG 110D2	(1.5)	Integration Workshop
PUB2 101D1	(3)	Constitutional Law
PUB2 101D2	(3)	Constitutional Law
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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:

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.

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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**

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**2. Advanced Private Law*****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)



