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1 The Faculty

1.1 Location

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1.3 History

The Faculty and the Colleges

During the nineteenth century several Theological Colleges in Montreal became affiliated with McGill. In 1912 they formed a Joint Board for the academic study of Theology, leaving each denominational College to provide its own professional training for Christian ministry. These relationships between the Colleges and the University led naturally to the creation in 1948 of a Faculty of Divinity which assumed the academic functions of the Joint Board. This University Faculty now offers the Bachelor of Theology degree and graduate degree programs.

Today, the Colleges affiliated with the Faculty are: Montreal Diocesan Theological College of the Anglican Church of Canada; Presbyterian College of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; United Theological College of the United Church of Canada. They are all located close to the University Campus. In 1973 the Colleges pooled their resources in a year of professional studies (the In-Ministry year) to provide joint professional training for ministry. The Colleges now also confer a Master of Divinity

4.6 Course Selection

Candidates for the ministry from the three Theological Colleges associated with the Faculty must select their courses in consultation with their denominational advisers and with the Chair of the B.Th. Committee.

Those seeking the degree who are not sponsored by one of the three denominational colleges associated with the Faculty will clear their course selections with the Chair of the B.Th. Committee.

In all cases this consultation should take place before registration.

4.7 Academic Standing and Course Loads

Satisfactory Standing

Students enter the University in satisfactory standing and remain in this standing unless their GPA/CGPA for any year drops below 2.00. The normal course load in any academic session is five courses per term (15 credits per term). A student with a high GPA (at least 3.00) may take more than the normal five courses per term.

Probationary Standing

A student is placed in probationary standing if the GPA/CGPA falls between 1.50 and 1.99. Probationary students **may take a maximum of 12 credits per term**, and must raise their GPA to 2.50 and CGPA to 2.00 within one academic session. Those who fail to do so will be placed in unsatisfactory standing.

A student in probationary standing may return to satisfactory standing at the end of the next academic session by obtaining either a GPA of at least 2.50 or both a GPA and a CGPA of 2.00 or greater unless the student was admitted on probationary standing. A student re-admitted on probationary standing must obtain a GPA of 2.50.

Students in probationary standing who obtain a GPA between 1.50 and 1.99 remain in probationary standing if they also have a CGPA of 2.00 or greater.

A student in probationary standing who fails to achieve the levels of performance specified above will be placed in unsatisfactory standing.

Unsatisfactory Standing

A GPA of less than 1.50 places a student in unsatisfactory standing.

A student in unsatisfactory standing will have to withdraw, or seek readmission as a probationary student with special permission from the B.Th. Committee and the Dean. A student who is readmitted on probationary standing may have additional restrictions or conditions to meet over and above those required of students referred to above under "Probationary Standing".

A student in unsatisfactory standing for the second time must withdraw permanently.

Incomplete Standing

A student whose record in any year shows a mark of K, K*, L, L*, or && will have no GPA or CGPA calculated for that year, and the record will show "Standing Incomplete". After completing the appropriate course requirements the GPA and CGPA will be calculated and the student's standing determined as described above.

Students whose standing is still "incomplete" at the time of registration for the next academic year must obtain a Letter of Permission to Register from the Chair of the B.Th. Committee.

4.8 Academic Achievement

Several designations are used to acknowledge the superior academic achievement of in-course and graduating students. These designations are awarded at the discretion of Faculty:

Distinction: to designate graduating students, not in Honours, who have completed a minimum of 60 credits at McGill and achieved a CGPA of 3.30 - 3.49.

Great Distinction: to designate graduating students, not in Honours, who have completed a minimum of 60 credits at McGill and achieved a CGPA of 3.50 or better.

Honours: to designate graduating students who have completed a minimum of 60 credits at McGill and have fulfilled the honours course requirements with a CGPA of 3.20, or 3.50 for First Class Honours.

Dean's Honour List: to designate *graduating* students with a CGPA of 3.50 or better. This designation applies in addition to those described in b) and c) above; except that it may not normally be awarded to more than 10% of the graduating class.

Dean's Honour List: to designate *in-course* students who have completed a minimum of 27 credits during regular session (14 credits for those registered for one term) and have attained a GPA placing them in the top 5-10% of their class.

EVALUATION

Competence in a course may be determined by examinations and/or essays, or by other means chosen by the instructor and approved by the Dean.

4.9 B.Th. Program

Unless otherwise authorized by the B.Th. Committee, the structure of the B.Th. program is as given below.

Students entering the B.Th. as a first degree program take 90 credits, beginning with the following courses:

Year 1 - Required Courses (12 credits)

RELG 252	(3)	Hinduism and Buddhism
RELG 253	(3)	Religions of East Asia
RELG 320	(3)	History of Christian Thought 1
RELG 327	(3)	History of Christian Thought 2

Students entering the B.Th. as a second degree program take 60 credits, beginning with Year 2 courses:

Year 2 - Required Courses (24 credits)

RELG 302	(3)	Old Testament Studies 1
RELG 303	(3)	Literature of Ancient Israel 2
RELG 311	(3)	New Testament Studies 1
RELG 312	(3)	New Testament Studies 2
RELG 322	(3)	The Church in History 1
RELG 323	(3)	The Church in History 2
RELG 333	(3)	Principles of Christian Theology 1
RELG 341	(3)	Introduction: Philosophy of Religion

Year 3 - Required Courses (12 credits)

RELG 420*	(3)	Canadian Church History
RELG 434	(3)	Principles of Christian Theology 2
RELG 470	(3)	Theological Ethics
RELG 479	(3)	Christianity in Global Perspective

* Exception permitted if recommended by College adviser.

Year 3 - Complementary Courses (12 credits)

One 3-credit course in a religious tradition other than Christianity, such as*:

RELG 252	(3)	Hinduism and Buddhism
RELG 253	(3)	Religions of East Asia
RELG 306	(3)	Rabbinic Judaism
RELG 352	(3)	Japanese Religions
RELG 354	(3)	Chinese Religions

9 credits, 3 in each of the following areas:

Old Testament

RELG 407	(3)	The Writings
RELG 408	(3)	The Prophets

New Testament

RELG 411	(3)	New Testament Exegesis
RELG 482	(3)	Exegesis of Greek New Testament

With permission of the B.Th. Committee and the instructors concerned, students may substitute courses for any of the courses specified above if they have already taken them or similar courses for credit elsewhere.

Students proceeding towards the M.Div. degree are required, in addition, to participate in pre-term ministry seminars.

Additional Complementary courses

Permission is needed from the B.Th. Committee for courses selected from the curriculum of other departments of the University.

By permission of the Dean and the Chair of the B.Th. Committee, students may also enrol for courses at any university in the province of Quebec. See Inter-University Transfer Agreement in the General University Information section for details.