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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 Important Dates 2012–2013

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

4 Graduate Studies at a Glance

4.1 Graduate and Postdoctoral Degrees Offered by Faculty

McGill University offers graduate and postdoctoral programs in the following units (organized by their administering home faculty):

Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences	Degrees Available
: <i>Agricultural Economics</i>	M.Sc.
: <i>Animal Science</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Bioresource Engineering</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate
: <i>Biotechnology</i>	M.Sc.A., Graduate Certificate
: <i>Dietetics and Human Nutrition</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D., Graduate Diploma
: <i>Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Natural Resource Sciences</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Parasitology</i>	M.Sc., Ph.D.
: <i>Plant Science</i>	M.Sc., M.Sc.A., Ph.D., Graduate Certificate
Faculty of Arts	Degrees Available
: <i>Anthropology</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Art History</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
Classics – see : <i>History and Classical Studies</i>	N/A
: <i>Communication Studies</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>East Asian Studies</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Economics</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>English</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>French Language and Literature</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Geography</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>History and Classical Studies</i>	M.A., Ph.D.
: <i>Institute for the Study of International Development</i>	N/A
: <i>Islamic Studies</i>	M.A., Ph.D.

Faculty of Arts**Degrees Available***: Jewish Studies*

M.A.

: Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

M.A., Ph.D.

: Linguistics

M.A., Ph.D.

: Mathematics and Statistics

M.A., Ph.D.

: Philosophy

M.A., Ph.D.

: Political Science

M.A., Ph.D.

Degree**Prerequisites**

Master of Business Administration M.B.A.

Post-professional degree – an M.Arch. (professional degree) or equivalent professional degree.

An undergraduate degree from an approved university. See : [M.B.A. Program](#).
M.B.A.
See : [M.B.A. Program](#).

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Post-professional	Non-Thesis	Architectural History and Theory, Cultural Mediations and Technology, Urban Design and Housing

Master of Arts (M.A.)

Programs leading to the degree of Master of Arts are of

Program Areas	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Food Safety (Non-Thesis)
Genetic Counselling	Non-Thesis	N/A
Geography	Thesis	Environment, Neotropical Environment
Human Genetics	Thesis	Bioethics, Bioinformatics
Human Nutrition	Thesis	N/A
Kinesiology and Physical Education	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Mathematics and Statistics	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Bioinformatics, Computational Science and Engineering
Mechanical Engineering	Thesis	N/A
Medical Radiation Physics	Thesis	N/A
Microbiology	Thesis	Environment
Microbiology and Immunology	Thesis	N/A
Mining and Materials Engineering	Thesis	N/A
Neuroscience	Thesis	N/A Neuroscience

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Occupational Therapy	Non-Thesis	N/A
Physical Therapy	Non-Thesis	N/A
Plant Science	Non-Thesis	N/A

Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)

The M.S.W. degree represents a second level of professional study in which students build competence in a chosen field of practice.

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Social Work	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Joint Master of Social Work with B.C.L. and LL.B.	Non-Thesis	N/A

Master of Urban Planning

The program requires a minimum of two years residence and a three-month internship with a member of a recognized planning association.

Program	Thesis/Non-Thesis	Options
Urban Planning	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Transportation Planning, Urban Design (Non-Thesis)

4.4 Doctoral Degrees

The following section lists the doctoral degrees available at McGill, along with their prerequisites. See [section 4.4.1: Doctoral Degree Programs and Specializations](#) for specific programs and options for doctoral degrees.

Degree		Prerequisites
Doctor of Civil Law	D.C.L.	B.C.L. or LL.B. and usually LL.M. See Law.
Doctor of Music	D.Mus.	M.A. in Composition (D.Mus. in Composition) or a master's degree in Performance, and professional and teaching experience (D.Mus. in Performance). See Music.
Doctor of Philosophy	Ph.D.	An undergraduate degree relevant to the subject chosen for graduate work. Some departments require all Ph.D. candidates to hold a master's degree in the same subject. Departments may recommend that candidates of undoubted promise should be allowed to proceed directly to the Ph.D. degree without being required to submit a master's thesis.

4.4.1 Doctoral Degree Programs and Specializations**Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.)**

Doctoral programs are offered in Air and Space Law and Law (Comparative Law). Both are predominantly research degrees awarded on the basis of a thesis that represents an original contribution to the development of legal science.

Program	Options	Offered by Faculty/School
Law	Air and Space Law, Comparative Law	Faculty of Law

Doctor of Music (D.Mus.)

The Doctor of Music degree is offered in Composition. The Doctoral thesis consists of a musical composition of major dimensions together with a written analysis of the work. The composition is presented by the candidate in concert. The regulations set forth for the Ph.D. generally apply also to the D.Mus.

The Doctor of Music degree is also offered in Performance. It is offered to professional musicians who wish to teach at the university level and to develop a specialization in a particular repertoire, approach, or discipline (musicology, music theory, music education and pedagogy, or music technology).

Program	Options	Offered by Faculty/School
Music	Composition, Performance Studies	Schulich School of Music

Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

Programs leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy are offered in the following areas:

Program	Options	Offered by Faculty/School
Animal Science	Bioinformatics	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Anthropology	Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Arts
Architecture	N/A	Faculty of Engineering
Art History	Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts
Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences	N/A	Faculty of Science
Biochemistry	Bioinformatics, Chemical Biology	Faculty of Medicine
Biology	Bioinformatics, Developmental Biology, Environment, Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Science
Biomedical Engineering	Bioinformatics	Faculty of Medicine
Bioresource Engineering	Environment, Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Biostatistics	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Cell Biology	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Chemical Engineering	N/A	Faculty of Engineering
Chemistry	Chemical Biology	Faculty of Science
Civil Engineering	N/A	Faculty of Engineering
Classics	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Language Acquisition	Faculty of Medicine
Communication Studies	Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts
Computer Science	Bioinformatics	Faculty of Science
Counselling Psychology	N/A	Faculty of Education
Earth and Planetary Sciences	Environment	Faculty of Science
Economics	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Educational Psychology	N/A	Faculty of Education
Educational Studies	Gender and Women's Studies, Language Acquisition	Faculty of Education
Electrical Engineering	N/A	Faculty of Engineering
English	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Entomology	Environment, Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Epidemiology	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Experimental Medicine	Environment	Faculty of Medicine
Experimental Surgery (Surgical Research)	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry	N/A	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
French Language and Literature	Gender and Women's Studies	Faculty of Arts
Geography	Environment, Gender and Women's Studies, Neotropical Environment	Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science
German	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Hispanic Studies	N/A	Faculty of Arts
History	N/A	Faculty of Arts
Human Genetics	Bioinformatics	Faculty of Medicine
Human Nutrition	N/A	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Information Studies	N/A	Faculty of Education

Program	Options	Offered by Faculty/School
Psychiatry	N/A	Faculty of Medicine
Urban Planning	N/A	Faculty of Engineering

4.5 Postdoctoral Research

See [section 8: Postdoctoral Research](#) for information about postdoctoral research at McGill University.

4.6 Graduate Diplomas and Graduate Certificates

The graduate diplomas and graduate certificates listed below are programs of study under the academic supervision of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. The prerequisite for a diploma or certificate is an undergraduate degree in the same discipline.

Graduate Diplomas are offered in:

Clinical Research	Professional Performance
Epidemiology	Public Accountancy (Chartered Accountancy)
Library and Information Studies	Registered Dietician Credentialing (R.D.)
Mining Engineering	School/Applied Child Psychology (Post-Ph.D.)
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner	Surgical Health Care Research
Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	

These diploma programs consist of at least two terms of full-time study or the equivalent.

Graduate Certificates are offered in:

Assessing Driving Capabilities	Educational Leadership 1
Air and Space Law	Educational Leadership 2
Bioinformatics	Library and Information Studies
Bioresource Engineering (Integrated Water Resources Management)	Post-M.B.A.
Biotechnology	Teaching English as a Second Language
Chronic Pain Management	Theory in Primary Care
Comparative Law	Theory in Neonatology

All graduate regulations apply to graduate diploma and graduate certificate candidates.



Note: The School of Continuing Studies offers graduate diplomas and graduate certificates that are not under the academic supervision of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. To see a list of the programs offered refer to the School of Continuing Studies *Programs, Courses and University Regulations* publication available at www.mcgill.ca/study.

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.



Note: The master's degree must have been awarded before initial registration in the doctoral program; otherwise, the admission level will be at Ph.D. 1 and residency will be extended to three years. Once the level of admission is approved, it will not be changed after obtaining the master's degree if the date falls after registration in the program. If a previous awarded degree is a condition of admission, it must be fulfilled before registration in another program.

As a rule, no more than one-third of the McGill program formal coursework can be credited with courses from another university.

Comprehensive Examinations – Doctoral

A comprehensive examination or its equivalent is usually held near the end of Ph.D. 2. The results of this examination determine whether or not students will be permitted to continue in their programs. The methods adopted for examination and evaluation and the areas to be examined are specified by departmental regulations approved by the Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. It is the responsibility of students to inform themselves of these details at the commencement of their programs. For more information, see *Programs, Courses and Univer*

English and French language courses offered by the French Language Centre (Faculty of Arts) or the School of Continuing Studies may not be taken for coursework credits toward a graduate program.

All substitutions for coursework in graduate programs, diplomas, and certificates must be approved by GPS.

Courses taken at other institutions to be part of the requirements of a program of studies must be approved by GPS before registration. Double counting is not permitted.

6 Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures

Website: www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants

Email: servicepoint@mcgill.ca

Deadline: Admission to graduate studies operates on a rolling basis; complete applications and their supporting documentation must reach departmental offices on or before the Date for Guaranteed Consideration specified by the department. To be considered for entrance fellowships, where available, applicants must verify the deadlines with individual departments. Meeting minimum admission standards does not guarantee admission.

6.1 Application for Admission

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Application information and the online application form are available at www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply. Applicants (with some exceptions) are required to provide the names and email addresses of two instructors familiar with their work and who are willing to provide letters of reference in support of the applicant. McGill will request the reference letters on behalf of the applicant. All applicants must themselves upload an unofficial copy of their complete academic record from each university-level institution attended to date. If admitted, each student will be required to send, or ask the appropriate university authorities to send, an official or certified copy of their complete, final academic record from each university-level institution attended to date. McGill graduates do not need to submit McGill transcripts. See www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply/submitting-your-documents/sending-official-doc for instructions on mailing official documents to McGill. Please note that all documents submitted to McGill University in support of an application to be admitted, including, but not limited to, transcripts, diplomas, letters of reference, and test scores, become the property of McGill University and will not be returned to the applicant or issuing institution under any circumstance.

A **non-refundable** fee of \$100 in Canadian funds **must** accompany each application; otherwise, **it cannot be submitted**. This sum must be paid by credit card when submitting the online application form and is non-refundable. Candidates for Special, Visiting, and Qualifying status must apply and pay the application fee every year (i.e., every Fall term).

It is recommended that applicants submit a list of the titles of courses taken in the major subject, since transcripts often give code numbers only. **Transcripts written in a language other than English or French must be accompanied by a translation prepared by a licensed translator.** An explanation of the grading system used by the applicant's university is essential. The applicant should also indicate the major subject area in which further study is desired.

Completed applications, with uploaded supporting documents, must be submitted according to individual department Dates for Guaranteed Consideration. Applicants should contact the department concerned, or see: www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/programs. International students are advised to apply well in advance of the Date for Guaranteed Consideration as immigration procedures may be lengthy. Applications received after the prescribed Dates for Guaranteed Consideration may or may not be considered, at the discretion of the department. Candidates will be notified of acceptance or refusal by Enrolment Services.

Admission to graduate programs at McGill is highly competitive and the final decision rests with the Graduate Admissions Committee. Admission decisions are not subject to appeal or reconsideration.

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6.2 Admission Requirements (minimum requirements to be considered for admission)

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Note: The following admission requirements are the minimum standard for applicants to McGill's Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies programs. Some graduate units may require additional qualifications or a higher minimum CGPA; prospective students are strongly urged to consult the unit concerned regarding specific requirements set for their program of interest.

Applicants should be graduates of a university of recognized reputation and hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent, as determined by McGill, in a subject closely related to the one selected for graduate work.

The applicant must present evidence of academic achievement: a minimum standing equivalent to a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 out of a possible 4.0 or a CGPA of 3.2/4.0 for the last two full-time academic years. High grades are ev

See www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply/prepare/requirements/international-degree-equivalency for information on grade equivalencies and degree requirements from countries in Europe and around the world. These equivalencies and requirements are provided for information only and are subject to change without notice.

Admission to graduate programs at McGill is highly competitive and the final decision rests with the Graduate Admissions Committee. Admission decisions are not subject to appeal or reconsideration.

Revision, October 2012. End of revision.

6.3 Application Procedures (for All Admissions Starting Summer 2013)

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Application Checklist

All supplemental application materials and supporting documents must be uploaded directly to the McGill admissions processing system. See www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply/submitting-your-documents for information and instructions.

1. **Online Application for Admission form:** www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply/ready.
2. **Application fee:** \$100 for each form you submit (you may indicate two programs on each form), payable by credit card when you submit the form. Some programs may charge additional fees. If applicable these will be automatically charged when you submit the application form.
3. **Transcripts:** your complete record of study from each university-level institution you have attended to date. Uploaded copies will be considered as unofficial; final, official copies will be required once you are offered admission.
4. **Reference letters:** on the application form you must provide the names and email addresses of at least two professors who are familiar with your academic work. McGill will contact these referees and invite them to upload references on your behalf. N.B. some departments require more than two referees; please consult *Admission Requirements and Application Procedures* for each department at www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/programs.
5. **TOEFL/IELTS, GRE, GMAT results:** when registering for the test please ensure that you request that results be sent directly to McGill University. McGill will then receive the results electronically, directly from the testing agency.

For detailed information regarding additional documents that may be required by certain departments, please consult *Admission Requirements and Application Procedures* for each department at www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/programs.

6.3.1 Document Checklist Terms

The following terms appear on the Document Checklist and are items or documents that you may be required to upload as part of your application for admission. Please ensure that your use of certain terms conforms to the following definitions:

Audition: a trial performance where a performer demonstrates their suitability or skill.

Curriculum Vitae: an overview of the applicant's experience and other qualifications, including employment, academic credentials, publications, contributions, and significant achievements.

GMAT: Graduate Management Aptitude Test (see [section 6.4: Admission Tests](#))

GRE: Graduate Records Examination (see [section 6.4: Admission Tests](#))

Interview: a conversation between the applicant and a McGill representative, using a structured, standardized approach to allow for comparison and analysis of responses from all applicants interviewed; in person, via telephone, *Skype*, etc.

Personal Statement: an essay in which the applicant describes their reasons for applying to graduate studies and indicating qualifications, qualities, or circumstances the applicant feels to be significant; usually provides information about educational and professional goals and discusses the applicant's interest in the desired field of study.

Portfolio: a collection of the applicant's best w

6.4 Admission Tests

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Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) (Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ 08540) consists of a relatively advanced test in the candidates' specialty, and a general test of their attainments in several basic fields of knowledge for which no special preparation is required or recommended. It is offered at many centres, including Montreal, several times a year; the entire examination takes about eight hours, and there is a registration fee. Refer to www.ets.org/gre for further information. Only some departments require applicants to wrmon, 1 0uREe

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6.11 Deferral of Admission

Under exceptional circumstances, an admission for a particular semester can be considered for a deferral. This can be considered only if the student has not registered. If the student has already registered, no deferral can be granted. The student must withdraw from the University and apply for admission to a later term.

7 Fellowships, Awards, and Assistantships

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
(Fellowships and Awards Section)
James Administration Building, Room 400
845 Sherbrooke Street West
Montreal, QC H3A 0G4
Telephone: 514-398-3990
Fax: 514-398-2626
Website: www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/funding/students-postdocs

The Fellowships and Awards section of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies provides processing services for many sources of support for Canadian and non-Canadian students, both new to McGill and continuing. Further information on these and other sources of funding can be found in various publications on the Fellowships and Awards web pages. The [Graduate Fellowships and Awards Calendar](#) lists all internal awards as well as numerous external awards.

Entrance Fellowships are awarded on the basis of the application for admission, upon nomination by academic departments. Most internal fellowships are awarded in this manner—please contact the proposed academic department directly for further information.

Research assistantships, teaching assistantships, and stipends from professors' research grants are handled by individual academic departments at McGill. Fellowships, assistantships, and stipends are used to make funding packages for graduate students. All assistantship and stipend inquiries should be directed to departments.

A small number of citizens from countries whose governments have entered into agreements on tuition fees with Quebec may be exempted from the supplemental tuition fees normally required of international students. All French citizens and a limited number of citizens of countries in the list, which can be found at www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/sections/publications/index.asp?page=fiche&id=1039, are eligible for such exemptions. For more information and the necessary application materials, see www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/international/index_en.asp?page=progExemp. The list of organizations where students should apply can be accessed from this website.

Differential Fee Waivers (DFWs) for international students provide eligible non-Canadian graduate students with waivers of the international tuition fee supplement. There are no application forms for differential fee waivers, since these are awarded on the basis of departmental nominations made to the Fellowships and Awards section. Eligible students should contact their McGill department.

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.

1. Definition and Status

i. Postdoctoral status will be recognized by the University in accordance with Quebec provincial regulations. Persons may only be registered with postdoctoral status for a period of up to five years from the date they were awarded a Ph.D. or equivalent degree. Time allocated to parental or health leave is added to this period of time. Leaves for other reasons, including vacation leave, do not extend the term. Postdocs must do research under the supervision of a McGill professor, including Adjunct Professors, who is a member of McGill's academic staff qualified in the discipline in which training is being provided and with the abilities to fulfil responsibilities as a supervisor of the research and as a mentor for career development. They are expected to be engaged primarily in research with minimal teaching or other responsibilities.

2. Registration

i. Postdocs must be registered annually with the University through Enrolment Services. Initial registration will require an original or notarized copy of the Ph.D. diploma. Registration will be limited to persons who fulfil the definition above and for whom there is an assurance of appropriate funding and where the unit can provide assurance of the necessary resources to permit postdoctoral education.

ii. Upon registration, the Postdoc will be eligible for a University identity card issued by Enrolment Services.

3. Appointment, Pay, Agreement of Conditions

i. Appointments may not exceed your registration eligibility status.

ii. In order to be registered as a Postdoc, you must be assured of financial support other than from personal means during your stay at McGill University, equivalent to the minimal stipend requirement set by the University in accordance with guidelines issued by federal and provincial research granting agencies. There are no provisions for paid parental leave unless this is stipulated in the regulations of a funding agency outside the University.

iii. At the outset of a postdoctoral appointment, a written Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education should be drawn up and signed by the Postdoc, the supervisor, and the department head or delegate (see template Letter of Agreement and supporting document—*Commitments of Postdoctoral Scholars and Supervisors*—on the web at www.mcgill.ca/gps/postdocs/fellows/letter). This should stipulate, for example, the purpose of the postdoctoral appointment (research training and the advancement of knowledge), the duration of the fellowship/financial support, the modality of pay, the work space, travel funds, and expectations and compensation for teaching and student research supervision. Leaves from postdoctoral education must comply with the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Policies for Vacation, Parental/Familial, and Health Leave (see [section 8.3: Vacation Policy for Graduate Students and Postdocs and Programs, Courses and University Regulations > University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Health and Parental/Familial Leave of Absence Policy](#)). Any breach of these conditions may result in grievance procedures or the termination of the postdoctoral appointment.

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.

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 privileges in McGill libraries through their identity card.

iii. As a rule, Postdocs who are Canadian citizens or who have Permanent Resident status may take courses for credit. Admission to such courses should be sought by submitting application documents directly to the appropriate program by the Postdoc. They must be admitted by the department offering the courses as Special Students. These Postdocs may only be enrolled as part-time students in non-degree granting programs. They will be charged fees for these courses.

iv. Postdocs may be listed in the McGill directory. The Computing Centre will grant Postdocs email privileges on the same basis as graduate students upon presentation of a valid identity card.

v. The Department of Athletics will grant Postdocs access to sports facilities upon presentation of their identity card. A fee will be charged on an annual or term basis.

vi. Postdocs are mandatory members of the Post-Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) and an annual association fee is automatically charged. PGSS fees are mandatory. Postdocs are permitted membership in the Faculty Club; an annual fee will be charged for this membership.

vii. Postdocs are encouraged to participate in Professional Development Workshops provided by Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and Teaching and Learning services. These sessions are usually free of charge.

viii. Postdocs have access to the services provided by the Ombudsperson.

ix. Postdocs may enrol as part-time students in the second language written and spoken English/French courses offered by the School of Continuing Studies/French Language Centre. Postdocs will be charged tuition for these courses. International Postdocs may be required to obtain a CAQ and a Study Permit.

x. Access to student services and athletic services are available to the Postdoc on an opt-in basis. Fees are applicable.

5. Responsibilities

i. Postdocs are subject to the responsibilities outlined in the *Handbook on Student Rights and Responsibilities* (“Green Book”), available at www.mcgill.ca/secretariat/policies/students.

ii. Each academic unit hosting Postdocs should clearly identify Postdocs’ needs and the means by which they will be met by the unit.

iii. Each academic unit should assess the availability of research supervision facilities, office space, and research funding before recruiting Postdocs.

iv. Some examples of responsibilities of the department are:

- to verify the Postdoc’s eligibility period for registration;
- to provide Postdocs with departmental policy and procedures that pertain to them;
- to oversee the registration and appointment of Postdocs;
- to assign departmental personnel (e.g., Postdoc coordinator and Graduate Program Director) the responsibility for Postdocs;
- to oversee and sign off on the Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education;
- to ensure that each Postdoc has a supervisor, lab and/or office space, access to research operating costs and necessary equipment;
- to include Postdocs in departmental career and placement opportunities;
- to refer Postdocs to the appropriate University policies and personnel for the resolution of conflict that may arise between a Postdoc and a supervisor.

v. Some examples of responsibilities of the supervisor are:

- to uphold and transmit to their Postdocs the highest professional standards of research and/or scholarship;
- to provide research guidance;
- to meet regularly with their Postdocs;
- to provide feedback on research submitted by the Postdocs;
- to clarify expectations regarding intellectual property rights in accordance with the University’s policy;
- to provide mentorship for career development;
- to prepare, sign, and adhere to a Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education.

vi. Some examples of responsibilities of Postdocs are:

- to inform themselves of and adhere to the University’s policies and/or regulations for Postdocs for leaves, for research, and for student conduct as outlined in the *Handbook on Student Rights and Responsibilities* and the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies *University Regulations and Resources*;
- to submit a complete file for registration to Enrolment Services;
- to sign and adhere to their Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education;
- to communicate regularly with their supervisor;
- to inform their supervisor of their absences.

vii. Some examples of the responsibilities of the University are:

- to register Postdocs;
- to provide an appeal mechanism in cases of conflict;
- to provide documented policies and procedures to Postdocs;
- to pro

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

The Environmental Studies Option 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 of the role of science, politics, and ethics in informing decision-making in the environment sector.

section 11.1.11: 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.

section 11.1.12: 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. The program requires two terms of coursework as well as a 15,000-word research project.

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

The Environmental Studies Option 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 of the role of science in informing decision-making in the environment sector, and the influence that political, socio-economic, and ethical judgments have.

Institute of Air and Space Law

section 11.1.14: 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 100–150 pages). 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 11.1.15: 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 substantial Supervised Research Project (18 credits), with the remaining 27 credits earned in courses.

Institute of Comparative Law

section 11.1.16: 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.

section 11.1.17: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis); Comparative Law (45 credits)

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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 the Bioethics section of this publication, or contact the Chair, Master's Specialization in Bioethics, Biomedical Ethics Unit, 3647 Peel Street, Montreal, QC, H3A 1W9. Telephone: 514-398-6980; fax: 514-398-8349; email: kathleen.glass@mcgill.ca.

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.

Graduate Certificate in Air and Space Law

Candidates desiring a Graduate Certificate in Air and Space Law who do not hold a law degree may be admitted if they have earned an undergraduate university degree in another discipline and possess sufficient professional experience to compensate for the lack of a law degree (as determined by the Graduate Admissions Committee).

The Graduate Certificate is awarded after at least one term of residence in the Faculty and upon completion of a minimum of 15 academic credits of law courses. Those credits must include the three Air and Space law courses obligatory for master's students (**ASPL 633** Public International Air Law, **ASPL 636** Private International Air Law, and **ASPL 637** Space Law: General Principles), which are all offered in the Fall term. Students may take courses beyond the minimum of 15 credits, and these additional courses may be non-law courses. Graduate Certificate students often remain in residence for both terms and take all of the Air and Space Law courses.

Graduate Certificate in Comparative Law

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



Note: ALL international students, whether or not they plan on completing the program in one semester, must apply for a student visa. Non-Canadians 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 www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/ for assistance.

11.1.3.2 Application Procedures

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

See [section 6.3: Application Procedures \(for All Admissions Starting Summer 2013\)](#) for detailed application procedures.

11.1.3.2.1 Additional Requirements

The items and clarifications below are additional requirements set by this department:

- Research Proposal
- Referee's Report Forms from **academic referees**. For more information, consult www.mcgill.ca/law-admissions/graduates/admissions/deadlines/#LETTERS.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Two recent passport photographs

Dates for Guaranteed Consideration

Canadian	International	Special/Exchange/Visiting
Fall: Jan. 15	Fall: Jan. 15	Fall: N/A
Winter: N/A	Winter: N/A	Winter: N/A
Summer: N/A	Summer: N/A	Summer: N/A

The **Date for Guaranteed Consideration** to all graduate law programs (LL.M., D.C.L., Graduate Certificates) is **January 15th**. Although McGill continues

11.1.4 Course Selection (Graduate and Postdoctoral Law Programs)

It should be noted that not all courses are offered in each year. Students wishing to pursue research topics outside of these particular fields are welcome to do so, subject to the availability of appropriate thesis supervisors.

The graduate-level Law courses are grouped into four inter-related concentrations.

11.1.4.1 Legal Traditions and Legal Theory

This concentration combines two areas of strength: the coexistence of diverse legal traditions, particularly (but not exclusively) the civil and common law, and the awareness of the importance of theoretical approaches to law as a means of understanding both the internal dynamic of legal phenomena and their relationship to other social phenomena.

Courses offered within this concentration may include:

Aboriginal Peoples and the Law (CMPL 500)
 Advanced Criminal Law (PUB2 501)
 Advanced Jurisprudence (CMPL 505)
 Canadian Legal History (CMPL 547)
 Canon Law (CMPL 502)
 Civil Law Perspectives (CMPL 601)
 Common Law Perspectives (CMPL 602)
 Comparative Modern Legal History (CMPL 519)
 Feminist Legal Theory (CMPL 504)
 Human Rights and Cultural Diversity (CMPL 603)
 Interdisciplinary Seminar in European Studies (CMPL 659)
 Jurisprudence (CMPL 501)
 Legal Education Seminar (LAWG 525)
 Legal Theory (CMPL 506)
 Legal Traditions (CMPL 600)
 Linguistic and Literary Approaches to Law (CMPL 507)
 Research Seminars (CMPL 508 & CMPL 509)
 Restitution (PRV4 500)
 Roman Law (CMPL 510)
 Sentencing in Canadian Law (PUB2 504)
 Social Diversity and Law (CMPL 511)
 Talmudic Law (CMPL 513)
 Theoretical Approaches to Law (CMPL 641)

11.1.4.2 International Business Law

The ICL pioneered the first graduate concentration in international business law in Canada. This field has practical significance in international business relations and also provides opportunities to apply experience derived from multiple legal systems to the development of multi-jurisdictional, “international” commercial rules.

Courses offered within this concentration may include:

Airline Business and Law (ASPL 614)
 Comparative Air Law (ASPL 632)
 Comparative Legal Institutions (CMPL 517)
 Copyright and Trademark Theory (BUS2 500)
 Corporate Finance (BUS2 505)

Courses offered within this concentration may include:

European Community Law 1 (CMPL 536)
European Community Law 2 (CMPL 537)
Government Control of Business (CMPL 574)
Government Regulation of Space Activities (ASPL 639)
Intellectual and Industrial Property (BUS2 502)
International Business Law (CMPL 604)
International Carriage of Goods by Sea (CMPL 515)
International Development Law (CMPL 516)
International Environmental Law and Politics (CMPL 546)
International Maritime Conventions (CMPL 553)
International Securities Markets (CMPL 545)
International Taxation (CMPL 539)
Law and Practice of International Trade (CMPL 543)
Law of Space Applications (ASPL 638)
Patent Theory and Policy (BUS2 501)
Private International Air Law (ASPL 636)
Public International Air Law (ASPL 633)
Research Seminars (CMPL 508 & CMPL 509)
Resolution of International Disputes (CMPL 533)
Securities Regulation (BUS2 504)

11.1.4.3 Human Rights and Cultural Diversity

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)
Discrimination and the Law (CMPL 575)
Human Rights & Cultural Diversity (CMPL 603)
International Criminal Law (PUB2 502)
International Humanitarian Law (CMPL 565)
International Law of Human Rights (CMPL 571)
Law & Psychiatry (PUB2 500)
Research Seminars (CMPL 508 & CMPL 509)
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 and Industrial Property (BUS2 502)
 International Environmental Law (CMPL 546)
 Land Use Planning (PRV4 145)
 Law and Healthcare (CMPL 642)
 Law and Psychiatry (PUB2 500)
 Medical Liability (CMPL 522)
 Policies, Politics and Legislative Process (CMPL 518)
 Regulation, Technology / Society (CMPL 605)
 Research Seminars (CMPL 508 & CMPL 509)
 Trade Regulation (CMPL 521)

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

The Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) program allows for the development of substantive and original contributions to legal research and knowledge under the supervision of a faculty member. Doctoral candidates normally plan to pursue an academic career and develop their approach to pedagogy, research, and writing while at McGill.

D.C.L. 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/law-gradprograms/programs/dcl/>.

The degree will be awarded, at the earliest, after the completion of three years of residence in the Faculty. In the case of a candidate holding an LL.M. from McGill or an equivalent degree from another university, the residency requirement may be reduced to two years of study beyond the Master's degree, with the approval of the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Office, upon recommendation of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Law.

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. Its form must be suitable for publication. The thesis must be submitted within four years of completion of the residency requirement.

Comprehensive - Required

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

LAWG 701	(0)	Comprehensive Exam - Law
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Required Course

CMPL 641	(4)	Theoretical Approaches to Law
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Complementary Course

Students are encouraged to take:

CMPL 610	(4)	Legal Research Methodology
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11.1.6 Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.); Air and Space Law

The Institute of Air and Space Law offers a D.C.L. program in Air and Space Law, which allows for the development of substantive and original contributions to legal research and knowledge under the supervision of a faculty member. Doctoral candidates normally plan to pursue an academic career and develop their approach to pedagogy, research, and writing while at McGill.

The degree will be awarded, at the earliest, after the completion of three years of residence in the Faculty. In the case of a candidate holding an LL.M. from McGill or an equiv

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 Courses (30 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).

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 Courses (8 credits)

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

Complementary Courses (7 credits)

The remaining 7 credits (or fewer if more credits are earned for the Master's Thesis) are chosen from among Faculty offerings at the 500 and 600 level.

Additional Thesis 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 thesis courses by completing one or both of:

CMPL 618	(2)	Master's Thesis 7
CMPL 619	(1)	Master's Thesis 8

Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis);

Required Courses (10 credits)

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

Complementary Courses (11 credits)

One of the following:

BIOE 682	(3)	Medical Basis of Bioethics
CMPL 642	(3)	Law and Health Care
PHIL 543	(3)	Seminar: Medical Ethics
RELG 571	(3)	Religion and Medicine

8-9 credits at the 500 level or above of Faculty of Law courses or Bioethics courses.

11.1.10 Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); Environment (45 credits)

The Faculty of Law together with the School of Environment and other units at McGill offers a 45-credit LL.M. program, thesis option, in Environment. This 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.

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 Courses (29 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).

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 618	(2)	Master's Thesis 7

Required Courses (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

Complementary Courses (6 credits)

3-6 credits chosen from:

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

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CMPL 641 (4) Theoretical Approaches to Law

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

The 45-credit LL.M. non-thesis option complements previous legal education through specialized graduate-level coursework and in-depth research. It enhances expertise in selected areas of legal scholarship and offers an opportunity to write a supervised, substantial, and publishable 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 (15 credits)

The supervised research project is a 15,000-word paper, assessed by the supervisor on a pass-fail basis, and is typically completed in the Summer.

CMPL 655 (15) Research Project 1

Required Courses (8 credits)

CMPL 610 (4) Legal Research Methodology

CMPL 641 (4) Theoretical Approaches to Law

Complementary Courses (22 credits)

The remaining 22 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

11.1.13 Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis); Environment (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-level coursework and in-depth research. It enhances expertise in selected areas of legal scholarship and offers an opportunity to write a supervised, substantial, and publishable 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, meaning that students usually complete their program within one calendar 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 (17 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.

CMPL 655 (15) Research Project 1

CMPL 656 (2) Research Project 2

Required Courses (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

Complementary Courses (18 credits)

15 credits chosen from:

CMPL 500 (3) Aboriginal Peoples and the Law
CMPL 546 (3) International Environmental Law and Politics
CMPL 580 (3) Environment and the Law

and/or other Faculty of Law offerings.

3 credits chosen from:

ENVR 519 (3) Global Environmental Politics
Environmental Measurement and Modeling (Global Environment)

CMPL 641

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Theoretical Approaches to Law

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

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

CMPL 615	(6)	Master's Thesis 4
CMPL 616	(12)	Master's Thesis 5
CMPL 617	(3)	Master's Thesis 6

Required Courses (12 credits)

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

Complementary Courses (3 credits)

The remaining 3 credits (or fewer if more credits are earned for the Master's Thesis) are chosen from among Faculty offerings at the 500 and 600 levels.

Additional Thesis 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 thesis courses by completing one or both of:

CMPL 618	(2)	Master's Thesis 7
CMPL 619	(1)	Master's Thesis 8

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

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

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms. The third term is devoted to the Research Project, usually taken in the summer of the first year, meaning that students usually complete their program within one calendar 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 (15 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.

CMPL 655, meaning	(15)	Research Project 1
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11.1.18 Graduate Certificate in Air and Space Law (15 credits)

The Graduate Certificate in Air and Space Law offered through the Institute of Air and Space Law is a coursework program, appropriate for students with