



**Field Studies (Undergraduate)**  
**Programs, Courses and University Regulations**  
**2011-2012**



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## 5 Barbados Interdisciplinary Tropical Studies Field Semester

Website: [www.mcgill.ca/bits](http://www.mcgill.ca/bits)

**Offered:** Summer term

**Location:** Bellairs Research Institute in Barbados

**Enrolment Limit:** 22 students

**Fees:** In addition to the regular McGill fees, students will be required to pay the additional costs associated with delivering the courses in the field. These costs include accommodation and most food, as well as other field costs. Fees for 2012 are CAD\$7,000 (on campus) and CAD\$4,000 (off campus); this does not include airfare.

McGill students are eligible for a Mobility Award; see [www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/travelawards](http://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/travelawards) for details or contact the Scholarships and Student Aid Office (SSAO) at [mobilityaward@mcgill.ca](mailto:mobilityaward@mcgill.ca).

**Application Deadline:** January 16, 2012 for Summer 2012. Depending on space, there will be a second intake with a deadline date of February 27, 2012.

**Application Details:** Students must submit a letter of intent, a CV, and a copy of their transcript to the Department of Plant Science, c/o [carolyn.bowes@mcgill.ca](mailto:carolyn.bowes@mcgill.ca). Further details are available at [www.mcgill.ca/bits](http://www.mcgill.ca/bits).

**Prerequisites:** None

For more information and course lists, see [section 7.1: Field Studies - Minor Field Studies \(18 credits\)](#).

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## 6 Panama Field Study Semester

Website: [www.mcgill.ca/pfss](http://www.mcgill.ca/pfss)

**Offered:** Winter term

**Location:** Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) in Panama

**Enrolment Limit:** 26 students

**Fees:** Students will be required to pay the additional costs associated with delivering the courses in the field. The cost of the program is approximately CAD\$4,500 (**subject to change**). This amount **does not** include airfare, tuition, insurance, or food. A CAD\$1,000 deposit is required and is non-refundable.

Quebec residents may be eligible for a financial subsidy from the *Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport* (MELS), see [www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/exchangefunding](http://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/exchangefunding) for details.

Students can apply to the Mobility Award, see website for details: [www.mcgill.ca/students/international/financialsupport/mobility](http://www.mcgill.ca/students/international/financialsupport/mobility)

**Application Deadline:** March 25, 2011 for January 2012 (Winter term of the academic year 2011-12)

**Application Details:** Students must submit a letter of intent, CV, and copy of their transcript to: Martine Dolmière, in the Faculty of Science, Dawson Hall, Room 408. See the website for details: [www.mcgill.ca/pfss/application](http://www.mcgill.ca/pfss/application).

**Prerequisites:** HISP 218 Spanish Language Elementary or equivalent proficiency, and MATH 203 Principles of Statistics 1 or equivalent. A CGPA of 3.00 and higher is recommended. The program is aimed at undergraduate students in their final year.

For more information and course lists, see [section 7.1: Field Studies - Minor Field Studies \(18 credits\)](#).

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## 7 Field Study Minor

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## 7.1 Field Studies - Minor Field Studies (18 credits)

Students participating in any one of the field study semesters i.e., the African Field Study Semester, the Barbados Field Study Semester, the Barbados Interdisciplinary Tropical Studies (BITS) Field Study Semester, or the Panama Field Study Semester may complete the 18-credit Minor in Field Studies.

The Minor consists of the 15 credits of a field study semester plus three additional complementary credits chosen by the student in consultation with their departmental adviser and/or the Field Study Minor adviser.

For students in the B.Sc. Liberal Program, the Field Studies Minor can serve as the breadth component.

Program descriptions for each of the field study semesters are provided below.

Note: The field study semesters are not degree programs. Credits may be counted toward McGill degrees with the permission of program advisers. Students who complete a field study semester may consult the Field Study Minor adviser about completing the Minor program as part of their McGill degree.

### African Field Study Semester (15 credits)

The African Field Study Semester (AFSS) is run through McGill's Canadian Field Study in Africa Program (CFSIA).

The AFSS provides one term of integrated field study in East Africa, with emphasis on environmental conservation, culture change and sustainable development. Students investigate challenges of sustaining biological diversity and social justice in African environments subject to cultural change, economic development, and environmental stress. Cultural and ecological variation is examined in highland, montane, rangeland, desert, riverine, salt- and fresh-water lake, coastal, and urban settings.

### African Field Study Semester - Required Courses

6 credits

Students select one course titled "Research in Society and Development in Africa" and one course titled "Research in Ecology and Development in Africa" from the courses below.

|          |     |   |
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| ANTH 451 | (3) | Research in Society and Development in Africa |
| BIOL 451 | (3) | Research in Ecology and Development in Africa |
| GEOG 451 | (3) | Research in Society and Development in Africa |
| NRSC 451 | (3) | Research in Ecology and Development In Africa |

### African Field Study Semester - Complementary Courses

9 credits from:

\*Note: Courses marked with an asterisk ("\*") are offered on a rotational basis, at least 3 credits annually.

|           |     |                                 |
|-----------|-----|---------------------------------|
| ANTH 411  | (3) | Primate Studies & Conservation  |
| ANTH 416  | (3) | Environment/Development: Africa |
| BIOL 428  | (3) | Biological Diversity in Africa  |
| BIOL 429  | (3) | East African Ecology            |
| GEOG 404* | (3) | Environmental Management 2      |
| GEOG 408  | (3) | Geography of Development        |
| HIST 413  | (3) | Independent Reading             |
| NRSC 405  | (3) | Natural History of East Africa  |
| NUTR 403* | (3) | Nutrition in Society            |
| REDM 405  | (3) | Natural History of East Africa  |
| WILD 420* | (3) | Ornithology                     |

### Barbados Field Study Semester (15 credits)

The Barbados Field Study Semester (BFSS) provides one term of integrated field study for students with an interest in global issues related to natural resource use as affected by socio-economic, management, urban, and physical constraints. Offered at the Bellairs Research Institute in Barbados, this program challenges students to be more effective environmental decision makers, policy makers, and managers. There is a growing need for professionals with such skills at all levels of government, within NGOs, and in the private sector. The overall goal of the BFSS is to equip future leaders to address the complexity

of issues associated with the formulation and implementation of organizational strategies compatible with the societal goal of sustainable use and development of our natural resources.

The BFSS is intended for senior undergraduate students from across the University. Students must apply to participate in the program. Selection will be based on the student's Academic Standing and demonstrated interests and involvement in international issues related to natural resource use.

**Barbados Field Study Semester - Required Courses**

6 credits

|          |     |                                    |
|----------|-----|------------------------------------|
| URBP 507 | (3) | Planning and Infrastructure        |
| URBP 520 | (3) | Globalization: Planning and Change |

**Barbados Field Study Semester - Complementary Courses**

9 credits

Students select one 3-credit course titled "Water Resources in Barbados" and one 6-credit course titled "Sustainable Development Plans" from the list below

### **Panama Field Study Semester - Complementary Courses**

6 credits

Complementary courses change from year to year. Students will register for the 6 credits offered the Winter of their participation in the field study semester.

Winter 2011 complementary courses:

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| AGRI 550 | (3) | Sustained Tropical Agriculture                 |
| HIST 510 | (3) | Environmental History of Latin America (Field) |

Winter 2012 complementary courses:

|          |     |                                 |
|----------|-----|---------------------------------|
| GEOG 404 | (3) | Environmental Management 2      |
| GEOG 498 | (3) | Humans in Tropical Environments |

### **Minor Field Studies - Complementary Course**

In consultation with their departmental adviser and/or the Field Study Minor adviser, students who have completed one 1 395.548 512.c48 512.c48 51Tf121 Tm(T)Tj1pc1

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## 8.3 Awards and Financial Assistance

Awards and financial assistance are available to students to help with the cost of participating in an exchange. Information on application deadlines and eligibility can be found at [www.mcgill.ca/students/international](http://www.mcgill.ca/students/international) and in this publication.

### 8.3.1 Financial Support

Financial support is available for eligible candidates. Information on available financial support can be found on the Student Exchanges and Study Abroad (SESA) website: [www.mcgill.ca/students/international](http://www.mcgill.ca/students/international). Questions may be directed to [servicepoint@mcgill.ca](mailto:servicepoint@mcgill.ca).

### 8.3.2 Universitas 21 Transportation Stipends

A limited number of Universitas 21 Transportation Stipends are available for McGill students who apply and are accepted to participate in a student exchange with one of McGill University's Universitas 21 partners.

For more information, see [section 9.2: Universitas 21](#).

### 8.3.3 McGill Scholarships and Awards

For students who are pursuing an approved program of study, renewable scholarships and awards may be retained for up to one year while on exchange. However, they will not be eligible for McGill's yearly in-course awards.

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## 9 Financial Assistance

Students participating in an official McGill University exchange program are eligible to apply for government student assistance as a McGill student, but are not eligible for McGill Student Aid. Students who "study away on their own" are not eligible to receive government student loans through McGill because they are not registered at McGill. Students should verify with the institution they will be attending whether or not they will be eligible to receive government student assistance.

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### 9.1 Transfer of Credits from Host Institution

Grades received from the host institution do not appear on the McGill transcript nor are they calculated in the McGill CGPA. The McGill transcript includes a notation of participation in an exchange, the number of transfer credits granted by McGill, and where applicable, McGill course exemptions.

The transfer of credits process must be initiated by the student immediately upon return from exchange with the faculty Student Affairs office, and be completed no later than four months after the exchange.

Before leaving the host institution, students should order two (2) copies of the official transcript for their files, and ensure that the institution sends an official version of the transcript to Student Exchanges and Study Abroad at McGill.

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### 9.2 Universitas 21

The Universitas 21 Consortium is an international network of leading research-intensive universities whose objective is to assist members' plans for internationalization, particularly in facilitating student exchanges and short-term research visits. McGill University currently has bilateral student exchange agreements with the following institutions within the U21 Consortium:

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**12.3 Biology**

The Faculty of Science offers the following biology courses off campus.

|               |     |                                       |
|---------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| BIOL 240      | (3) | Monteregian Flora                     |
| BIOL 331      | (3) | Ecology/Behaviour Field Course        |
| BIOL 334D1/D2 | (3) | Applied Tropical Ecology              |
| BIOL 335      | (3) | Marine Mammals                        |
| BIOL 573      | (3) | Vertebrate Palaeontology Field Course |

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**12.4 Classics****Course:**

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| CLAS 348 | (3) | Greek and Roman Topography |
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**Not Offered:** Summer 2011

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**12.5 Earth & Planetary Sciences**

Two-week field studies (May) in selected branches of the geosciences to examine processes in geology.

**Courses:**

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|----------|-----|----------------|
| EPSC 231 | (3) | Field School 1 |
| EPSC 331 | (3) | Field School 2 |
| EPSC 341 | (3) | Field School 3 |

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**12.6 Geography**

The Faculty of Science offers the following Geography courses off campus.

|          |     |                                    |
|----------|-----|------------------------------------|
| GEOG 290 | (1) | Local Geographical Excursion       |
| GEOG 495 | (3) | Field Studies - Physical Geography |
| GEOG 496 | (3) | Geographical Excursion             |
| GEOG 499 | (3) | Subarctic Field Studies            |

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**12.7 Italian Studies**

The Department of Italian Studies at McGill University offers up to 12 credits of courses given in Florence, Italy.

**Courses:**

|                                    |     |                                  |
|------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|
| ITAL 206                           | (6) | Beginners' Italian Intensive     |
| ITAL 216                           | (6) | Intermediate Italian Intensive   |
| ITAL 255                           | (6) | Advanced Reading and Composition |
| ITAL 307*                          | (3) | Topics in Italian Culture        |
| ITAL 308 (Not offered Summer 2011) | (3) | Business Italian 1               |



**Courses:**

Perspectives on Italy

