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## 1 Dean's Welcome

To Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows:

Welcome to Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) at McGill. You are joining a community of world-class researchers and more than 10,000 graduate students in over 400 programs. [GPS](#) is here to support you from admissions through to graduation and beyond. We take a holistic approach to graduate student success; we support not only your academic development, but also your career

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## 4 Graduate Studies at a Glance

Please refer to [University Regulations & Resources](#) > *Graduate* > : *Graduate Studies at a Glance* for a list of all graduate departments and degrees currently being offered.

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## 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 Postdoctor](#)



department shall forward the request to Enrolment Services. See the procedure in [University Regulations & Resources](#) > *Graduate* > : *Leave of Absence Status*.

Students who have been granted such a leave will have to register for the term(s) in question and their registration will show as “leave of absence” on their record. No tuition fees will be charged for the duration of the authorized leave. Research supervisors are not obligated to remunerate students and Postdocs on leave. A summary table of various leave policies (paid or unpaid) for students and Postdocs paid from the Federal and Quebec Councils through fellowships or research grants is available at [www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/getting-paid](http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/getting-paid) under "Leave Policies and Form."

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## 8.5 Postdoctoral Research Trainees

### Eligibility

If your situation does not conform to the Government of Quebec's definition of a Postdoctoral Fellow, you may be eligible to attend McGill as a Postdoctoral Research Trainee. While at McGill, you can perform research only (you may not register for courses or engage in clinical practice). Medical specialists who will have clinical exposure and require a training card must register through Postgraduate Medical Education of the Faculty of Medicine—not Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

The category of Postdoctoral Research Trainee is for:

**Category 1:** An individual who has completed requirements for the Doctoral degree or medical specialty, but whose degree/certification has not yet been awarded. An individual in this category will subsequently be eligible for registration as a Postdoctoral Fellow.

**Category 2:** An individual who is not eligible for Postdoctoral Registration according to the Government of Quebec's definition, but is a recipient of an external postdoctoral award from a recognized Canadian funding agency.

**Category 3:** An individual who holds a professional degree (or equivalent) in a regulated health profession (as defined under CIHR-eligible health profession) and is enrolled in a program of postgraduate medical education at another institution. This individual wishes to conduct the research stage or elective component of his/her program of study at McGill University under the supervision of a McGill professor. This individual will be engaged in full-time research with well-defined objectives, responsibilities, and methods of reporting.

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## 10 Graduate Student Services and Information

Graduate students are encouraged to refer to : [Student Services and Information](#) for information on the following topics:

- Service Point
- Student Rights & Responsibilities
- Student Services – Downtown & Macdonald Campuses
- Residential Facilities
- Athletics and Recreation
- Ombudsperson for Students
- Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities
- Bookstore
- Computer Store
- Day Care

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## 11 Information on Research Policies and Guidelines, Patents, Postdocs, Associates, Trainees

Refer to [University Regulations & Resources](#) > *Graduate* > : [Research Policy and Guidelines](#) for information on the following:

- Regulations on Research Policy
- Regulations Concerning the Investigation of Research Misconduct
- Requirements for Research Involving Human Participants
- Policy on the Study and Care of Animals
- Policy on Intellectual Property
- Regulations Governing Conflicts of Interest
- Safety in Field Work
- Office of Sponsored Research
- Postdocs
- Research Associates

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## 12 Browse Academic Units & Programs

The programs and courses in the following sections have been approved for the 2019–2020 session as listed. The Faculty/School reserves the right to introduce changes as may be deemed necessary or desirable at any time throughout the year.

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### 12.1 Law

#### 12.1.1 Location

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## 12.1.2 About Law

Graduate students in Law at McGill have one thing in common: a sharp curiosity to explore ideas and projects in an environment that is uniquely comparative and pluralist.

The extensive and impressive history of graduate teaching and supervision at McGill, combined with the innovations in legal pedagogy for which the Faculty of Law is celebrated, create an unrivaled experience for graduate students. Grounded in Montreal, a city that embodies a lively mix of languages, cultures, and communities, the Faculty of Law invites students pursuing their D.C.L. and LL.M. degrees to discover and write within a community of legal scholars that is internationally renowned and engaging.

McGill's Faculty of Law is a meeting place for the languages of North America, for the world's legal traditions, and for students who wish to participate in the graduate life of a truly outstanding, prestigious, and intellectually vibrant Faculty of Law.

The Faculty of Law offers a range of programs at the graduate level. These include the degrees of **Master of Laws (LL.M.)** with thesis and non-thesis options, **Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.)**, and **Graduate Certificates**.

Students may choose to pursue either the LL.M. in general Law, Air and Space Law, Bioethics, Comparative Law, or Environment; or the D.C.L. in general Law, Comparative Law, or Air and Space Law. Graduate Certificates may only be completed in Comparative Law or in Air and Space Law.

### Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degrees

#### *section 12.1.5: Master of Laws (LL.M.) Law (Thesis) (45 credits)*

The LL.M. thesis program is geared toward students who wish to continue their legal education primarily through research, as the program concentrates on the production of a 30,000-word thesis, as well as some graduate-level coursework.

#### *section 12.1.10: Master of Laws (LL.M.) Law (Thesis): Air and Space Law (45 credits)*

The LL.M. thesis program in Air and Space Law is geared toward students who wish to focus on original scholarly research related to the Air and Space Law domain. This program involves a combination of coursework and research credits (a thesis of 30,000 words). 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 12.1.6: Master of Laws (LL.M.) Law (Thesis): Bioethics (45 credits)*

The master's specialization in Bioethics is an interdisciplinary program that emphasizes both the conceptual and practical aspects of Bioethics. Students pursuing the LL.M. in Bioethics are bound by the requirements of the Faculty of Law's LL.M. program. This program is offered as a thesis option only.

#### *section 12.1.12: Master of Laws (LL.M.) Law (Thesis): Comparative Law (45 credits)*

In the field of Comparative Law, students are encouraged to think about the nature and value of comparative scholarship both through coursework (particularly the Legal Traditions course, which is required for all students in Comparative Law) and through their master's thesis. As such, students 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. The LL.M. thesis program in Comparative Law requires several graduate-level courses and the production of a 30,000-word thesis.



**Note:** Availability of this program is subject to relevant courses being offered in a given year.

#### *section 12.1.7: Master of Laws (LL.M.) Law (Thesis): Environment (45 credits)*

The graduate option in Environment is a cross-disciplinary option offered in conjunction with the McGill School of Environment within the LL.M. (thesis or non-thesis), providing students with an appreciation for the role of science, politics, and ethics in informed decision-making in the environment sector. The thesis option requires the production of a 30,000-word thesis.



**Note:** Availability of this program is subject to relevant courses being offered in a given year.

#### *section 12.1.8: 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 12.1.11: Master of Laws (LL.M.) Law (Non-Thesis): Air and Space Law (45 credits)*

The LL.M. non-thesis program in Air and Space Law is geared toward students who wish to gain a wide exposure to a range of taught courses within, and related to, the Air and Space Law domain. The non-thesis option requires a 15,000-word research project, with the remaining credits earned in courses.

*section 12.1.13: Master of Laws (LL.M.) Law (Non-Thesis): Comparative Law (45 credits)*

In the field of Comparative Law, students are encouraged to think about the nature and value of comparative scholarship both through coursework (particularly the Legal Traditions course, which is required for all students in Comparative Law) and through their master's research project. As such, students 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. The LL.M. non-thesis program requires two terms of graduate-level coursework and another term to produce a 15,000-word research project.



**Note:** Availability of this program is subject to relevant courses being offered in a given year.

*section 12.1.9: Master of Laws (LL.M.) Law (Non-Thesis): Environment (45 credits)*

The graduate option in Environment is a cross-disciplinary option offered in conjunction with the McGill School of Environment within the LL.M. (thesis or non-thesis) providing students with an appreciation for the role of science in informed decision-making in the environment sector, and its influence on political, socio-economic, and ethical judgments. The non-thesis option requires two terms of graduate-level coursework on environment law, as well as a 15,000-word research project.



**Note:** Availability of this program is subject to relevant courses being offered in a given year.

## Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) Degrees

*section 12.1.14: Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) Law*

The Doctor of Civil Law program is centred around the doctoral thesis, which develops a substantive and original contribution to legal research and knowledge under the supervision of a faculty member. Many doctoral candidates intend on pursuing an academic career, and develop their approach to pedagogy, research, and writing while at McGill.

*section 12.1.15: Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) Air and Space Law*

The Doctor of Civil Law in Air and Space Law is a research degree ideal for scholars intent on deepening and broadening their critical understanding of the law, as well as their original engagement with it. The program offers a curriculum exploring legal issues that arise from international civil aviation and new technologies in space. It also provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the legal processes regulating worldwide aerospace activities.

*section 12.1.16: Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) Law: Comparative Law*

Doctoral students in Comparative Law are encouraged to think about the nature and value of comparati

### 12.1.3 Law Admission Requirements and Application Procedures

#### 12.1.3.1 Admission Requirements

Applicants must submit their application through [uApply](#). Any questions regarding the status of an application must be sent via the **uApply communication tool**. For detailed information on the application process, please visit the [Faculty website](#).

##### 12.1.3.1.1 Language Requirement

Graduate-level courses are generally offered in English, and an adequate level of proficiency in English must be demonstrated for admission. In order to understand all course materials, the ability to speak and read French is an asset. At McGill's Faculty of Law, all students may choose to write essays, examinations, and theses in English or French. In areas such as the study of private law in the civilian tradition or comparative private law, a reading knowledge of French is essential.

For graduate applicants whose mother tongue is not English, and who have not completed an undergraduate or graduate degree from a recognized Canadian or American (English or French) institution or from a recognized foreign institution where English is the language of instruction, documented proof of English proficiency is required **prior to admission**. For a list of acceptable test scores and minimum requirements, visit [www.mcgill.ca/law/grad-studies/admissions-guide/eligibility](http://www.mcgill.ca/law/grad-studies/admissions-guide/eligibility).

##### 12.1.3.1.2 LL.M. Programs

Candidates for admission to the master's programs must hold a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in Law (such as LL.B. or J.D.), with a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 out of 4.0 (or equivalent).\* This standing does not guarantee admission; the Graduate Admissions Committee weighs the entire dossier, including the applicant's reference letters and the quality of the research proposal.

\* *Candidates holding law degrees from programs delivered by distance or by online teaching and learning are inadmissible to the McGill LL.M., D.C.L., or Graduate Certificate programs.*

##### 12.1.3.1.3 LL.M. Interdisciplinary Options



**Note:** The availability of these options is subject to relevant courses being offered in a given year.

- 1. Environment Option:** This option is available to students who apply for admission to the LL.M. Thesis or Non-Thesis program at the Faculty of Law. For further information, see [Environment](#) > Graduate > Browse Academic Units & Programs > : [Environment](#) or visit [www.mcgill.ca/mse/envroption](http://www.mcgill.ca/mse/envroption).
- 2. Bioethics Option:** This option is available to students who apply for admission to the LL.M. Thesis program at the Faculty of Law. For further information, see [Medicine](#) > Graduate > Browse Academic Units & Programs > : [Bioethics](#) or visit [www.mcgill.ca/biomedicalethicsunit/teaching/masters](http://www.mcgill.ca/biomedicalethicsunit/teaching/masters).

##### 12.1.3.1.4 D.C.L. Programs

Applicants demonstrating outstanding academic ability will be considered for admission to the doctoral program.

In addition to the requirements for admission to the LL.M. programs, D.C.L. applicants must also hold a master's degree (or equivalent) in Law, with a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 out of 4.0 (or equivalent).\* Admission to the doctoral program is always dependent on the availability of a suitable supervisor.

\* *Candidates holding law degrees from programs delivered by distance or by online teaching and learning are inadmissible to the McGill LL.M., D.C.L., or Graduate Certificate programs.*

##### 12.1.3.1.5 Graduate Certificate Programs

The requirements for admission to the graduate certificate programs are essentially the same as for the LL.M. programs, except that greater weight may be placed on professional experience. For further information, visit [www.mcgill.ca/law/grad-studies/admissions-guide/eligibility](http://www.mcgill.ca/law/grad-studies/admissions-guide/eligibility). Graduate certificate programs are available in the following two fields:

- 1. Graduate Certificate in [Air and Space Law](#)**
- 2. Graduate Certificate in [Comparative Law](#)**

#### 12.1.3.2 Application Procedures

McGill's online application form for graduate program candidates is available at [www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply](http://www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply).

See [University Regulations & Resources](#) > Graduate > Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures > : [Application Procedures](#) for detailed application procedures.

##### 12.1.3.2.1 Additional Requirements

The items below are additional requirements set by the Faculty of Law. For further information, visit [www.mcgill.ca/law/grad-studies/admissions-guide/deadlines-and-documents](http://www.mcgill.ca/law/grad-studies/admissions-guide/deadlines-and-documents).

- Proof of English proficiency (for applicants whose mother tongue is not English)
- Research Proposal (D.C.L. and LL.M. applicants)
- Personal Statement (graduate certificate applicants only)





**Courses offered within this concentration may include:**

Linguistic and Literary Approaches to Law (CMPL 507)

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)

**12.1.4.2 International Business Law**

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)

European Union Law 1 (CMPL 536)

European Union Law 2 (CMPL 537)

Government Control of Business (CMPL 574)

Government Regulation of Space Activities (ASPL 639)

Intellectual & 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 Taxation (CMPL 539)

Law and Practice of International Trade (CMPL 543)

Law of Space Applications (ASPL 638)

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**Courses offered within this concentration may include:**

Advanced Criminal Law (PUB2 501)  
Children and the Law (PRV2 500)  
Civil Liberties (CMPL 573)  
Discrimination and the Law (CMPL 575)  
Feminist Legal Theory (CMPL 504)  
Human Rights & Cultural Diversity (CMPL 603)  
International Criminal Law (PUB2 502)  
International Humanitarian Law (CMPL 565)  
International Law of Human Rights (CMPL 571)  
Law and Psychiatry (PUB2 500)  
Social Diversity and Law (CMPL 511)

**12.1.4.4 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 & Industrial Property (BUS2 502)  
International Environmental Law and Politics (CMPL 546)  
Land Use Planning (PRV4 545)  
Law and Health Care (CMPL 642)  
Law and Psychiatry (PUB2 500)  
Medical Liability (CMPL 522)  
Policies, Politics and Legislative Process (CMPL 518)  
Regulation Technology/Society (CMPL 605)  
Trade Regulation (CMPL 521)

**12.1.4.5 Air and Space Law**

This field explores legal issues that arise from international civil aviation and new technologies in space. It provides a comprehensive understanding of the legal processes regulating worldwide aerospace activities.

**Courses offered within this concentration may include:**

Government Regulation of Air Transport (ASPL 613)  
Airline Business and Law (ASPL 614)  
Comparative Air Law (ASPL 632)  
Public International Air Law (ASPL 633)  
Private International Air Law (ASPL 636)  
Space Law: General Principles (ASPL 637)

**Courses offered within this concentration may include:**

Law of Space Applications (ASPL 638)

Government Regulation of Space Activities (ASPL 639)

**12.1.5 Master of Laws (LL.M.) Law (Thesis) (45 credits)**

The 45-credit LL.M. program, thesis option, is a research-intensive 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.

LL.M. 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: <https://mcgill.ca/law/grad-studies/masters-programs>.

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 (9 credits)**

CMPL 610	(3)	Legal Research Methodology
CMPL 641	(3)	Theoretical Approaches to Law
LAWG 601	(1.5)	Communication 1
LAWG 602	(1.5)	Communication 2

**Complementary Courses (6 credits)**

The remaining 6 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

**12.1.6 Master of Laws (LL.M.) Law (Thesis): Bioethics (45 credits)**

The 45-credit LL.M. program, thesis option, in Bioethics 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.

Students following the Bioethics option come from the Faculties of Law, Medicine, Religious Studies, or the Department of Philosophy. Entering students pursuing an LL.M., Bioethics are bound by the requirements of the Faculty of Law's LL.M. program (thesis option). For further information regarding this program, please refer to the Bioethics section. See <https://www.mcgill.ca/biomedicalethicsunit/>.

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 (24 credits)

The Master's Thesis programs consist of a coursework component and a thesis of approximately 100 pages. As part of the thesis requirement, a 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).

BIOE 690	(3)	M.Sc. Thesis Literature Survey
BIOE 691	(3)	M.Sc. Thesis Research Proposal
BIOE 692	(6)	M.Sc. Thesis Research Progress Report
BIOE 693	(12)	M.Sc. Thesis

### Required Courses (12 credits)

BIOE 680	(3)	Bioethical Theory
BIOE 681	(3)	Bioethics Practicum
CMPL 641	(3)	Theoretical Approaches to Law
LAWG 601	(1.5)	Communication 1
LAWG 602	(1.5)	Communication 2

### Complementary Courses (9 credits)

3 credits from the following

BIOE 682	(3)	Medical Basis of Bioethics
CMPL 642	(3)	Law and Health Care
PHIL 643	(3)	Seminar: Medical Ethics
RELG 571	(3)	Ethics, Medicine and Religion

6 credits at the 500 level or above of Faculty of Law courses or Bioethics courses.

#### 12.1.7 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 (27 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

**Required Courses (12 credits)**

CMPL 610	(3)	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
LAWG 601	(1.5)	Communication 1
LAWG 602	(1.5)	Communication 2

**Complementary Courses (6 credits)**

0-3 credits chosen from:

ENVR 519	(3)	Global Environmental Politics
ENVR 544	(3)	Environmental Measurement and Modelling
ENVR 620	(3)	Environment and Health of Species
ENVR 622	(3)	Sustainable Landscapes
ENVR 630	(3)	Civilization and Environment
ENVR 680	(3)	Topics in Environment 4

3-6 credits at the 500 level or higher recommended by the Advisory Committee and approved by the Environment Option Committee.

**12.1.8 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 Tt for three terms f -tiTj(F)Tj1 0 0 1 22from:

CMPL 656	(2)	Research Project 2
CMPL 657	(1)	Research Project 3

### 12.1.9 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 (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	(15)	Research Project 1
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#### Required Courses (12 credits)

CMPL 610	(3)	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
LAWG 601	(1.5)	Communication 1
LAWG 602	(1.5)	Communication 2

#### Complementary Courses (18 credits)

15 credits (or fewer if more credits are earned for the research project) 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
ENVR 544	(3)	Environmental Measurement and Modelling
ENVR 620	(3)	Environment and Health of Species
ENVR 622	(3)	Sustainable Landscapes
ENVR 630	(3)	Civilization and Environment
ENVR 680	(3)	Topics in Environment 4

or 3 credits at the 500 level or higher recommended by the Advisory Committee and approved by the Environment Option Committee.

#### 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

### 12.1.10 Master of Laws (LL.M.) Law (Thesis): Air and Space Law (45 credits)

The 45-credit LL.M. program, thesis option, in Air and Space Law is a research-intensive 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 (24 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).

ASPL 690	(3)	Master's Thesis 1
ASPL 691	(3)	Master's Thesis 2
ASPL 692	(6)	Master's Thesis 3
ASPL 693	(12)	Master's Thesis 4

#### Required Courses (12 credits)

ASPL 633	(3)	Public International Air Law
ASPL 636	(3)	Private International Air Law
ASPL 637	(3)	Space Law: General Principles
LAWG 601	(1.5)	Communication 1
LAWG 602	(1.5)	Communication 2

#### Complementary Courses (9 credits)

3 credits from the following:

CMPL 610D1	(1.5)	Legal Research Methodology
CMPL 610D2	(1.5)	Legal Research Methodology
CMPL 641	(3)	Theoretical Approaches to Law

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

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**Required Courses (12 credits)**

ASPL 633	(3)	Public International Air Law
ASPL 636	(3)	Private International Air Law
ASPL 637	(3)	Space Law: General Principles
LA	(1.5)	Communication 1



CMPL 600	(3)	Legal Traditions
CMPL 610	(3)	Legal Research Methodology
CMPL 641	(3)	Theoretical Approaches to Law
LAWG 601	(1.5)	Communication 1
LAWG 602	(1.5)	Communication 2

**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

**12.1.13 Master of Laws (LL.M.) Law (Non-Thesis): Comparative Law (45 credits)**

\*\* Availability of this program is subject to relevant courses being offered in a given year. \*\*

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	(15)	Research Project 1
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**Required Courses (12 credits)**

CMPL 600	(3)	Legal Traditions
CMPL 610	(3)	Legal Research Methodology
CMPL 641	(3)	Theoretical Approaches to Law
LAWG 601	(1.5)	Communication 1
LAWG 602	(1.5)	Communication 2

**Complementary Courses (18 credits)**

The remaining 18 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

### 12.1.14 Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) Law

The Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) program allows the development of substantive and original contributions to legal research and knowledge under the supervision of a faculty member.

The degree will be awarded, at the earliest, after the completion of 3 years of residence in the Faculty. 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. The thesis must be submitted within 4 years of completion of the residency requirement. Every candidate must successfully pass a comprehensive examination, after one year which may occur in the first year of the program, but no later than the end of the second year of the program.

#### 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 Courses (5 Credits)

CMPL 641	(3)	Theoretical Approaches to Law Leg
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LAWG 601	(1.5)	Communication 1
LAWG 602	(1.5)	Communication 2

### 12.1.16 Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) Law: Comparative Law

The Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) program allows the development of substantive and original contributions to legal research and knowledge under the supervision of a faculty member.

The degree will be awarded, at the earliest, after the completion of 3 years of residence in the Faculty. 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. The thesis must be submitted within 4 years of completion of the residency requirement. Every candidate must successfully pass a comprehensive examination, after one year which may occur in the first year of the program, but no later than the end of the second year of the program.

#### 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 Courses (5 Credits)

CMPL 641	(3)	Theoretical Approaches to Law
LAWG 702	(2)	Legal Research Methodology for DCL
LAWG 703	(0)	Literature Review, Analysis and Proposal
LAWG 704	(0)	DCL Research Seminar 1
LAWG 705	(0)	DCL Research Seminar 2

#### Complementary Course (0-2 Credits)

Some students are encouraged to take the following:

LAWG 601	(1)	Communication 1
LAWG 602	(1)	Communication 2

### 12.1.17 Graduate Certificate (Gr. Cert.) 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 a strong professional orientation.

The certificate is awarded after one term of residence in the Faculty and upon completion of 15 academic credits of graduate law courses. Students must take 9 credits of required Air and Space Law courses and the additional 6 credits may consist of any 500-level or higher law course or other courses offered through the Institute of Air and Space Law. Exceptionally, and with the permission of the Associate Dean, Graduate Studies, the 15 credits may be taken over two terms.

For more information, see our website: <https://mcgill.ca/law/grad-studies/certificate-programs>.

#### Required Courses (9 credits)

ASPL 633	(3)	Public International Air Law
ASPL 636	(3)	Private International Air Law
ASPL 637	(3)	Space Law: General Principles

#### Complementary Courses (6 credits)

6 additional credits of 500-level or higher law courses.

### **12.1.18 Graduate Certificate (Gr. Cert.) Comparative Law (15 credits)**

The Graduate Certificate in Comparative Law is offered through the Institute of Comparative Law and provides advanced legal training over one term of full-time studies or two terms of part-time studies to candidates who wish to pursue graduate legal education for career-related purposes.

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

For more information, see our website: <https://mcgill.ca/law/grad-studies/certificate-programs>.

#### **Complementary Courses**

Courses at the 500 level or higher are chosen on an individual basis.