



McGill

Faculty of Law Faculté de Droit

FACT SHEET

STUDENT EXCHANGES AT MCGILL'S FACULTY OF LAW

2023-2024

Exchange Application Due Date

Fall 2023 and Full-year exchange deadlines:

- Nomination deadline: April 14, 2023
- Student application deadline: April 14, 2023
- Student supporting document deadline: May 1, 2023

Winter 2024 exchange deadlines*:

- Nomination deadline: August 14, 2023
- Student application deadline: August 14, 2023
- Student supporting document deadline: September 1, 2023

We cannot guarantee that applications will be accepted beyond these dates. If you encounter difficulties in submitting the applications within the deadline, please contact sao.law@mcgill.ca prior to April 14, 2023, for Fall 2023 and Full-year exchanges, and prior to August 14, 2023, for Winter 2024 exchanges.

***Note about Winter 2024 exchange deadlines:** registration for **both** Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 courses open **mid-July 2023** for all newly-admitted Fall 2023, Full-year and Winter 2024 exchange students. Therefore, *if possible*, we recommend that Winter 2024 applications are submitted before that date so that Winter term exchange students will be able to start registering for their courses along with other newly-admitted exchange students in June.

Minimum Academic Requirements

- Must be in good standing and have completed at least one full academic year in a University (law program) by the time you go abroad
- Cumulative **CGPA of 3.00 (B average)** is required for consideration

Key dates for 2023-2024 (tentative)

Fall semester classes:	August 30 to December 5, 2023
Fall break:	October 6, 11 and 12, 2023
Fall semester examinations:	December 7 to December 21, 2023
Winter semester classes:	January 4 to April 12, 2024
Winter reading week (no classes):	March 4 to March 8, 2024
Winter semester examinations:	April 15 to April 30, 2024

McGill is closed on the following days:

Labour Day:	September 4, 2023	Good Friday:	March 29, 2024
Thanksgiving:	October 9, 2023	Easter Monday:	April 1, 2024
McGill closed:	December 22, 2023 - January 2, 2024, inclusive		

A list of Faculty-specific dates and deadlines can be found here: <http://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/courses-registration-exams/deadlines>.

Students must be in Montreal as of the first day of courses, or sooner

Course registration

Exchange students may start registering for courses on Minerva, for both terms, **mid-July 2023**.

Law course information, including course offerings and examination timetables, can be found on the Faculty of Law's website <https://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/courses/current> (updated each year in April/May). To maintain full-time status, students are required to take **12-15 credits per term**. Incoming Exchange students can register to any of our courses **EXCEPT** for 1st year (1L) and 2nd year (2L) required courses, Moots, Clerkships, Legal Clinics, Group Assistant and Term Essays.

Please note that courses may be added or cancelled and changes may be made throughout the academic year. Please also note that we cannot guarantee that the same courses will be offered in the same terms in future academic years.

Students may register in most upper-year undergraduate law courses, as long as there is space and they have taken the equivalent of the prerequisite(s) for the course. Incoming exchange students are also permitted to register for **graduate-level law courses**, and a maximum of **2 non-law courses per term (max 6 credits)**, upon approval and availability. Please note that some courses may be full as priority is usually given to our Law students upon early registration.

Bilingual Language Policy

McGill's Law program is offered in a bilingual, English & French, environment. The majority of courses at McGill are offered in English, thus the ability to communicate in English is a requirement.

At the Faculty of Law, reading of complex substantive texts in French and English are assigned in many upper-year law courses, irrespective of the language of instruction of the course. In certain courses in particular, such as private law courses, students will be assigned readings in French.

While examination questions are set in the language in which a course is given, any examination may contain extensive passages in either French or English. Students should take this into account when selecting courses and are welcome to contact Faculty advisors if they have any questions or concerns.

In order to communicate fully with all law students at McGill, and to understand all course materials, the ability to speak and read French is an asset.

Housing

Information about on-campus student housing can be found on the [McGill Student Housing website](#). Students may submit a request for on-campus housing via their online exchange application form, however, space is not guaranteed:

- Fall 2023 or Full-year exchange: Indicate "Yes" under "Residence Accommodation" section.
- Winter 2024 exchange: students must verify available space by emailing housing.residences@mcgill.ca

Students unable to receive on-campus housing are encouraged to visit the [Off-Campus Housing website](#) for information on finding housing in Montreal.

International Health Insurance (Compulsory)

Students should consult the [McGill International Student Services website](#) for all the details about the **compulsory** International Health Insurance plan (coverage, fees, the possibility of exemption). For further questions, they need to contact directly our **Office of International Student Services**:
Telephone: 514-398-4349 / **Email:** international.health@mcgill.ca

Immigration Requirements

Please consult the [McGill International Student Services website](#) for details on which documents will be needed for exchange.

Orientation

Faculty of Law: The Law Faculty organizes orientation information sessions for all newly-admitted exchange students. The session for Fall term and full-year exchange students takes place in late August/early September. The session for newly-admitted Winter term exchange students will take place in January.

International Student Services Office: McGill's International Student Services Office hosts webinar information sessions on their website prior to arrival at McGill so that students can learn more about McGill, Montreal, Study Permits, Health Insurance, Housing, Banking, Cell phone plans, Orientation, and more. The webinars can be accessed here:
<https://www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/pre-arrival>

Other Information

More information regarding housing, expenses, Compulsory International Health Insurance, Immigration requirements, and transcripts can all be found on the McGill International Education website:
<https://www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents>

Please visit the Faculty of Law page for [incoming exchange students](#) for additional information.

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