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Degree

Master of Business Administration with integrated Bachelor of Ci M.B.A. with B.C.L./LL.B.

Prerequisites

See : [M.B.A. Program](#).

Master of Arts (M.A.)

Art History	Thesis	N/A
Classics	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Communication Studies	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis)
Counselling Psychology	Non-Thesis (Professional Internship), Non-Thesis (Project)	N/A
East Asian Studies	Thesis (<i>Ad Hoc</i>)	N/A
Economics	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Development Studies, Social Statistics (Non-Thesis)
Educational Psychology	Thesis	Health Professions Education, Human Development, Learning Sciences, School/Applied Psychology
Education and Society	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Gender and Women's Studies, Mathematics and Science Education (Thesis) Gender and Women's Studies, Jewish Education (Non-Thesis)Educational Psychology

Master of Arts (M.A.)

Second Language Education

Thesis, Non-Thesis

Gender and Women's Studies (Thesis)

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Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.)

A program leading to the degree of *Sanctae Theologiae Magister* (S.T.M.) is given in the Faculty of Religious Studies. This degree is primarily for those who intend to enter the ministry of the Christian Church or another religious institution, or to proceed to teaching in schools. A Master of Arts program (thesis and non-thesis) is also available.

Religious Studies	Non-Thesis	N/A
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Master of Science (M.Sc.)

Agricultural Economics	Thesis	N/A
Animal Science	Thesis	N/A
Atmospheric and Oceanic Science	Thesis	Environment
Biochemistry	Thesis	Bioinformatics, Chemical Biology
Biology	Thesis	Bioinformatics, Environment, Neotropical Environment
Bioresource Engineering	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Environment, Neotropical Environment (Thesis) Integrated Water Resource Management (Non-Thesis)
Biostatistics	Thesis, Non-Thesis	N/A
Cell Biology	Thesis	N/A
Chemistry	Thesis	Chemical Biology
Civil Engineering	Thesis	N/A
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Thesis	N/A
Computer Science	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Bioinformatics, Computational Science and Engineering (Thesis)
Dental Science	Thesis, Non-Thesis	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (Thesis)
Earth and Planetary Sciences	Thesis	Environment
Entomology	Thesis	Environment, Neotropical Environment
Epidemiology	Thesis	N/A
Experimental Medicine	Thesis	Bioethics, Environment, Family Medicine
Experimental Surgery	Thesis	Surgical Research
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 (Thesis)
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
Otolaryngology	Thesis	N/A
Parasitology	Thesis	Bioinformatics, Environment
Pathology	Thesis	N/A
Pharmacology	Thesis	Chemical Biology

Master of Science (M.Sc.)

Physics

Thesis

N/A

Physiology

Thesis

Bioinformatics

Bioinformatics, Environment, Neotropical En

Degree		Prerequisites
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 : Schulich School of 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.
Joint Doctor of Philosophy	Ph.D.	Joint Ph.D.s are offered in co-operation with other universities. Several departments of

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

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	Human Development, Learning Sciences	Faculty of Education
Educational Studies	Gender and Women's Studies, Language Acquisition, Mathematics and Science Education	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

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Graduate Certificates

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 eCalendar 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.

- The following master's programs have a **minimum** residence requirement of **three full-time terms**: M.Arch., M.A., M.Eng., LL.M., M.Mus. (**except** M.Mus. in Sound Recording), M.Sc., M.S.W., M.Sc.A. (**except** M.Sc.A. in Communication Sciences and Disorders).
- The following master's programs have a **minimum** residence requirement of **four full-time terms**: M.L.I.S.; M.Mus. in Sound Recording; M.U.P.; M.A. (60 credits – Counselling Psychology – thesis; 78 credits – Educational Psychology); M.A. Teaching and Learning – Non-Thesis; M.Sc.A. in Communication Sciences and Disorders; S.T.M., Religious Studies.
- The residence requirement for the master's program in Education (M.Ed.); Library and Information Studies (M.L.I.S.); Management (M.B.A.); Religious Studies (S.T.M.); M.A. Counselling Psychology – Non-Thesis; M.A. Teaching and Learning – Non-Thesis; M.Sc. in Public Health – Non-Thesis; M.Sc.A. Nursing; M.Sc.A. Occupational Therapy; M.Sc.A. Physical Therapy; and students in part-time programs is determined on a per course basis. Residence requirements are fulfilled when students complete all course requirements in their respective programs.
- For master's programs structured as Course, Project or Non-Thesis options where the program is pursued on a part-time basis, residence requirements are normally fulfilled when students complete all course requirements in their respective programs (minimum 45 credits or a minimum of three full-time terms) and pay the fees accordingly.

These designated periods of residence represent minimum time requirements. There is no guarantee that the work for the degree can be completed in this time. Students must register for such additional terms as are needed to complete the program.

Coursework – Master's Degrees

Program requirements are outlined in the relevant departmental sections of the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies *Programs, Courses and University Regulations* publication, available at www.mcgill.ca/study.

The department concerned will examine the student's previous training and then decide which of the available courses in the area of specialization or related fields are required to bring the candidate to the proper level for the master's degree. Due account will be taken of relevant courses passed at any recognized university.

As a rule, no more than one-third of the McGill program formal coursework (not thesis, project, stage, or internship) can be credited with courses from another university.

Non-thesis degrees normally specify the course program which the candidate must follow.

The candidate is required to pass, with a grade of B- or better, all those courses that have been designated by the department as forming a part of the program, including additional requirements.

Students taking courses at another university must obtain a minimum grade of B- (65%) if the course is to be credited toward their McGill degree. In the cases where only a letter grade is used, a B- is the minimum passing grade and no equivalent percentage will be considered. In the cases where only a percentage grade is used, 65% is the minimum passing grade.

Thesis – Doctoral

The thesis for the Ph.D. degree must display original scholarship expressed in good literate style and must be a distinct contribution to knowledge. **Formal notice of a thesis title and names of examiners must be submitted to the Thesis section of GPS on the *Nominatio of Examiners* form in accordance with the dates on www.mcgill.ca/importantdates, at the same time as the thesis is submitted.** The list of examiners must be approved by the Department Chair, the supervisor and the student. The Thesis section of GPS should be notified of any subsequent change of title as early as possible. Guidelines and deadlines are available at www.mcgill.ca/gps/thesis/guidelines.

Seven copies of the thesis must be provided by the candidate. Of these, two copies will be retained by the University and five copies returned to the candidate. Some departments may require one or more additional copies. The final corrected copy is submitted electronically.

Special regulations for the Ph.D. degree in particular departments are stated in the entries of those departments.

Thesis Oral Examination – Doctoral

After the thesis has been received and approved, a final oral examination is held on the subject of the thesis and subjects intimately related to it. This is conducted in the presence of a Committee of at least five members presided over by a Pro-Dean nominated by Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. The Chair of the candidate's department and the Thesis Supervisor are regularly invited to be members of the Committee; at least one member of the Committee is appointed from outside the candidate's department. Guidelines are available at www.mcgill.ca/gps/thesis/guidelines.

5.3 Ad Personam Programs (Thesis Option Only)

In very rare circumstances, an applicant who wishes to engage in Master's (thesis option only) or Ph.D. studies of an interdisciplinary nature involving joint supervision by two departments, each of which is authorized by the Government of Quebec to offer its own graduate programs, may be admitted to an *Ad Personam* program. For more information, see www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply/prepare#program and contact the relevant department.

5.4 Coursework for Graduate Programs, Diplomas, and Certificates

Upper-level undergraduate courses (excluding 500 level) may not be considered for degrees, diplomas, and certificates unless they are already listed as required courses in the approved program description. If an upper-level undergraduate course (excluding 500 level) is taken by a graduate student, it must come as a recommendation from the Graduate Program Director in the department. The recommendation must state if the undergraduate course is an additional requirement for the program (must obtain B- or better) or if the course is extra to the program (will be flagged as such on the record and fees will be charged). See document at www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/registration#coursereg.

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 at McGill is competitive; accordingly, late and/or incomplete applications are considered only as time and space permits. Meeting minimum admission standards does not guarantee admission. Admission decisions are not normally subject to appeal or reconsideration and are subject to change. To be considered for entrance fellowships, where available, applicants must verify the deadlines with individual departments.

6.1 Application for Admission

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 academic work and who are willing to provide 1r3D 0 /O 1 166.438 52 160.602 0 0ogrstru

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 \$102.60 paid by credit card in Canadian funds **must** accompany the online application. The fee of \$102.60 covers up to two program choices per term. Candidates for Special, Visiting, and Qualifying status must also apply online and pay the application fee. Please note that application fees are subject to change.

It is recommended that applicants submit a list of the course titles 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.

Applications and uploaded supporting documents must be submitted according to individual department specifications and deadlines; see www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/programs. International students are advised to apply well in advance of the application deadlines as immigration procedures may be lengthy. Admission to graduate studies at McGill is highly competitive; accordingly, late and/or incomplete applications are considered only as time and space permits.

The admission decision is based on the recommendation of the graduate department, verification by the Graduate Admissions Unit in Enrolment Services, as well as final approval from Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. In some cases, the Graduate Admissions Committee may also contribute to the final admission decision. Official letters of admission are sent to applicants electronically by Enrolment Services.

6.2 Admission Requirements (Minimum Requirements to be Considered for Admission)



Note: The following admission requirements denote the minimum standard for applicants. Some graduate departments may require additional qualifications or a higher minimum CGPA; applicants are strongly urged to consult the department concerned regarding specific requirements.

Applicants should be graduates of a recognized university and hold a recognized 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 expected in courses considered by the department to be preparatory to the graduate program. Some departments impose additional or higher requirements.

See www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply/prepare/international/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.

6.3 Application Procedures

Application Checklist

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

1. Online



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 work to date, selected by them, and intended to show their mastery of a given style or variety of styles; different samples of their artistic work.

Recording: an unedited recording (audio or video) of the applicant performing at least two contrasting pieces; minimum 20 minutes.

Research Proposal: a detailed description of the proposed program of research, including proposed Thesis Supervisor(s); describes the research background, significance, methodology, and references; may include expected results; may include a detailed curriculum vitae.

TOEFL: Test of English as a Foreign Language (see [section 6.5: Competency in English](#))

Writing Sample: a recent sample of the applicant's written work, on any topic (not necessarily within the desired field of graduate study) and not necessarily previously submitted for evaluation or publication.

Written Work: a sample of the applicant's written work, drawn from essays, papers or other work previously submitted for academic evaluation or publication, and falling within the desired field of graduate study.

6.4 Admission Tests

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 write the GRE examination, but all applicants who have written either the general aptitude or the advanced test are advised to ensure that official test results are sent to McGill directly by the testing service.

This credential is of special importance in the case of applicants whose education has been interrupted, or has not led directly toward graduate study in the subject selected. In such cases, the department has the right to insist on a report from the Graduate Record Examination or some similar test. High standing in this examination will not by itself guarantee admission. The Miller Analogies Test may be used similarly. Some departments of the Faculty of Education also require the taking of various tests.

Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)

Applicants to graduate programs in Management must ensure that official results are released to McGill by the Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC). The test is a standardized assessment offered by the GMAC to help business schools assess candidates for admission. For further information, see www.mba.com/the-gmat.

6.5 Competency in English

Applicants to graduate studies must demonstrate an adequate level of proficiency in English **prior to admission**, regardless of citizenship status or country of origin.

Normally, applicants meeting any one of the following conditions are NOT required to submit proof of proficiency in English:

1. Mother tongue (language first learned and still used on a daily basis) is English.
2. Has obtained (or is about to obtain) an undergraduate or graduate degree from a recognized foreign institution where English is the language of instruction.
3. Has obtained (or is about to obtain) an undergraduate or graduate degree from a recognized institution in Canada or the United States of America (anglophone or francophone).
4. Has lived and attended university, or been employed, for at least four consecutive years, in a country where English is the acknowledged primary language.

Applicants who do not meet any of the above-listed conditions must demonstrate proficiency in English using **one** of the following options:

1. TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language): minimum acceptable scores are:

Competency in English

iBT (Internet-based test)

PBT (paper-based test)

CBT (computer-based test)*

86 overall (no less than 20 in each of the four component scores)

550

* The CBT is no longer being offered and CBT results are no longer considered valid, or being reported by ETS.

- 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. The

- to register Postdocs;
- to provide an appeal mechanism in cases of conflict;
- to provide documented policies and procedures to Postdocs;
- to provide Postdocs with the necessary information on McGill University student services.

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8.3 Vacation Policy for Graduate Students and Postdocs

Graduate students and Postdocs should normally be entitled to vacation leave equivalent to university holidays and an additional total of fifteen (15) working days in the year. Funded students and Postdocs with fellowships and research grant stipends taking additional vacation leave may additional v

- the individual must be engaged in full-time research;
- the individual must provide copies of official transcripts/diploma;
- the individual must have the approval of a McGill professor to supervise the research and of the Unit;
- the individual must have adequate proficiency in English, but is not required to provide official proof of English competency to Enrolment Services;
- the individual must comply with regulations and procedures governing research ethics and safety and obtain the necessary training;
- the individual will be provided access to McGill libraries, email, and required training in research ethics and safety. Any other University services must be purchased (e.g., access to athletic facilities);
- the individual must arrange for basic health insurance coverage prior to arrival at McGill and may be required to provide proof of coverage.

9 Graduate Studies Guidelines and Policies

Refer to *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Guidelines and Policies* for information on the following:

- Guidelines and Regulations for Academic Units on Graduate Student Advising and Supervision
- Policy on Graduate Student Research Progress Tracking
- Ph.D. Comprehensives Policy
- Graduate Studies Reread Policy
- Failure Policy
- Guideline on Hours of Work

10 Information on Research Policies and Guidelines, Patents, Postdocs, Associates, Trainees

Refer to *Programs, Courses and University Regulations > University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Research Policy and Guidelines, Patents, Postdocs, Associates, Trainees* for information on the following:

- Policy on Research Ethics
- Regulations on Research Policy
- Policy on Research Integrity
- Guidelines for Research Involving Human Subjects
- Guidelines for Research with Animal Subjects
- Policy on Intellectual Property
- Regulations Governing Conflicts of Interest
- Safety in Field Work
- Office of Sponsored Research
- Postdocs
- Research Associates

11 Academic Programs

The programs and courses in the following sections have been approved for the 2013–2014 session as listed, but the Faculty/School reserves the right to introduce changes as may be deemed necessary or desirable.

11.1 Religious Studies

11.1.1 Location

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Website: www.mcgill.ca/religiousstudies

11.1.2 About Religious Studies

The Faculty of Religious Studies offers programs leading to the degrees of Master of Arts (M.A.) (Thesis and Non-Thesis), Master of Arts (M.A.) (Thesis) with specialization in Bioethics, Master of Arts (M.A.) (Thesis) with option in Gender and Women's Studies, Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.), and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). An interdisciplinary option in Gender and Women's Studies is also available for doctoral students.

The areas of graduate specializations of our world-renowned Faculty are: Hebrew Bible and/or Old Testament Studies; Early Judaism; Greco-Romaim(T)Tj1 0B0 G0 0 0 1 3

section 11.1.7: Master of Arts (M.A.); Religious Studies (Thesis) – Bioethics (45 credits)

Unit, Bioethics courses (6 credit minimum) offered by the base faculty or department, and any graduate course required or accepted by a base faculty for the granting of a master's degree, for a total of 21 credits. A minimum of 45 credits is required including the thesis.

section 11.1.6: Master of Arts (M.A.); Religious Studies (Thesis) – Gender and Women's Studies (45 credits)

The graduate option in Gender and Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary program for students who meet degree requirements in Religious Studies (and other participating departments and faculties) and who wish to focus on gender-related issues and feminist research and methodologies. Research focus is on a topic relating to gender issues or women's studies.

section 11.1.8: Master of Arts (M.A.); Religious Studies (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)

The M.A. without thesis is intended to ensure a student's well-rounded exposure to several religions and to several of the disciplinary approaches currently used in their academic study. Particular to this program is its ability to provide the student with the opportunity to develop three different research papers with reference to the student's own interests in Religious Studies under the supervision of professors from various parts of the University.

section 11.1.9: Master of Sacred Theology (S.M.); Religious Studies (Non-Thesis) (48 credits)

The S.T.M. is meant for those who intend to enter the ministry of the Christian Church or another religious institution, or proceed to a teaching career or to some form of social work. This degree enables students to specialize in one area or discipline of theological study before or after the third year of the M.Div. and is unique in Canada. The S.T.M. program is fully accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the U.S. and Canada.

section 11.1.10: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.); Religious Studies

The purpose of the Ph.D. program is to engage students in advanced academic studies normally in preparation for an academic career. The community of graduate scholars in this program is engaged in a broad spectrum of critical research involving any number of interdisciplinary approaches conducted on a number of different religious traditions. The Faculty members are committed to the training of teaching scholars, making the Faculty of Religious Studies one of few schools that prioritizes offering graduate students opportunities under faculty supervision to teach/lecture during their time in the program.

section 11.1.11: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.); Religious Studies – Gender and Women's Studies

The graduate option in Gender and Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary program for students meeting the degree requirements in Religious Studies who wish to focus on gender-related issues and feminist research and methodologies. Research focus is on a topic relating to gender issues or women's studies. Please contact the Department for more information about this option.

11.1.3 Religious Studies Admission Requirements and Application Procedures**11.1.3.1 Admission Requirements****Master of Arts (M.A.) Thesis**

Applicants must possess a B.A. with a Major or Honours in Religious Studies or a Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.), or a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree, normally with a minimum CGPA of 3.3/4.0 (B+) from an accredited university or college. Applicants with fewer than 30 appropriate credits in Religious Studies or Theology are normally required to take a Qualifying Program before entering the M.A.

Master of Arts (M.A.) in Religious Studies (Thesis) – Gender and Women's Studies Option/Concentration

The graduate option in Gender and Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary program for students who meet degree requirements in Religious Studies (and other participating departments and faculties) who wish to focus on gender-related issues and feminist research and methodologies. Research focus is on a topic relating to gender issues or women's studies.

Master of Arts (M.A.) (Thesis) in Religious Studies with specialization in Bioethics

For information contact the Chair, Master's Specialization in Bioethics, Biomedical Ethics Unit, 3690 Peel Street, Montreal, QC, H3A 1W9; telephone: 514-398-6980; fax: 514-398-8349; email: jennifer.fishman@mcgill.ca.

Master of Arts (M.A.) (Non-Thesis)

Applicants must possess a B.A. with a Major or Honours in Religious Studies or a Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.), or a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree, normally with a minimum CGPA of 3.3/4.0 (B+) from an accredited university or college. Applicants with fewer than 30 appropriate credits in Religious Studies or Theology are normally required to take a Qualifying Program before entering the M.A.

Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.)

Applicants must possess a B.A., normally with at least a good second-class standing (B+ or CGPA 3.3/4.0), in a major or honours program in religious studies or theology from an accredited university or college. Those who have a McGill B.Th. or an equivalent degree in addition to a B.A. degree with a second-class standing may be admitted to the second year of the S.T.M. program.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Entry into the doctoral program is limited to applicants who have earned an academic master's degree in religious studies or theology in a recognized graduate program, or those who have finished the course requirements of such a program with a minimum CGPA of 3.5/4.0.

Professors

Douglas B. Farrow; B.R.E.(Providence), M.Div.(Grace), M.Th.(Regent), Ph.D.(Lond...Th.(RegentT(ReOxfTh.(Re

11.1.6 Master of Arts (M.A.); Religious Studies (Thesis) & Gender and Women's Studies (45 credits)

Thesis Courses

27 credits from:

RELG 688	(3)	Thesis Research 1
RELG 689	(3)	Thesis Research 2
RELG 698	(9)	Thesis Research 3
RELG 699	(12)	Thesis Research 4

Required Courses

6 credits from:

RELG 645	(3)	Methods in Religious Studies
WMST 601	(3)	Feminist Theories and Methods

Complementary Courses

12 credits selected from the 500- or 600-level courses accepted by the Faculty of Religious Studies for the granting of a master's degree. Must include within the 12 credits:

Either

WMST 602	(3)	Feminist Research Symposium
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or 3 credits of another 500- or 600-level course in Gender and Women's Studies.

11.1.7 Master of Arts (M.A.); Religious Studies (Thesis) & Bioethics (45 credits)

Thesis Courses (24 credits)

BIOE 690	(3)	M.Sc. Thesis Literature Survey
		M.Sc. Thesis Research Proposal

RELG 661	(3)	M.A. Research Paper 2
RELG 662	(3)	M.A. Research Paper 3

Required Courses (6 credits)

RELG 555	(3)	Honours Seminar
RELG 645	(3)	Methods in Religious Studies

Complementary Courses (30 credits)

30 credits of courses selected from the 500- or 600-level courses accepted by the Faculty of Religious Studies for the granting of a master's degree.

Language Requirement

Students are required to give their area committee evidence of reading knowledge of a scholarly language other than English. This language may be either a modern language in which there is a significant amount of scholarship relevant to the student's area of research, or a classical language relevant to the student's area of research. If a classical language is chosen, it must be in addition to any prerequisite language for the area in question.

11.1.9 Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.); Religious Studies (Non-Thesis) (48 credits)**ATS Accreditation:**

The S.T.M. program is fully accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the U.S. and Canada.

The normal requirement is two years (of two terms each) of full-time study (or one year of full-time study for those admitted with advanced standing into S.T.M. 2), but the degree may, by permission, be taken on a part-time basis.

Note: Ordination requirements for S.T.M. graduates will normally involve a further year of professional pastoral studies (the In-Ministry Year) provided by the Montreal School of Theology affiliated with the Faculty of Religious Studies.

Students admitted to Year 1 are required to complete twelve one-term courses (36 credits) and pass four Area Studies courses (12 credits). Students admitted to Year 2 are required to complete six one-term courses (18 credits) and pass two Area Studies courses.

Required Courses (48 credits)

Year 1 entrants, 12 credits from the following courses:

Year 2 entrants, 6 credits from the following courses:

RELG 520	(3)	Biblical Theology
RELG 530	(3)	Church History
RELG 531	(3)	Christian Theology
RELG 540	(3)	Philosophy of Religion
RELG 541	(3)	Theological Ethics
RELG 550	(3)	Comparative Religion

Year 1 entrants: 12 credits of additional courses.

Year 2 entrants: 6 credits of additional courses.

Students who take the S.T.M. as part of their ordination requirements are to choose their courses in consultation with the Principal of the Theological College with which they are associated.

Course selection for all S.T.M. students needs the approval of the Chair of Religious Studies Graduate Committee.

Related courses are also available in other departments.

11.1.10 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.); Religious Studies**Thesis**

A thesis for the doctoral degree must constitute original scholarship and must be a distinct contribution to knowledge. It must show familiarity with previous work in the field and must demonstrate ability to plan and carry out research, organize results, and defend the approach and conclusions in a scholarly manner. The research presented must meet current standards of the discipline; as well, the thesis must clearly demonstrate how the research advances knowledge in the field. Finally, the thesis must be written in compliance with norms for academic and scholarly expression and for publication in the public domain.

Required Courses

RELG 701	(0)	Major Comprehensive Examination
		Minor Comprehensive

Students entering into Ph.D. 2 are required to take a minimum of four (3-credit) graduate seminars including:

WMST 601	(3)	Feminist Theories and Methods
WMST 602	(3)	Feminist Research Symposium

and one 3-credit graduate seminar with a substantive focus on gender and/or women's studies.

One 3-credit graduate seminar must be at the 700 level.

Language Requirements

Modern and ancient languages as stipulated by field of study.

