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1 **Dean's Welcome**

To Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows:

I am extremely pleased to welcome you to McGill University. Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) collaborates with the Faculties and other administrative

2.3 General Statement Concerning Higher Degrees

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) oversees all programs leading to graduate diplomas, certificates, and higher degrees, with the exception of some programs in the School of Continuing Studies. It is responsible for admission policies, the supervision of graduate students' work, and for recommending to Senate those who may receive the degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

3 Important Dates 2016–2017

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

4 Graduate Studies at a Glance

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

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.I.St.; M.Mus. in Sound Recording; M.U.P.; M.A. (60 credits – Counselling Psychology – thesis; 78 credits – Educational Psychology); M.A. T

As a rule, no more than one-third of the formal coursework (excluding thesis, project, stage, or internship) of a McGill master's degree can be credited with courses from another university or degree (for example, courses taken before admission to the McGill degree, or courses taken through the IUT agreement during the McGill degree, if permitted).

Normally, if courses completed elsewhere or at McGill prior to admission to the McGill master's degree were not used to complete a degree, they could be credited toward the McGill de

All language requirements must be fulfilled and the grades reported **before** submission of the thesis to GPS (Thesis section).

Students must contact their departments to make arrangements to take the Language Reading Proficiency Examinations. Students may, however, demonstrate competence by a pass standing in two undergraduate language courses taken at McGill (see departmental regulations).

Candidates are advised to discharge their language requirements as early in their program as possible.

Students expecting to enrol in Professional Corporations in the province of Quebec are advised to become fluent in both spoken and written French.

French language courses are available at the French Language Centre. The teaching is intensive and class sizes are kept small. While undergraduate students are given preference, graduate students who are certain they can devote sufficient time to the work may enrol.

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 *Nomination of Examiners and Thesis Submission* form, available at www.mcgill.ca/gps/thesis/guidelines/initial-submission, 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 .2 Tm(fes reported)

- iv. Postdocs with full responsibility for teaching a course should be compensated over and above their fellowship at the standard rate paid to lecturers by their department. This applies to all postdocs, except those for whom teaching is part of the award (e.g., Mellon grantees).
- v. The amount of research, teaching, or other tasks that Postdocs engage in over and above postdoctoral activities should conform to the regulations for Postdocs specified by the Canadian research council of their discipline. This applies to all Postdocs, including those whose funding does not come from the Canadian research councils.

4. Privileges

- i. Postdocs have the same pertinent rights as the ones granted to McGill students in the *Handbook on Student Rights and Responsibilities* (“Green Book”), available at www.mcgill.ca/secretariat/policies/students.
- ii. Postdocs have full graduate student borrowing privilege

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

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

Approved by Senate, April 2000; revised May 2014

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 have their funding reduced accordingly.

Council of FGSR April 23, 1999

8.4 Leave of Absence for Health and Parental/Familial Reasons

A leave of absence may be granted for maternity or parental reasons or for health reasons (see [University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Leave of Absence Status](#)).

Such a leave must be requested on a term-by-term basis and may be granted for a period of up to 52 weeks. For a maternity or parental leave, the eligibility period of a maximum of 52 consecutive weeks is determined based on when the child is born; if the leave is interrupted for one or two terms, the eligibility period cannot be extended. Students and Postdocs must make a request for such a leave in writing to their department and submit a medical certificate. The department shall forward the request to Enrolment Services. See the procedure in [University Regulations and 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/students-postdocs/accepting-maintaining-awards under "Leave Policies: Funding Council Leave Policies for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows."

8.5 Postdoctoral Research Trainees

Eligibility

If your situation does not conform to the Government of Quebec's definition of 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 the degree/certification has not yet been awarded. The individual 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. The 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. The individual will be engaged in full-time research with well-defined objectives, responsibilities, and methods of reporting. The application must be accompanied by a letter of permission from the home institution (signed by the Department Chair, Dean or equivalent) confirming registration in their program and stating the expected duration of the research stage. Individuals who are expecting to spend more than one year are encouraged to obtain formal training (master's or Ph.D.) through application to a relevant graduate program.

Category 4: An individual with a regulated health professional degree (as defined under CIHR-eligible health profession), but not a Ph.D. or equivalent or medical specialty training, but who fulfils criteria for funding on a tri-council operating grant or by a CIHR fellowship (up to maximum of five years post-degree).



Note: Individuals who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents must inquire about eligibility for a work permit.

General Conditions

- The maximum duration is three years;
- 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;
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11.1 Law

11.1.1 Location

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 Canada
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 Website: www.mcgill.ca/law-gradprograms

Associate Dean (Graduate Studies) – Richard Gold

11.1.2 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 quality and 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 major 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, and **Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.)**, as well as graduate certificates.

Students may choose to pursue either the LL.M. or the D.C.L. in the Faculty of Law, the Institute of Air and Space Law (IASL), or the Institute of Comparative Law (ICL). Graduate certificates may only be completed within either the IASL or the ICL.

The Faculty of Law promotes study and research in private, commercial, international, and public law, as well as legal theory, from the perspectives of diverse legal traditions. In collaboration with the McGill School of Environment, the Faculty offers the LL.M. with thesis and non-thesis options in Environment. The Faculty also offers the LL.M. degree with a specialization in Bioethics. The D.C.L. degree always involves a substantial thesis.

The Institute of Air and Space Law operates within the Faculty of Law. The Institute offers a curriculum exploring legal issues that arise from international civil aviation and new technologies in space. It provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the legal processes regulating worldwide aerospace activities. The Institute offers the degrees of Master of Laws (LL.M.) with thesis and non-thesis options, Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.), and a Graduate Certificate in Air and Space Law.

The Institute of Comparative Law operates within the Faculty of Law as a centre of comparative legal studies. It accommodates national, international, and transnational studies and encourages openness to diverse legal cultures in teaching and research. The Institute offers the degrees of Master of Laws (LL.M.) with thesis and non-thesis options, Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.), and a Graduate Certificate in Comparative Law.

Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degrees

section 11.1.5: 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 11.1.6: 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 apply through either the Faculty of Law, Medicine, Religious Studies, or the Department of Philosophy. 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 11.1.7: 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 School of the 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.

section 11.1.8: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); European Studies (46 credits)

The European Studies Option (ESO) is a cross-disciplinary program offered as an option within the existing LL.M. Thesis program. This option is open to students whose work is focused on Europe, in particular on issues relating to European integration, broadly understood.



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

section 11.1.9: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)

The LL.M. Non-Thesis program is geared toward students who wish to continue their legal education largely through graduate-level coursework. The program requires two terms of coursework as well as a 15,000-word research project.

section 11.1.10: 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 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.

Institute of Air and Space Law

section 11.1.11: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); Air and Space Law (45 credits)

The LL.M. thesis program in the Institute of Air and Space Law is available to qualifying applicants holding a bachelor's law degree who wish to focus on original scholarly research and writing under the supervision of a law professor. This program involves 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 11.1.12: Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Non-Thesis);

English Language Assessment, or *EDEXCEL* offices. **An institutional version of the TOEFL is not acceptable.** Applications without an appropriate test result may not be reviewed.

One of the following language requirements must be met:

- 100 on the TOEFL (iBT) with each component score no less than 25
- a band score of 7.0 or greater on the IELTS
- a grade of 85 or higher on the MELAB
- a grade of “A” (Excellent) on the Cambridge English Language Assessment (CAE)
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1. Graduate Certificate in *Air and Space Law*

2. Graduate Certificate in *Comparative Law*



Note: ALL international students must obtain permission to study from the governments of Quebec and Canada. Immigration Quebec issues the Certificate of Acceptance of Quebec (CAQ) and Citizenship and Immigration Canada issues federal Study Permits. You may also wish to contact [International Student Services](#) for assistance.

11.1.3.2 Application Procedures

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

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

11.1.3.2.1 Additional Requirements

The items and clarifications below are additional requirements set by the Faculty of Law:

- Research Proposal (D.C.L. and LL.M. applicants). For more information, visit www.mcgill.ca/law-admissions/graduates/admissions/deadlines.
- Personal Statement (graduate certificate applicants only). For more information, visit www.mcgill.ca/law-admissions/graduates/admissions/deadlines.
- Two Reference Letters from **academic referees**.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Recent photograph (optional)
- Master's thesis (D.C.L. applicants only)

11.1.3.3 Application Deadlines

The application deadlines listed here are set by the Faculty of Law and may be revised at any time. Applicants must verify all deadlines and documentation requirements well in advance on the appropriate McGill academic unit's website; please consult the list at www.mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program.

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

The **application deadline** to all graduate law programs (LL.M., D.C.L., graduate certificates) is **December 15**. **The Faculty of Law will not consider applications received on or after December 16.**

The Faculty of Law offers **Fall term admission only**; the Faculty will not consider applications for Winter or Summer entry. Applications submitted for the Winter and Summer terms will be cancelled WITHOUT reimbursement of the application fee.



Note: The application fee remains non-refundable.

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Courses offered within this concentration may include:

Civil Law Perspectives (CMPL 601)
Common Law Perspectives (CMPL 602)
Comparative Modern Legal History (CMPL 519)
Feminist Legal Theory (CMPL 504)
Human Rights & Cultural Diversity (CMPL 603)
Jurisprudence (CMPL 501)
Legal Education Seminar (LAWG 525)
Legal Theory (CMPL 506)
Legal Traditions (CMPL 600)
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)

11.1.4.2 International Business Law

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

Courses offered within this concentration may include:

Airline Business and Law (ASPL 614)
Comparative Air Law (ASPL 632)
Feminist Le

Courses offered within this concentration may include:

Public International Air Law (ASPL 633)

Resolution of International Disputes (CMPL 533)

Securities Regulation (BUS2 504)

11.1.4.3 Human Rights and Cultural Diversity

Building on the Faculty's strength in public law, this concentration promotes the comparative study of human rights law. It provides students with opportunities to reflect critically on the emergence and institutionalization of human rights norms in both domestic and international settings and to explore complexities arising from cultural diversity.

Courses offered within this concentration may include:

Aboriginal Peoples and the Law (CMPL 500)

Advanced Criminal Law (PUB2 501)

Children and the Law (PRV2 500)

Civil Liberties (CMPL 573)

Discrimination and the Law (CMPL 575)

Feminist Legal

11.1.4.5 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)
 Law of Space Applications (ASPL 638)
 Government Regulation of Space Activities (ASPL 639)

11.1.5 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: <http://www.mcgill.ca/law-gradprograms/programs/llm/>.

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).

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| CMPL 612 | (3) | Master's Thesis 1 |
| CMPL 613 | (3) | Master's Thesis 2 |
| CMPL 614 | (3) | Master's Thesis 3 |
| CMPL 615 | (6) | Master's Thesis 4 |
| CMPL 616 | (12) | Master's Thesis 5 |
| CMPL 617 | (3) | Master's Thesis 6 |

Required Courses (8 credits)

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

Complementary Courses (7 credits)

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

Additional Thesis Courses

With the approval of the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies) and Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS), students may take up to an additional 3 credits of thesis courses by completing one or both of:

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

11.1.6 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 <http://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).

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| 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 (10 credits)

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

Complementary Courses (11 credits)

One of the following:

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| 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 |

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

11.1.7 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 (29 credits)

As part of the course Master's Thesis 1, a thesis candidate must provide a protocol to his or her supervisor setting out details as to the thesis topic, the deadlines for the completion of the various thesis courses and the schedule of meetings with the thesis supervisor. Modifications to the protocol must be made in writing and submitted to the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies).

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| CMPL 612 | (3) | Master's Thesis 1 |
| CMPL 613 | (3) | Master's Thesis 2 |
| CMPL 614 | (3) | Master's Thesis 3 |
| CMPL 615 | (6) | Master's Thesis 4 |
| CMPL 616 | (12) | Master's Thesis 5 |
| CMPL 618 | (2) | Master's Thesis 7 |

Required Courses (10 credits)

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| (4) | Legal Research Methodology |
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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).

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| 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 (7 credits)

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| CMPL 610 | (4) | Legal Research Methodology |
| LAWG 659 | (3) | Interdisciplinary Seminar in European Studies |

Complementary Courses (9 credits)

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| CMPL 536 | (3) | European Union Law 1 |
| CMPL 537 | (2) | European Union Law 2 |

One or both of these courses may be replaced with another course at the 500 level or above on European Studies offered by the Faculty of Law or the Faculty of Arts with the approval of the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies).

One of:

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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 dev

4 credits from the following:

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| CMPL 610D1 | (2) | Legal Research Methodology |
| CMPL 610D2 | (2) | Legal Research Methodology |
| CMPL 641 | (4) | Theoretical Approaches to Law |

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

11.1.13 Master of Laws (LL.M.); Law (Thesis); Comparative Law (45 credits)

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

LL.M. candidates may be associated with the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, the Quebec Research Centre of Private and Comparative Law,

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.

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| CMPL 655 | (15) | Research Project 1 |
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Required Courses (12 credits)

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

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:

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

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

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.

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Comprehensive - Required

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

ASPL 701 (0) Comprehensive - Air/Space Law

Required Courses (4 Credits)

CMPL 641 (4) Theoretical Approaches to Law

LAWG 702 (0) DCL Seminar

Complementary Course (0-4 Credits)

Some students are encouraged to take the following:

CMPL 610 (4) Legal Research Methodology

11.1.17 Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.); Comparative Law

The Institute of Comparative Law offers the D.C.L. program in Comparative Law, which 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 three 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 the 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.

CMPL 701 (0) Comprehensive Examination-Comparative Law

Required Courses (4 Credits)

CMPL 641 (4) Theoretical Approaches to Law

LAWG 702 (0) DCL Seminar

Complementary Course (0-4 Credits)

Some students are encouraged to take the following:

CMPL 610 (4) Legal Research Methodology

11.1.18 Graduate Certificate Air and Space Law (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: <http://www.mcgill.ca/law-gradprograms/programs/certificate-programs/>.

Required Courses (9 credits)

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| 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.

11.1.19 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).

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Complementary Courses

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

