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**1.1.1 Application Deadlines for September Admission**

**January 15**

All candidates studying, or who last studied, in high schools, universities or colleges outside Canada (except Exchange, Special, and Visiting students).

Music: candidates who wish to do the February Music Entrance Scholarship auditions.

**February 1**

All candidates studying in high schools in Canada outside Quebec.

**March 1**

Candidates studying in CEGEP in Quebec, unless otherwise indicated.

Music: all remaining candidates.

**May 1**

Exchange students: all faculties (except Music).

Special and Visiting students (non-Canadian citizens).

All candidates currently or last registered in Canadian universities/colleges who wish to transfer to McGill (Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents only).

Candidates wishing to complete a second degree, who last studied in a Canadian university (Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents only).

Mature student and Part-time B.Com. candidates (Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents only).

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## 2.1 Enrolment Limits

The number of applicants who meet the minimum requirements for admission to most programs is usually considerably in excess of the available places.

At the time of printing of this Calendar, admission to the following programs is highly competitive: Architecture, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Physical and Occupational Therapy, and Software Engineering (Science).

Applicants are encouraged to indicate a second choice of program on their application form. If not offered admission to the first choice of program, the applicant will automatically be considered for the second choice.

An applicant whose request for admission has been denied may submit a written request for review of the admissions decision. Please note that the University may impose a re-read fee, which will be credited to the applicant's account in the event of a reversed decision. For a formal admission appeal there is a charge of \$100.

## 2.2 Proof of Proficiency in English

The language of instruction at McGill is English. Some courses are offered in French. Every student has a right to write essays, examinations and theses in English or in French except in courses where knowledge of a language is one of the objectives of the course.

Applicants are not required to submit proof of proficiency in English if they meet **one** of the following conditions: their mother tongue/first language is English; or they have completed both Secondary V and a Diploma of Collegial Studies in Quebec; or they have studied for at least five years in an institution where English is the main language of instruction.

**All other applicants must demonstrate proficiency in English, using one of the following four options:**

### Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

with a minimum score of 233\* (577\* for the paper-based version). Some programs require higher scores, e.g. the Faculty of Management minimum score is 250 (600 for the paper-based version).

### McGill Certificate of Proficiency in English.

For further information about the program, contact the Department of Languages and Translation, Centre for Continuing Education, 688 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, Quebec, H3A 3R1. Telephone (514) 398-6160. Email: [info@conted.lan.mcgill.ca](mailto:info@conted.lan.mcgill.ca). Website: <http://www.mcgill.ca/conted/>

### University of Michigan English Language Test (MELAB)

with a minimum mark of 85%\*.

### International English Language Testing Systems (IELTS)

with a band score of 6.5 or better\*.

\* These scores were current at time of printing but are under review and may change.

**Note:** Outside of Canada and the United States, TOEFL is generally given every second month. Closing dates for registration are about five weeks before the test date. The results of the paper-based test reach McGill approximately eight weeks after the test has been completed and the computer-based test results reach McGill approximately three weeks after the test has been completed. An institutional version of TOEFL is not acceptable.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the results are sent to the appropriate McGill admissions office directly from the TOEFL Office. The institutional code for the Admissions, Recruitment and Registrar's Office is 0935-00. (Only indicate a departmental code if test results are to be directed to the faculties of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences [CODE 0864], Music, or Religious Studies [21].)

It is important that the TOEFL score report, the application for admission, and supporting documents all carry the applicant's legal name, with identical spelling.

## 2.3 Placement Tests in Mathematics and Basic Sciences

Applicants from outside Quebec who believe that they have taken the equivalent of one or more introductory college level science courses (algebra, calculus, biology, chemistry, physics) but who do not have acceptable certification to that effect, should inquire at the Admissions, Recruitment and Registrar's Office (or the Student Affairs Office, Macdonald Campus) as to their eligibility to take placement examinations at McGill for credit. These examinations will be held prior to, or during the first week of classes, and must be written during this time.

Prior to their first registration, students entering the Faculty of Engineering from a Quebec CEGEP program are eligible to receive advanced credit in 189-260 Intermediate Calculus upon successful completion of the Advanced Credit Examination. See the Engineering entry below.

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Mathematics – 00UN, 00UP or (201-NYA, 201-NYB) or (201-103, 201-203)



appropriate studies, apply to transfer to the School of Architecture with no loss of time.

**Arts:** Grade 12 English\* (Ontario: OAC English\*).

**Education:** Grade 12 English\* (Ontario: OAC English\*).

Applicants for Education in Second Languages (English\* or French) require a language proficiency test and/or interview.

Applicants to the business or technical subject options must have related training and work experience.

Concurrent B.Sc./B.Ed. applicants must also meet Faculty of Science requirements.

Applicants to the Concurrent B.Ed./B.Mus. must meet the requirements of both faculties and apply directly to the Faculty of Music Admissions Office.

**Engineering:** Grade 12 mathematics (pre-calculus), chemistry, physics and English\* (Ontario: OAC Calculus or OAC Algebra and OAC Geometry, plus OAC Physics, OAC Chemistry and OAC English\*).

**Management:** Grade 12 mathematics (pre-calculus) and English\* (Ontario: OAC Calculus or OAC Algebra and OAC Geometry and OAC English\*).

**Music:** No specific prerequisite courses. Applicants must have keyboard skills sufficient to use the piano as a tool in their studies;

**Architecture:** Three Advanced Level papers, at least one of which must be in mathematics, physics or chemistry and all three to be taken at GCSE Level. Admission is highly competitive. All applicants must submit a bound 8½" x 11" portfolio.



**Arts:** Three Advanced Level papers.

**Education:** Three Advanced Level papers.

Applicants for Education in Second Languages (English or French) require a language proficiency test and/or interview.

Applicants to the business or technical subject options must have related training and work experience.

Concurrent B.Sc./B.Ed. applicants must also meet Faculty of Science requirements.

Applicants to the Concurrent B.Ed./B.Mus. must meet the requirements of both faculties and apply directly to the Faculty of Music Admissions Office.

**Engineering:** Three Advanced Level papers. Chemistry, physics and mathematics to be taken at Advanced or GCSE level.

**Management:** Three Advanced Level papers. Applicants to Management must have Advanced Level mathematics with a minimum grade of B.

**Music:** Three Advanced Level examinations. Applicants must have keyboard skills sufficient to use the piano as a tool in their







Applicants to the business or technical subject options must have related training and work experience.

Concurrent B.Sc./B.Ed. applicants must also meet Faculty of Science requirements.

Applicants to the Concurrent B.Ed./B.Mus. must meet the requirements of both faculties and apply directly to the Faculty of Music Admissions Office.

**Management:** One semester in each of differential and integral calculus. Applicants from Quebec universities must also have a one semester course in linear algebra.

**Music:** No specific prerequisites. Applicants must have keyboard skills sufficient to use the piano as a tool in their studies; admissibility to any program is determined by audition.

**Science:** Minimum requirements include two semesters of biology, chemistry or physics each with labs and one semester in each of differential and integral calculus (four courses in all).

**Social Work:** No specific prerequisite courses required. Preference is given to students with related work experience.

**Theology (Faculty of Religious Studies):** Contact the Faculty for information.

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## 2.9 Programs for Students with a Degree

"An undergraduate degree" is defined as being either a three-year degree following a CEGEP Diploma (or equivalent advanced standing) or a four-year degree following high school.

**Certificate in Ecological Agriculture:** Students holding a B.Sc. in Agriculture or a related area are eligible to apply for this program provided they are otherwise acceptable for admission to the University. The Certificate is a two-semester (30 credit) program.

**Diploma in Environment:** Minimum B.A. or B.Sc. degree, equivalent to 16 years of scolarity, with a CGPA of 2.70 on 4. Registration may be in the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, of Arts, or of Science. The Diploma is a two-semester (30-credit) program.

**Music - Artist Diploma:** A Bachelor of Music degree in Performance, the Licentiate in Music of the McGill Faculty of Music, or the equivalent. Admissibility is determined by audition.

**Social Work - Special B.S.W.:**

**Category A** applicants have not had any previous study at college or university level (including McGill CCE). In addition to Survey of Basic Math I and II, applicants must have completed Communications in Management I (455-205, or 455-202), Introduction to Financial Accounting (280-211), and Information Systems (280-331) with a minimum B average.

**Category B** applicants have had college and/or university-level courses with results below the criteria for admission and must re-qualify. In addition to Survey of Basic Math I and II, applicants must complete eight of the following courses: Macroeconomic Policy (154-295), Intro. to Financial Accounting (280-211), Intro. to Management Accounting (280-213), Introductory Management Statistics (280-273), Statistical Methods in Management (280-274), Managerial Economics (280-293), Information Systems (280-331), Finance I (280-341), Marketing Management I (280-352), and one of Organization Behaviour (280-222), or Communications in Management II (455-305) with a minimum B average.

**Music:** Applicants who are 21 years of age or older, and who are able to demonstrate exceptional talent in their discipline will be considered.

**Science:** Three courses, one in functions (pre-calculus) and at least two of general biology, chemistry, or physics (each with lab) each with a grade of 75% or better.

**Social Work:** Applicants must have completed a minimum of two appropriate courses at the college or university level, each with a grade of B or better, and have had significant paid or volunteer community work experience in related fields.

**Theology (Faculty of Religious Studies):** Applicants who are 27 years of age or older will be considered. If accepted, such students are enrolled in a qualifying year before being considered for the 90-credit B.Th. program.

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## 2.12 Special Students

A Special Student takes regular credit courses but is not working towards a degree. Students must have an approved plan of study and hold an undergraduate degree with an appropriate background. Registration is permitted for one academic year only, after which time the student must apply for admission to a regular program.

The maximum course load is 15 credits per term for a maximum of two terms (with the exception of Architecture where the maximum course load is 6 credits per term). Special Students for Engineering and Architecture must provide a referral from the Order of Engineers or the Order of Architects, as appropriate.

To take courses in English or French as a Second Language, Special Students must obtain written permission from the Department and will be permitted entry only if there is space after degree students have registered. A plan of study cannot only consist of ESL or FSL courses.

Applications for September received before July 1 are given priority. Applications received after that date will be considered on a discretionary basis, subject to availability of places in the program and submission of official supporting documents. Applications for January must be received by November 1.

**Architecture:** Candidates referred by l'Ordre des architectes du Québec (OAQ) are considered on an individual basis.

**Engineering:** Candidates referred by l'Ordre des Ingénieurs du Québec (OIQ) are considered on an individual basis.

**Music:** Applicants are required to have the necessary music prerequisites for the courses concerned. Registration is subject to the availability of space in the course(s). Special Students are not entitled to lessons in an instrument or in voice.

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## 2.13 Visiting Students

Students currently registered in degree programs in other universities and who have completed at least two semesters of study, may wish to take courses at McGill as a Visiting Student to be applied toward a program at their home university. This status may be granted for a maximum of one academic year. Students should

ascertain that their courses are acceptable for transfer to their home university.

The application deadline is July 1 for September admission and November 1 for January admission. Additional information may be obtained from the Admissions, Recruitment and Registrar's Office, or the appropriate Faculty Admissions Office.

**Note:** Students registered in degree programs in other Quebec universities who wish to take one or two courses per term at McGill should complete an Inter-University Transfer Form available from the Admissions, Recruitment and Registrar's Office or the Student Affairs Office, Macdonald Campus.

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## 2.14 Exchange Students coming to McGill

Students registered in universities that have official exchange agreements with McGill University or that are members of Canex (Canada Exchange Scholars Program) may apply as Exchange Students. In addition, McGill, together with other Quebec universities, participates in a number of exchange programs through CREPUQ (la Conférence des recteurs et principaux des universités du Québec). A list of McGill's Exchange Partners is available on the Web at <http://www.aro.mcgill.ca>.

Applicants are considered on an individual basis; the minimum entrance requirement is generally a B average. Where appropriate, grades obtained in courses relevant to the proposed studies will be considered in addition to the overall average. Exchange students may register in most lecture/seminar courses for which they qualify, but registration for laboratory or project courses is not normally possible. Entrance into courses which have a limited enrolment, or where permission of the instructor is required, is not guaranteed. Successful completion of courses does not guarantee entrance into a regular degree program.

Exchange students are selected and officially nominated by their home universities. Although the home university application deadlines vary, documents must be submitted to McGill by May 1 (Music applicants refer to [section 1.1 "Application Deadlines" on page 11.](#)) for admission in the following fall (September) or winter (January) semester. The application fee is waived for Exchange students.