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1 Dean's Welcome

To Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows:

Welcome to Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) at McGill. You are joining a community of world-class researchers and more than 9,000 graduate students in over 400 programs. [GPS](#) is here to support you from admissions through to graduation and beyond. W

3 Important Dates

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

4 Graduate Studies at a Glance

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

5 Program Requirements

Refer to [University Regulations & Resources](#) > *Graduate* > *Regulations* > : [Program Requirements](#) for graduate program requirements for the following:

- Master's Degrees
- Doctoral Degrees
- Ad Personam Programs (Thesis Option Only)
- Coursework for Graduate Programs, Diplomas, and Certificates

6 Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures

Please refer to [University Regulations & Resources](#) > *Graduate* > : [Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures](#) for information on:

- Application for Admission
- Admission Requirements
- Application Procedures
- Competency in English

and other important information regarding admissions and application procedures for Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

- vi. Postdocs are mandatory members of the Post-Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) and an annual association fee is automatically charged. PGSS fees are mandatory. Postdocs are permitted membership in the Faculty Club; an annual fee will be charged for this membership.
- vii. Postdocs are encouraged to participate in Professional Development Workshops provided by Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and Teaching and Learning services. These sessions are usually free of charge.
- viii. Postdocs have access to the services provided by the Ombudsperson.
- ix. Postdocs may enrol as part-time students in the second language written and spoken English/French courses offered by the School of Continuing Studies/French Language Centre. Postdocs will be charged tuition for these courses. International Postdocs may be required to obtain a CAQ and a Study Permit.
- x. Access to student services and athletic services are available to the Postdoc on an opt-in basis. Fees are applicable.

5. Responsibilities

- i. Postdocs are subject to the responsibilities outlined at www.mcgill.ca/students/srr and must abide by the policies listed at www.mcgill.ca/secretariat/policies-and-regulations.
- ii. Each academic unit hosting Postdocs should clearly identify Postdocs' needs and the means by which they will be met by the unit.
- iii. Each academic unit should assess the availability of research supervision facilities, office space, and research funding before recruiting Postdocs.
- iv. Some examples of responsibilities of the department are:
 - to verify the Postdoc's eligibility period for registration;
 - to provide Postdocs with departmental policy and procedures that pertain to them;
 - to oversee the registration and appointment of Postdocs;
 - to assign departmental personnel (e.g., Postdoc coordinator and Graduate Program Director) the responsibility for Postdocs;
 - to oversee and sign off on the Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education;
 - to ensure that each Postdoc has a supervisor, lab and/or office space, access to research operating costs and necessary equipment;
 - to include Postdocs in departmental career and placement opportunities;
 - to refer Postdocs to the appropriate University policies and personnel for the resolution of conflict that may arise between a Postdoc and a supervisor.
- v. Some examples of responsibilities of the supervisor are:
 - to uphold and transmit to their Postdocs the highest professional standards of research and/or scholarship;
 - to provide research guidance;
 - to meet regularly with their Postdocs;
 - to provide feedback on research submitted by the Postdocs;
 - to clarify expectations regarding intellectual property rights in accordance with the University's policy;
 - to provide mentorship for career development;
 - to prepare, sign, and adhere to a Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education.
- vi. Some examples of responsibilities of Postdocs are:
 - to inform themselves of and adhere to the University's policies and/or regulations for Postdocs for leaves, for research, and for student conduct as outlined at www.mcgill.ca/students/srr and the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies [University Regulations and Resources](#);
 - to submit a complete file for registration to Enrolment Services;
 - to sign and adhere to their Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education;
 - to communicate regularly with their supervisor;
 - to inform their supervisor of their absences.
- 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.

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- 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 [University Regulations & 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 without

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, **Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.)**, and **Graduate Certificates**.

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

Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degrees

section 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 11.1.10: Master of Laws (LL.M.) Law (Thesis): Air and Space Law (45 credits)

The LL.M. thesis program in Air and Space Law is geared toward students who wish to focus on original scholarly research related to the Air and Space Law domain. This program involves a combination of coursework and research credits (a thesis of 30,000 words). The thesis must show familiarity with previous work in the field and demonstrate the student's capacity for independent analysis, writing skills, and organization.

section 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 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 11.1.12: Master of Laws (LL.M.) Law (Thesis): Comparative Law (45 credits)

In the field of Comparative Law, students are encouraged to think about the nature and value of comparative scholarship both through coursework (particularly the Legal Traditions course, which is required for all students in Comparative Law) and through their master's thesis. As such, students are encouraged and given opportunities to explore how juridical analyses are enriched through openness to learning from diversity in research methods, theoretical frameworks, legal traditions and doctrines, languages, and disciplinary perspectives. The LL.M. thesis program in Comparative Law requires several graduate-level courses and the production of a 30,000-word thesis.

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



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

section 11.1.8: Master of Laws (LL.M.) Law (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)

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

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

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

section 11.1.13: Master of Laws (LL.M.) Law (Non-Thesis): Comparative Law (45 credits)

In the field of Comparative Law, students are encouraged to think about the nature and value of comparative scholarship both through coursework (particularly the Legal Traditions course, which is required for all students in Comparative Law) and through their master's research project. As such, students are encouraged and given opportunities to explore how juridical analyses are enriched through openness to learning from diversity in research methods, theoretical frameworks, legal traditions and doctrines, languages, and disciplinary perspectives. The LL.M. non-thesis program requires two terms of graduate-level coursework and another term to produce a 15,000-word research project.

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

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



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

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

section 11.1.14: Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) Law

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

section 11.1.15: Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) Air and Space Law

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

section 11.1.16: Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) Comparative Law

Doctoral students in Comparative Law are encouraged to think about the nature and value of comparative scholarship both through coursework (particularly the Legal Traditions course, which is recommended for DCL students in Comparative Law) and through their doctoral thesis. As such, students are encouraged and given opportunities to explore how juridical analyses are enriched through openness to learning with diverse research methods, theoretical frameworks, legal traditions and doctrines, languages, and disciplinary perspectives.

Graduate Certificates

section 11.1.17: Graduate Certificate (Gr. Cert.) Air and Space Law (15 credits)

The Graduate Certificate in Air and Space Law is a course-based program designed for students with a strong professional orientation. This certificate is particularly appropriate for jurists and other professionals who wish to pursue graduate-level legal studies in aviation, air and space law, government regulations, conventions, and treaties dealing with these areas.

section 11.1.18: Graduate Certificate (Gr. Cert.) Comparative Law (15 credits)

The Graduate Certificate in Comparative Law provides advanced training to candidates who do not wish to undertake the master's degree. The Graduate Certificate is particularly appropriate for judges, law professors, and legal practitioners from countries undergoing substantial legal reform (such as post-Communist or developing countries) who wish to pursue advanced studies in areas such as civil, commercial, or human rights law.

11.1.3 Law Admission Requirements and Application Procedures

11.1.3.1 Admission Requirements

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

11.1.3.1.1 Language Requirement

Graduate-level courses are generally offered in English, and an adequate level of proficiency

11.1.3.1.2 LL.M. Programs

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

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

11.1.3.1.3 LL.M. Interdisciplinary Options



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

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

11.1.3.1.4 D.C.L. Programs

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

Application Opening Dates			Application Deadlines	
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Courses offered within this concentration may include:

Airline Business and Law (ASPL 614)
 Comparative Air Law (ASPL 632)
 Comparative Legal Institutions (CMPL 517)
 Copyright and Trademark Theory (BUS2 500)
 Corporate Finance (BUS2 505)
 European Union Law 1 (CMPL 536)
 European Union Law 2 (CMPL 537)
 Government Control of Business (CMPL 574)
 Government Regulation of Space Activities (ASPL 639)
 Intellectual & Industrial Property (BUS2 502)
 International Business Law (CMPL 604)
 International Carriage of Goods by Sea (CMPL 515)
 International Development Law (CMPL 516)
 International Environmental Law and Politics (CMPL 546)
 International Maritime Conventions (CMPL 553)
 International Taxation (CMPL 539)
 Law and Practice of International Trade (CMPL 543)
 Law of Space Applications (ASPL 638)
 Patent Theory and Policy (BUS2 501)
 Private International Air Law (ASPL 636)
 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 Theory (CMPL 504)
 Human Rights & Cultural Diversity (CMPL 603)
 International Criminal Law (PUB2 502)
 International Humanitarian Law (CMPL 565)
 International Law of Human Rights (CMPL 571)
 Law and Psychiatry (PUB2 500)
 Social Diversity and Law (CMPL 511)

11.1.4.4 Regulation, Technology and Society

This concentration focuses on the comparative and interdisciplinary study of legal regulation in areas of rapid technological change. It encourages critical reflection on notions of the public interest and its protection in areas as diverse as the biomedical sciences, the environment, the growth of computer networks, and the commercial exploitation of space.

Courses offered within this concentration may include:

Communications Law (CMPL 577)
Comparative Medical Law (CMPL 551)
Computers and the Law (CMPL 578)
Environment and the Law (CMPL 580)
Government Control of Business (CMPL 574)
Intellectual & Industrial Property (BUS2 502)
International Environmental Law and Politics (CMPL 546)
Land Use Planning (PRV4 545)
Law and Health Care (CMPL 642)
Law and Psychiatry (PUB2 500)
Medical Liability (CMPL 522)
Policies, Politics and Legislative Process (CMPL 518)
Regulation Technology/Society (CMPL 605)
Trade Regulation (CMPL 521)

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

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms for which full-time fees will be charged. The third term, usually devoted to thesis research, may be taken the Summer of the first year. If the thesis is not completed in this time, students must register for additional sessions as needed. All degree requirements must be completed within a maximum of three years of the date of first registration.

Thesis Courses (30 credits)

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

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

Required Courses (9 credits)

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

Complementary Courses (6 credits)

The remaining 6 credits (or fewer if more credits are earned for the Master's Thesis) are chosen from among Faculty offerings at the 500 and 600 level.

Additional Thesis Courses

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

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

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 <https://www.mcgill.ca/biomedicaethicsunit/>.

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms for which full-time fees will be charged. The third term, usually devoted to thesis research, may be taken the Summer of the first year. If the thesis is not completed in this time, students must register for additional sessions as needed. All degree requirements must be completed within a maximum of three years of the date of first registration.

Thesis Courses (24 credits)

The Master's Thesis programs consist of a coursework component and a thesis of approximately 100 pages. As part of the thesis requirement, a candidate must provide a protocol to his or her supervisor setting out details as to the thesis topic, the deadlines for the completion of the various thesis courses and the schedule of meetings with the thesis supervisor. Modifications to the protocol must be made in writing and submitted to the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies).

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

Required Courses (12 credits)

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

Complementary Courses (9 credits)

3 credits from the following

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

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

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

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

11.1.8 Master of Laws (LL.M.) Law (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)

The 45-credit LL.M. non-thesis option complements previous legal education through specialized graduate-level coursework and in-depth research. It enhances expertise in selected areas of legal scholarship and offers an opportunity to write a supervised, substantial, and publishable paper in an area of interest.

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms for which full-time fees will be charged. The third term is devoted to the Research Project, usually taken in the Summer of the first 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 supervised research project is a 15,000-word paper, assessed by the supervisor on a pass-fail basis, and is typically completed in the Summer.

CMPL 655	(15)	Research Project 1
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Required Courses (9 credits)

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

Complementary Courses (21 credits)

The remaining 21 credits (or fewer if more credits are earned for the research project) are chosen from among Faculty offerings at the 500 and 600 levels.

Additional Research Project Courses

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

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

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

The Faculty of Law together with the School of Environment and other units at McGill offers a 45-credit, LL.M. program, non-thesis option, in Environment. The program complements previous legal education through specialized graduate-level coursework and in-depth research. It enhances expertise in selected areas of legal scholarship and offers an opportunity to write a supervised, substantial, and publishable paper in an area of interest.

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms for which full-time fees will be charged. The third term is devoted to the Research Project, usually taken in the Summer of the first year, meaning that students usually complete their program within one calendar year. If the research project is not completed in this time, students must register for additional sessions as needed. All degree requirements must be completed within a maximum of three years of the date of first registration.

Research Project (15 credits)

Required Courses (12 credits)

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

Required Courses (12 credits)

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

Complementary Courses (9 credits)

3 credits from the following:

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

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

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

The 45-credit LL.M. program, non-thesis option, in Air and Space Law complements previous legal education through specialized graduate-level coursework and in-depth research. It enhances expertise in selected areas of legal scholarship and includes a supervised substantial paper in an area of interest.

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms for which full-time fees will be charged. The third term is devoted to the Research Project, usually taken in the summer of the first year. 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.

ASPL 655	(15)	Research Project 1
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Required Courses (12 credits)

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

Complementary Courses (18 credits)

3 credits from the following:

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

15 credits (or fewer if more credits are earned for the research project) at the 500 level or higher chosen from among Faculty offerings (including ASPL offerings).

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:

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

11.1.12 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, the Centre for Intellectual Property Policy, or one of the specialized Research Chairs at the Faculty of Law. For more information, see our website: <https://mcgill.ca/law/grad-studies/masters-programs>.

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms. The third term, usually devoted to thesis research, may be taken the Summer of the first year. If the thesis is not completed in this time, students must register for additional sessions as needed. All degree requirements must be completed within a maximum of three years of the date of first registration.

Thesis Courses (30 credits)

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

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

Required Courses (12 credits)

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

Complementary Courses (3 credits)

The remaining 3 credits (or fewer if more credits are earned for the Master's Thesis) are chosen from among Faculty offerings at the 500 and 600 levels.

Additional Thesis Courses

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

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

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

The 45-credit LL.M. program, non-thesis option, in Comparative Law complements previous legal education through specialized graduate-level coursework and in-depth research. It enhances expertise in selected areas of legal scholarship and offers an opportunity to write a supervised, substantial, and publishable paper in an area of interest.

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms. The third term is devoted to the Research Project, usually taken in the summer of the first year, meaning that students usually complete their program within one calendar year. If the research project is not completed in this time, students must register for additional sessions as needed. All degree requirements must be completed within a maximum of three years of the date of first registration.

Research Project (15 credits)

The non-thesis option requires a substantial supervised research project during the third term of registration, a 15,000-word paper, assessed by the supervisor on a pass-fail basis, and typically completed in the Summer.

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

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

Complementary Courses (18 credits)

The remaining 18 credits (or fewer if more credits are earned for the research project) are chosen from among Faculty offerings at the 500 and 600 levels.

Additional Research Project Courses

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

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

LAWG 705 (0) DCL Research Seminar 2

Complementary Course (0-3 Credits)

Some students are encouraged to take the following:

LAWG 601 (1.5) Communication 1
 LAWG 602 (1.5) Communication 2

11.1.15 Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) Air and Space Law

The Institute of Air & Space Law offers a D.C.L. program in Air and Space 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. The core of the D.C.L. program is a substantial thesis of up to 400 pages that makes a significant contribution to legal scholarship, evidencing in concept and execution the original work of the candidate. The thesis must be submitted within 4 years of completion of the residency requirement. Every candidate must successfully pass a comprehensive examination, after one year which may occur in the first year of the program, but no later than the end of the second year of the program.

Comprehensive - Required

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

ASPL 701 (0) Comprehensive - Air/Space Law

Required Courses (5 Credits)

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

Complementary Course (0-3 Credits)

Some students are encouraged to take the following:

LAWG 601 (1.5) Communication 1
 LAWG 602 (1.5) Communication 2

11.1.16 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 (5 Credits)

CMPL 641 (3) Theoretical Approaches to Law

LAWG 702	(2)	Legal Research Methodology for DCL
LAWG 703	(0)	Literature Review, Analysis and Proposal
LAWG 704	(0)	DCL Research Seminar 1
LAWG 705	(0)	DCL Research Seminar 2

Complementary Course (0-3 Credits)

Some students are encouraged to take the following:

LAWG 601	(1.5)	Communication 1
LAWG 602	(1.5)	Communication 2

