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## 1 Dean's Welcome

Welcome to Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) at McGill. You are joining a community of world-class researchers and more than 10,000 graduate students in over 400 programs. GPS is here to support you from admissions through to graduation and beyond. McGill's approach to graduate education emphasises skills development; we cultivate your academic and professional growth through a variety of workshops, events and experiential learning opportunities. I invite you to consult the [GPS website](#) for information on the range of resources available to graduate students at McGill.

I would like to wish you all the best in your studies at McGill. We are here to make sure that you have the best possible experience.

*Josephine Nalbantoglu, Ph.D.*

*Associate Provost (Graduate Education) and Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies*

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## 2 Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

### 2.1 Administrative Officers

#### Administrative Officers

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**Note:** For inquiries regarding specific graduate programs, please contact the appropriate department.

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### 2.3 Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies' Mission

The mission of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) is to promote university-wide academic excellence for graduate and postdoctoral education at McGill. GPS provides leadership and strategic direction across the university in close collaboration with the academic and administrative units, and the graduate and postdoctoral community.

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## 3 Important Dates

For all dates relating to the academic year, consult [mcgill.ca/importantdates](http://mcgill.ca/importantdates).

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## 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.

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## 5 Program Requirements

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

- Master's Degrees
- Doctoral Degrees
- Coursework for Graduate Programs, Diplomas, and Certificates

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## 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.

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## 7 Fellowships, Awards, and Assistantships

Please refer to [University Regulations & Resources > Graduate > : Fellowships, Awards, and Assistantships](#) for information and contact information regarding fellowships, awards, and assistantships in Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

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## 8 Postdoctoral Research

Students must inform themselves of University rules and regulations and keep abreast of any changes that may occur. The *Postdoctoral Research* section of this publication contains important details postdoctoral scholars will require during their studies at McGill and should be periodically consulted, along with other sections and related publications.

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### 8.1 Postdocs

Postdocs are recent graduates with a Ph.D. or equivalent (i.e., Medical Specialist Diploma) engaged by a member of the University's academic staff, including Adjunct Professors, to assist them in research.

Postdocs must be appointed by their department and registered with Enrolment Services in order to have access to University facilities (library, computer, etc.).



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## 8.2 Guidelines and Policy for Academic Units on Postdoctoral Education

Every unit hosting postdocs should apply institutional policies and procedures for the provision of postdoctoral education and have established means for informing postdocs of policies, procedures, and privileges (available at [mcgill.ca/gps/postdocs](http://mcgill.ca/gps/postdocs)), as well as mechanisms for addressing complaints. For their part, postdocs are responsible for informing themselves of such policies, procedures, and privileges.

### 1. Definition and Status

- i. Postdoctoral status will be recognized by the University in accordance with Quebec provincial regulations as may be modified from time to time. The eligibility period for postdoctoral status is up to five years from the date when the Ph.D. or equivalent degree was aw

- i. Postdocs are subject to the responsibilities outlined at [mcgill.ca/students/srr](http://mcgill.ca/students/srr) and must abide by the policies listed at [mcgill.ca/secretariat/policies-and-regulations](http://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 f



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## 10 Graduate Student Services and Information

Graduate students are encouraged to refer to : [Student Services and Information](#) for information on the following topics:

- Service Point
- Student Rights & Responsibilities
- Student Services – Downtown & Macdonald Campuses
- Residential Facilities
- Athletics and Recreation
- Ombudsperson for Students
- Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities
- Bookstore
- Computer Store
- Day Care

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## 11 Information on Research Policies and Guidelines, Patents, Postdocs, Associates, Trainees

Refer to [University Regulations & Resources](#) > *Graduate* > : [Research Policy and Guidelines](#) for information on the following:

- Regulations on Research Policy
- Regulations Concerning the Investigation of Research Misconduct
- Requirements for Research Involving Human Participants
- Policy on the Study and Care of Animals
- Policy on Intellectual Property
- Regulations Governing Conflicts of Interest
- Safety in Field Work
- Office of Sponsored Research
- Postdocs
- Research Associates

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## 12 Browse Academic Units & Programs

The programs and courses in the following sections have been approved for the 2021–2022 session as listed. The Faculty/School reserves the right to introduce changes as may be deemed necessary or desirable at any time throughout the year.

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### 12.1 Law

#### 12.1.1 Location

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Associate Dean (Graduate Studies) – Andrea Bjorklund

## 12.1.2 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 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 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 12.1.5: 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 12.1.10: 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

*section 12.1.11: 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 12.1.13: 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.



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

*section 12.1.9: 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 Bieler 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 12.1.14: 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 12.1.15: 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 12.1.16: Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) Law: 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

## 12.1.3 Law Admission Requirements and Application Procedures

### 12.1.3.1 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](#).

#### 12.1.3.1.1 Language Requirement

Graduate-level courses are generally offered in English, and an adequate level of proficiency in English must be demonstrated for admission. In order to understand all course materials, the ability to speak and read French is an asset. At McGill's Faculty of Law, all students may choose to write essays, examinations, and theses in English or French. In areas such as the study of private law in the civilian tradition or comparative private law, a reading knowledge of French is essential.

For graduate applicants whose mother tongue is not English, and who have not completed an undergraduate or graduate degree from a recognized Canadian or American (English or French) institution or from a recognized foreign institution where English is the language of instruction, documented proof of English proficiency is required **prior to admission**. For a list of acceptable test scores and minimum requirements, visit [mcgill.ca/law/grad-studies/admissions-guide/eligibility](http://mcgill.ca/law/grad-studies/admissions-guide/eligibility).

#### 12.1.3.1.2 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.

#### 12.1.3.1.3 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 [mcgill.ca/mse/envroption](http://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 [mcgill.ca/biomedicalethicsunit/teaching/masters](http://mcgill.ca/biomedicalethicsunit/teaching/masters).

#### 12.1.3.1.4 D.C.L. Programs

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

In addition to the requirements for admission to the LL.M. programs, D.C.L. applicants must also hold a master's degree (or equivalent) in Law, with a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 out of 4.0 (or equivalent). Admission to the doctoral program is always dependent on the a

### 12.1.3.3 Application Dates and Deadlines

Application opening dates are set by Enrolment Services in consultation with Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS), while application deadlines 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 departmental website; please consult the list at [mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program](http://mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program).

<b>Application Opening Dates</b>		<b>Application Deadlines</b>		
	<b>All Applicants</b>	<b>Non-Canadian citizens (incl. Special, Visiting &amp; Exchange)</b>	<b>Canadian citizens/Perm. residents of Canada (incl. Special, Visiting &amp; Exchange)</b>	<b>Current McGill Students (any citizenship)</b>
<b>Fall Term:</b>	Sept. 15	Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Dec. 15



**Courses offered within this concentration may include:**

Sentencing in Canadian Law (PUB2 504)  
Social Diversity and Law (CMPL 511)  
Talmudic Law (CMPL 513)  
Theoretical Approaches to Law (CMPL 641)

**12.1.4.2 International Business Law**

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)  
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)

**12.1.4.3 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)





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 fees charged

CMPL 610	(1.5)	Legal Research Methodology 1
CMPL 611	(1.5)	Legal Research Methodology 2
ENVR 615	Td)	Interdisciplinary Approach Environment and Sustainability
LAWG 601	(1.5)	Communication 1
LAWG 602	(1.5)	Communication 2

### **Complementary Courses (9 credits)**

3-6 credits chosen from:

ENVR 610	Td)	Foundations of Environmental Policy
ENVR 614	Td)	Mobilizing Research for Sustainability

0-3 credits chosen from:

ENVR 585	Td)	Readings in Environment 2
ENVR 630	Td)	Civilization and Environment
ENVR 680	Td)	Topics in Environment 4

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

0-3 credits at the 500 level or higher approved by the Advisory Committee.

### **12.1.8 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	(1.5)	Legal Research Methodology 1
CMPL 611	(1.5)	Legal Research Methodology 2
CMPL 641	Td)	Theoretical Approaches to Law
LAWG 601	(1.5)	Communication 1
LAWG 602 <b>(5)(5)</b>	(1.5)	Communication 2

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

The 45-credit, LL.M. program, non-thesis option, in Environment is offered in collaboration with the Bieler School of Environment. The program considers how various dimensions (scientific, social, legal, ethical) interact to define environment and sustainability issues. It complements previous legal education through specialized graduate-level coursework and in-depth research. The program focuses on selected areas of legal scholarship and includes a written, supervised, substantial, and publishable paper in a area of interest related to the environment.

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)

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 (9 credits)

CMPL 610	(1.5)	Legal Research Methodology 1
CMPL 611	(1.5)	Legal Research Methodology 2
ENVR 615	(3)	Interdisciplinary Approach Environment and Sustainability
LAWG 601	(1.5)	Communication 1
LAWG 602	(1.5)	Communication 2

#### Complementary Courses (21 credits)

12-15 credits chosen from:

CMPL 500	(3)	Indigenous Peoples and the State
CMPL 546	(3)	International Environmental Law and Politics
CMPL 580	(3)	Environment and the Law

and/or other Faculty of Law offerings at the 500 level or higher.

3-6 credits chosen from:

ENVR 610	(3)	Foundations of Environmental Policy
ENVR 614	(3)	Mobilizing Research for Sustainability

0-3 credits chosen from:

ENVR 585	(3)	Readings in Environment 2
ENVR 630	(3)	Civilization and Environment
ENVR 680	(3)	Topics in Environment 4

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

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

The 45-credit LL.M. program, thesis option, in Air and Space Law is a research-intensive graduate program focused on developing research interests into a thesis project under the supervision of a f

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)**

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).

ASPL 690	(3)	Master's Thesis 1
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 610	(1.5)	Legal Research Methodology 1
CMPL 611	(1.5)	Legal Research Methodology 2
CMPL 641	(3)	Theoretical Approaches to Law

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

**Complementary Courses (18 credits)**

3 credits from the following:

CMPL 610	(1.5)	Legal Research Methodology 1
CMPL 611	(1.5)	Legal Research Methodology 2
CMPL 641	(3)	Theoretical Approaches to Law

15 credits (or fe



The remaining 3 credits (or fewer if.aining 3 credits (or fe

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

LAWG 701	(0)	Comprehensive Exam - Law
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**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

**12.1.15 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
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**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

**12.1.16 Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) Law: Comparative Law**

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.

### Comprehensive - Required

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

LAWG 701	(0)	Comprehensive Exam - Law
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### 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)	Communication 1
LAWG 602	(1)	Communication 2

## 12.1.17 Graduate Certificate (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: <https://mcgill.ca/law/grad-studies/certificate-programs>.

### Required Courses (9 credits)

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.

## 12.1.18 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.

