



**Study Abroad and Field Studies (Undergraduate)  
Programs, Courses and University Regulations  
2018-2019**



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## 1 Opportunities for Field Study and Study Abroad

Besides the many academic resources McGill offers on campus, there are also unparalleled opportunities to enrich your educational experience through exchange programs, internships, field study programs, and McGill courses taught off-campus and abroad. The following sections provide information regarding opportunities in the following categories:

- [section 2: Field Study Semesters and Off-Campus Courses](#) – participate in programs and courses offered by McGill University in local, regional, and international settings as a complement to classroom learning.
- [section 3: Internships and Co-op Programs](#) – participate in partnerships offered through McGill to gain valuable on-the-job knowledge in your field.
- [section 4: Exchange Programs](#) – study at one of McGill's partner universities while earning credit at McGill, and paying McGill tuition.
- [section 5: Study Away On Your Own](#) – study away at another university while earning credit at McGill. Tuition is paid directly to the host university.

## 2 Field Study Semesters and Off-Campus Courses

McGill offers you a chance to put theory into practice through local, regional, and international field study semesters and individual courses. Field studies provide practical experience and a chance to integrate and apply knowledge gained in the classroom. In many cases, field courses can be counted toward major program requirements. You should see your adviser for details.

Field Study Semesters are packages of McGill courses aimed at upper-year students that focus on the physical and social aspects of the environment. They are offered in various regions around the world in the Summer, Fall, or Winter terms. Currently, Field Study Semesters are offered in East Africa (Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania; see [section 2.1.1: Africa Field Study Semester](#)), the Canadian Arctic (Axel Heiberg Island; see [section 2.1.2: Arctic Field Study Semester](#)), Barbados (see [section 2.1.3: Barbados Field Study Semester](#) and [section 2.1.4: Barbados Interdisciplinary Tropical Studies Field Semester](#)), and Panama (see [section 2.1.5: Panama Field Study Semester](#)). Enrolment is limited, and application deadlines and costs vary, so you should consult the relevant sections of this publication for details. If you are interested in participating, you should begin planning your courses before the Field Study semester, as some of the field courses may require prerequisites.

Students participating in any one of the field study semesters, i.e., the Africa Field Study Semester (AFSS), the Arctic Field Study Semester (MAFS), the Barbados Field Study Semester (BFSS), the Barbados Interdisciplinary Tropical Studies (BITS) Field Study Semester, or the Panama Field Study Semester (PFSS), may complete the 18-credit Minor in Field Studies. See [section 2.1: Field Study Minor](#) for details.

Off-campus McGill courses are also offered to you and sometimes require separate departmental application. The courses are typically offered during the summer months and can be offered in places as varied as Italy, Mexico, or Brazil and in disciplines in Arts, Engineering (including Architecture), Science, Law, or Management. See [section 2.3: Off-Campus Courses](#).

### 2.1 Field Study Minor

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For more information and course lists, see [Faculty of Science > Undergraduate > Browse Academic Units & Programs > Field Study > : Field Studies - Minor Field Studies \(18 credits\)](#).

#### 2.1.1 Africa Field Study Semester

Website: [www.mcgill.ca/africa](http://www.mcgill.ca/africa)

**Students from other universities** are eligible to apply to the Africa Field Study Semester and must also meet the criteria for admission to McGill as a Visiting Student. Please see the Africa website for details.

The Africa Field Study Semester comprises 15 credits of field study courses. Two courses (6 credits) in the natural and social sciences provide interdisciplinary academic context for field study. The other 9 credits are taken from the complementary courses list. One final complementary course (3 credits) is taken on campus to complete the Minor program requirements.

Visit the [Africa website](#), or refer to [Faculty of Science > Undergraduate > Browse Academic Units & Programs > Field Study > : Field Studies - Minor Field Studies \(18 credits\)](#), for the latest program updates.

**Offered:** Winter term

**Location:** East Africa

**Enrolment Limit:** 38 students

**Fees:** In addition to the regular McGill fees, students will be required to pay the additional costs associated with delivering the courses in the field. These costs include airfare, local travel, all food and accommodation, special admission fees for parks and museums, as well as other field costs. Fee details for the upcoming semester are available at [www.mcgill.ca/africa/program-fees](http://www.mcgill.ca/africa/program-fees).

Students can apply for a Mobility Award. See [www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/other-funding/mobilityawards](http://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/other-funding/mobilityawards) for details.

**Application Deadline:** April 30, 2018 for January 2019 (Winter term of the 2018–2019 academic year). Depending on space, there will be a second intake with a deadline date of November 1, 2018.

**Application Details:** Students must submit:

- the online application (available at [www.mcgill.ca/africa/application](http://www.mcgill.ca/africa/application));
- a copy of their transcript;
- a letter of intent;
- one reference letter; and
- a CV

to the Internship and Field Studies Office in the Faculty of Science:

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Website: [www.mcgill.ca/science/student/internships-field](http://www.mcgill.ca/science/student/internships-field)

**Prerequisites:** The Africa Field Study Semester is intended for students in their final two years. A CGPA of 3.00 and higher is recommended.

For more information and course lists, see [Faculty of Science > Undergraduate > Browse Academic Units & Programs > Field Study > : Field Studies - Minor Field Studies \(18 credits\)](#).

### 2.1.2 Arctic Field Study Semester

Website: [www.mcgill.ca/arctic](http://www.mcgill.ca/arctic)

The **McGill Arctic Field Study Semester** comprises 15 credits of field study courses. Two courses (6 credits) provide the background to complete an independent research project. The other 9 credits are taken from Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences, Earth & Planetary Sciences and Geography. One final complementary course (3 credits) is tak > A





## 2.1.5 Panama Field Study Semester

Website: [www](#)

### 2.3.2 Architecture

The following course is offered off campus by the School of Architecture.

#### Off-Campus Architecture Courses

|          |     |                      |
|----------|-----|----------------------|
| ARCH 379 | (3) | Summer Course Abroad |
| ARCH 519 | (3) | Field Course Abroad  |

### 2.3.3 Biology

The Faculty of Science offers the following biology courses off campus.

#### Off-Campus Biology Courses

|                       |     |                                       |
|-----------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| BIOL 331              | (3) | Ecology/Behaviour Field Course        |
| BIOL 334D1/BIOL 334D2 | (3) | Applied Tropical Ecology              |
| BIOL 335              | (3) | Marine Mammals                        |
| BIOL 573              | (3) | Vertebrate Palaeontology Field Course |

### 2.3.4 Earth & Planetary Sciences

The following courses are two-week field studies (May) in selected branches of the geosciences to examine processes in geology.

#### Off-Campus Earth & Planetary Sciences Courses

|          |     |                |
|----------|-----|----------------|
| EPSC 231 | (3) | Field School 1 |
| EPSC 331 | (3) | Field School 2 |
| EPSC 341 | (3) | Field School 3 |

### 2.3.5 Geography

The Faculty of Science offers the following Geography courses off campus.

#### Off-Campus Geography Courses

|          |     |                                    |
|----------|-----|------------------------------------|
| GEOG 290 | (1) | Local Geographical Excursion       |
| GEOG 494 | (3) | Urban Field Studies                |
| GEOG 495 | (3) | Field Studies - Physical Geography |
| GEOG 496 | (3) | Geographical Excursion             |
| GEOG 499 | (3) | Subarctic Field Studies            |

### 2.3.6 History & Classical Studies

The Department of History and Classical Studies offers the following field courses.

#### Off-Campus History & Classical Studies Courses

|          |     |   |
|----------|-----|---|
| CLAS 349 | (3) | Archaeology Fieldwork: Italy                |
| HIST 262 | (3) | Mediterranean and European Interconnections |

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### 3 Internships and Co-op Programs

For information on internships and co-op programs, refer to [University Regulations and Resources > Undergraduate > : Internships, Exchanges, and Co-op Programs](#), or the [Internship Offices Network website](#).

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### 4 Exchange Programs

McGill students can study on exchange while paying McGill tuition and earning credits toward their McGill degree.

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#### 4.1 Eligibility

Student exchange programs are open to McGill students of all nationalities. To participate, applicants must be currently registered as full-time, degree-seeking McGill students, and meet the criteria of their faculty at McGill. Applicants must have completed at least one year of full-time study (24 McGill credits) by the start of the exchange. Students can participate in exchanges for one term or two terms.

Visit [www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad](http://www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad) for up-to-date information regarding information sessions and events related to study abroad opportunities.

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#### 4.2 Applying for an Exchange

Applications must be submitted on Minerva. Complete application details are found on the International Education website: [www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad](http://www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad).

##### 4.2.1 Deadlines

All deadlines regarding student exchanges are available at [www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad/students-going-abroad](http://www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad/students-going-abroad). **Your Faculty Approval** deadline to participate in an exchange term/year abroad is in the preceding January (i.e., January 15, 2018, for a term abroad during the 2018-2019 academic year). The Faculty of Law has an earlier deadline. The deadline to submit the supporting documents (if required) for an application to participate in a student exchange for one or two terms of the 2018-2019 academic year is also available on the website.

Detailed information on the application process and deadlines is contained on the International Education website: [www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabr](http://www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabr)

- University College Dublin
- University of Amsterdam
- University of Auckland
- University of Birmingham
- University of British Columbia
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Glasgow
- University of Hong Kong
- University of Melbourne
- University of New South Wales
- University of Nottingham
- University of Queensland
- University of Virginia
- Waseda University

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#### 4.4 Bilateral Student Exchanges

Bilateral student exchange agreements are tuition exchange agreements that exist between McGill University and one other institution, which has been reviewed and approved by McGill. The number of exchange spaces available at the host institution are limited, and vary from year to year. McGill students nominated to participate on an exchange term abroad are billed McGill tuition and fees for that term (equivalent to 15 McGill credits). McGill University has bilateral agreements in many countries including: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Caribbean, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Exchange programs can be university-wide or faculty-specific. Faculty-specific agreements are only open to students in the specified faculty.

The full listing of bilateral partners can be found at [www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad](http://www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad).

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#### 4.5 BCI Exchanges

The *Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire* (previously known as CREPUQ) has established tuition exchange agreements in which all Quebec university students may participate, regardless of whether or not they are Quebec residents. The listing of BCI partners is accessible from [echanges-etudiants.bci-qc.ca](http://echanges-etudiants.bci-qc.ca).

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#### 4.6 Transfer of Credits from Host Institution

Grades received from the host institution do not appear on the McGill transcript nor are they calculated in the McGill CGPA. The McGill transcript includes a notation of participation in an exchange, the number of transfer credits granted by McGill, and where applicable, McGill course exemptions.

The transfer of credits process must be initiated by the student immediately upon return from exchange with the faculty Student Affairs office, and be completed no later than four months after the exchange.

Before leaving the host institution, students should order two (2) copies of the official transcript for their files, and ensure that the institution sends an official version of the transcript to Service Point at McGill ([www/220.976.4c.5.tates](http://www/220.976.4c.5.tates)).

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## 6 Financial Assistance

Awards and financial assistance are available to students to help with the cost of participating in an exchange or field study semester. Further information, as well as application deadlines and eligibility, can be found in the following sections and on McGill's [International Education website](#).

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### 6.1 Exchange Awards and Funding

Students participating in an official McGill University exchange program are eligible to apply for government student assistance as a McGill student, but are not eligible for McGill Student Aid. Students who “study away on their own” are not eligible to receive government student loans through McGill because they are not registered at McGill. Students should verify with the institution they will be attending whether or not they will be eligible to receive government student assistance.

Further information, as well as application deadlines and eligibility, can be found on McGill's [International Education website](#).

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### 6.2 McGill Scholarships and Awards

For students who are pursuing an approved program of study, renewable scholarships and awards may be retained for up to one year while on exchange. However, they will not be eligible for McGill's yearly in-course awards.

For further information, please refer to the [Scholarships and Student Aid website](#), or contact [studentexchanges@mcgill.ca](mailto:studentexchanges@mcgill.ca).

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### 6.3 Universitas 21 Transportation Stipends



**Note:** McGill University will not be participating in the Universitas 21 Consortium for the current academic year.

A limited number of Universitas 21 Transportation Stipends are available for McGill students who apply and are accepted to participate in a student exchange with one of McGill University's Universitas 21 partners.

For more information, see [section 4.3: Universitas 21](#).

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### 6.4 The Killam Fellowships Program

McGill University participates in The Killam Fellowships Program, which provides exceptional undergraduate students from universities in Canada and the United States with the opportunity to study in the neighbouring country for either one semester or for a full academic year. Established in 2002 through a partnership between the Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States of America and the American Killam Trusts, the goal of the program is to increase mutual understanding between Canada and the United States through academic exchange.

Further information is available on McGill's [International Education website](#), or at [www.killamfellowships.com](http://www.killamfellowships.com).

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## 7 Further Information

Additional details regarding study abroad, including application procedures, deadlines, eligibility criteria, travel awards, etc., are on the International Education website: [www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad](http://www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad).

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