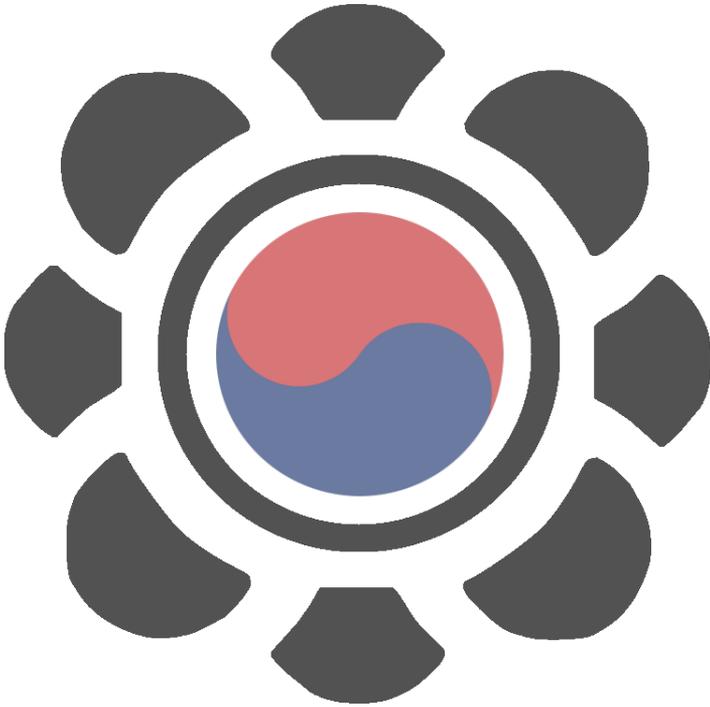


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Introduction

Congratulations on your acceptance to McGill! The following are some information that you will need as a first year student to survive at McGill. If you have any other questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask any of our executives!

1. Montréal, Canada

About Canada

- Canada is the world's second largest country by area. Thanks to clean nature and preservation of cultural infrastructure, Canada is depicted as one of the most beautiful countries in the world. Canada is known for multiculturalism. Statistically, among the G8 countries (intergovernmental political forum of world's highly industrialized economies in countries), Canada has the highest number of immigration rate and Foreign-born population. Most of the population is located along the southern border with the United States, especially in the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, and British Columbia.

About Montréal

- Montreal is a city located southwest in the province of Quebec. Montreal is also one of the 400 islands on the St. Lawrence River. Inhabitants are bilingual, therefore they speak two languages: English and French (you do not have to speak French around McGill). Montreal hosts many festivals and events, especially during summer such as Montreal Fireworks Festivals, music festivals and concerts for everyone to rejoice. Also, you are officially an adult if you are over 18, thus you are allowed to attend any age restricted events. Unfortunately, Montreal's climate is harsh, so prepare for the long, cold, winter months. Summer is blazing and humid around 25-35 degree celsius and winter is snowy and freezing around -10 degree celsius (can go down to -20).

Shopping Malls/Streets

Eaton Mall

- Montreal's largest shopping mall with various clothing shops and food court.
- located 10-15 min walking distance from McGill 705 Rue Sainte-Catherine O, Montréal, QC H3B 4G5
- We suggest purchasing a thick parka here if you want one during winter

Crescent Street

- Popular and famous Shopping/restaurant street in Montreal that is quite long (in my opinion).
- Many bars and pubs as well.
- Many events and festivals are held here.

Salons

Vogue by Soo K

- 30\$ per cut (prices may have changed)
- Must make an appointment with Sue beforehand.
Phone #: 514-941-0718
- 1192 Rue Crescent (15 minute walk)

Korean Markets

Eden

- Connected to the New residence hall 3575 Av du Parc, Montréal, QC H2X 3P9
- Sells Korean snacks and food and other asian (Japanese and Chinese) food items

Jang Teu

- Sell larger variety of food and utensils like Sam Kyub Sal (Korean pork)
- Far from McGill (15-20 min Uber) 2109 Rue Sainte-Catherine, Montreal, QC H3H 1M6
- Highly suggest ordering online or calling them: 514-932-9777

2. McGill

McGill! The name resonates throughout history, represented by the institution's countless achievements in diverse fields of academia. Established in 1821, the school has produced the greatest number of Nobel laureates and Rhodes Scholars, as well as the current Prime Minister of Canada. The academy is filled with amazing students of diverse backgrounds unmatched by any other in the country, perhaps a reason why McGill has been ranked as number one university in the nation for 12 consecutive years. Once again, congratulations for making it this far.

McGill University has a large student body composed of nearly 40,000 students. It has 10 faculties and 12 schools altogether, allowing young scholars to access a wide range of knowledge and information. Everyday feel like an adventure here, with nearly 300 buildings awaiting students to have fun, learn, and socialize in them. Currently, there are around 250,000 living alumni, including supreme court judges, entrepreneurs, athletes, and even astronauts, all writing histories of their own. Now, it's your turn to do so.

3. MECA

The McGill Koreans' Educational and Cultural Association strives to provide a lively setting where both Korean and non-Korean students can socialize and have a fun time. At the same time, it will always be your strong place-to-go for your academic life at McGill.

4. Extracurricular Activities

If you are aiming to go to Med school, Law school, complete a Master's degree or even if you simply hope to graduate, extracurricular activities is always recommended and highlight your life in McGill. There are a wide variety of extracurricular activities you can participate through McGill clubs or external clubs!

Varsity Team

- Serious about playing sports? You can always tryout for the varsity team at McGill. You should only join the Varsity team if you are willing to spend around 4 hours of practice a day for 5 days in a week.

Intramural

- If you cannot commit to the schedule of a varsity team but still want to enjoy sports at McGill, you can join the intramural teams. Students can form a team of their choice and register to a wide variety of sports through the McGill Athletics Website.

Clubs

- You can join clubs, become an executive and plan events just like us! :) McGill has countless student-run clubs which you can join. Running a club lets you experience a sense of responsibility, leadership and is a great chance for you to pursue your interest outside of the academia. Clubs vary according to their genre: Athletic & Recreation, Charity & Envr., Community & Volunteering, Fine art & Performing, Health & Wellness, Religion & Culture, etc.

Volunteer

- There are lots of volunteering opportunities in Montreal. McGill clubs help students to be involved in their community and volunteer. Outside of McGill, there are hospitals, refugee centres & other volunteering opportunities.

5. Things to Bring

A more comprehensive list can be found here:
<https://mycourses2.mcgill.ca/d2l/home/42750>

Room Basics

- Bed sheets, blankets, pillows
- Alarm clock
- Towels
- Shower shoes/ slippers
- Toiletries
- First aid kit
- Wall decor (family photos?)

Academic Basics

- Desk supplies (stapler, sticky notes.. etc)
- Flash drives
- Paper dictionary (translation dictionaries are permitted into exams)
- Binders & notebooks
- Lined paper
- Glasses/ lenses

Technology

- Extension cords/ power strip
- 110V adapter
- Non scientific & scientific calculators
- Laptop
- Headphones/ earbuds
- Electric blanket
- Brita filter
- Mini vacuum/ dustbuster

Campus Gear

- Rain coat & umbrella
- Backpack
- Walking shoes & winter boots
- Water bottle (travel mug)
- Combination lock
- Hotpack
- Scarves, gloves, and hats
- Duck down winter parka (10/10 recommend)
- Sunglasses
- Sports gear (skiwear & swimsuit)

Miscellaneous

- Student Visa
- Passport
- Acceptance letter
- Credit / Debit Card
- Social Security / Social Insurance Card
- Health insurance card
- Driver's license
- Traveler's check

McGill Campus

Places to check out in the first month of McGill

Introduction

After coming to McGill, the campus will be the place where you spend the most of your time during the week. The campus is bigger than you think, don't be a typical freshman student who gets lost! It will be helpful for you to know where to eat, study, and sleep before coming to McGill.

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1. Eating

Unless you have a special skill, aka cooking, you will probably end up buying food to survive. Here is the list of places to eat for Mcgillians!

Residence Dining

New Residence Hall

- One of the best residence cafeterias, but it could be better.
- Serves breakfast, daily lunch/dinner menu (divided into meat and vegetarian options), pasta/chow mein, grills, sandwiches, fresh pizza made in a brick oven, salad bar, 2 choices of soup, desserts, and bento sushi.
- Fun fact 😊: on weekends, waffles and french toast will be served for breakfast.
- Sad fact ☹: don't get too excited for the steaks, they usually burn it.

Royal Victoria College (RVC)

- The largest residence cafeteria; compared to New Rez, there are less options but it has a larger dining area.
- Many would say that RVC is the best caf on campus. Be sure to check out their omelets from 7:30am ~ 10:30am
- Serves breakfast, daily lunch/dinner menu, pasta/chowmein, grills, sandwiches (the best), pizza, salad bar, soup, desserts.
- Fun fact 😊: the closest residence dining hall from campus! Even if you don't live in this rez, be sure to check this place out for lunch/dinner between study break.
- Sad fact ☹ : during busy hours, there is a huge line-up at the cashier. Nothing worse than staring at your food but needing to wait. (Usually the side lines are faster)

Carrefour Sherbrooke (C4)

- This cafeteria is known for their unique taste of food, it's not that good.
- Fun fact 😊: they have a Quesada in the cafeteria!
- Sad fact ☹: if you can, use your meal plan money on other dining halls (new rez or RVC)

On-Campus Dining

Most of places accept 'one card flex plan' as a payment method

Quesada

- Located in the first floor of Bronfman building and C4
- Serve mexican cuisine with huge portion
- Great option for cheap, fast, but still delicious food
- Offers tacos, quesadillas, and burritos

Bento Sushi

- Located in the first floor of Bronfman building and New Rez
- Serve sushi, noodles, and donburi
- Popular dining option, not the best but not the worst. Their noodles/donburi menu will be your favourite food in the campus (only offered at the Bronfman location)

Subway

- Located in basement of Arts building
- Serves subway sandwiches, soup, and drinks
- Exact same subway menu and quality with what you can find outside of campus
- Their \$5 for dozen cookies are the best cookies.

E-Café

- Located in the first floor of McConnell Engineering building
- Smaller version of a residence dining hall
- Great place for to go food (grilled sandwiches, soup, and pasta)

Première Moisson

- Located in the basement of Redpath Library and the first floor of New Residence
- Serve coffee, baked goods, and sandwiches
- Good place to grab a snack/lunch and have little coffee break

Paramount Fine Foods

- Located in the basement of the Trottier Building
- Serve the best wraps in McGill campus

Second Cup

- Located in the first floor of Stewart Biology Building
- Same menu/quality with other Second cup cafes
- Check out their daily soup menu

Vinh's Cafe

- Located in the Genome Building and Strathcona Music Building
- Vietnamese sandwiches, desserts, pho, vermicelli

Dave's Shop

- Located in the basement of Bronfman building
- Cheaper options than other depanneurs. Sell snacks, advils, and stationeries.

Off-Campus Dining

Super Sandwich

- Inexpensive and various options of sandwiches
- 3 mins of walking distance from redpath library, 1115 Rue Sherbrooke O

Opiano

- Good quality of Korean cuisine with cheaper price option
- Sell dosirak (spicy chicken is the best), good quality of hoedeopbap, and various kinds of bingsu
- 3 mins of walking distance from redpath library, 1115 Rue Sherbrooke O

Pannizza

- Serves good quality panini and pizza for inexpensive price
- 2 mins of walking distance from Roddick gate, 914 Sherbrooke Street West

Smart Burger

- Gourmet hand-made burger
- 2 mins of walking distance from Roddick gate, 896 Rue Sherbrooke O

Eaton Centre

- Mall cafeteria with many options of dining
- 5~10 mins of walking distance from Roddick gate, 705 St Catherine St W

Alto Restaurant

- Opens till 4am, and delivers anywhere including McGill campus
- Surprisingly good quality poutine and pizza (don't order pasta tho)
- 5 mins of walking distance from New residence, 3462 Av du Parc, Montréal
- Delivery: (514)-844-9898

Lola Rosa

- The best vegetarian/vegan restaurant in Montreal
- Even if you are not a fan of vegan food, you will fall in love with their food after the first bite
- 3 mins of walking distance from Milton gate, 545 Rue Milton, Montréal

2. Studying

McGillians study hard and play hard. It is great to have your own place for studying in the campus!



Large Libraries

Redpath & McLennan Library

- Hands down the largest library in McGill
- Equipped with everything you'd need (computer labs, floors with different options of silence level, and basement cafe)
- Gets crowded during exam season, sometimes hard to get a seat
- 809 Sherbrooke Street West

Schulich Library

- Library for Science and Engineering student
- Group study floors (5th fl.) and quiet study floors (4th / 6th fl.)
- Upper floors become too hot to study sometimes
- 3459 McTavish St
- Cannot bring in food or drinks (water and closed bottle beverages are permitted)

Quiet Libraries

Nahum Gelber Law Library

- The most silent library in McGill campus
- Great place to study with silent environment. You'll also be motivated by hardworking people around you
- 3660 Peel Street

GIC Library

- Small but great studying place with large windows
- Located on 5th floor of Burnside building, 805 Sherbrooke Street West

Beautiful Libraries



Islamic Studies Library

- The prettiest library in McGill
- You'll feel like you are on a film set
- Located on the first floor and second floor of Morrice hall, 3485 McTavish Street

Birks Reading Room

- Located inside the beautiful birks building (lucky religions major students)
- This library feels like a scene from Harry Potter, welcome to Hogwarts :)
- 2nd, 3520 Rue University

Marvin Duchow Music Library

- Great place for studying with lots of sunlight
- Close to residences if you are lazy to walk onto campus (next door from C4)
- Located in Elizabeth Music building, 527 Sherbrooke Street West

3. Sleeping

We are the most sleep deprived university students in Canada. Forget about sleeping, here is the list of places that will help you through a non-sleep studying schedule.

Cramming

Ferrier Building

- A hidden gem among keeners, this is the best place for Arts students
- One of the few buildings with 24 hour access throughout the whole semester
- You need an Arts student card during extended hours
- Computer lab (windows, mac) is located on the third floor, 840 avenue du Docteur-Penfield
- Access is available through the Arts building and the East door across from the James Administration Building

Bronfman Building

- 24 hour access studying areas, divided in group-study zones and silent zones
- You need a Management student card after 6pm.
- Located in the basement, and the second floor (not easy to find the silent studying area, so ask other people for your first visit)
- 1001 rue Sherbrooke Ouest

McConnell Engineering Building

- 24 hour access studying areas
- You need an Engineering student card during the extended hours
- Equipped with computer labs
- 3480 rue University

Caffeine



(Pikolo Espresso Bar)

Second Cup

- 24 hour, good place to study and get coffee to survive your cramming sesh.
- Located in 3498 Avenue du parc (this one is better) & 2200 Avenue McGill college

Tim Hortons

- We Canadians, love our Tim hortons so much that you can visit 24 hours a day.
- Located on 3444 Avenue du parc & 674 Rue Sherbrooke

Starbucks

- Located in C4, therefore you can use your flex dollars here!
- Closest non-campus one is at 600 avenue du President-Kennedy

CHAI Tea Lounge

- Quiet cafe, serves good quality tea. Perfect for reading/ studying
- Check out their various kinds of pot tea and flower tea
- Located in 3506 Avenue du parc

Chatime

- Cute bubble tea place, great for tea break and studying
- Located in 3428 Avenue du parc

Pikolo Espresso Bar

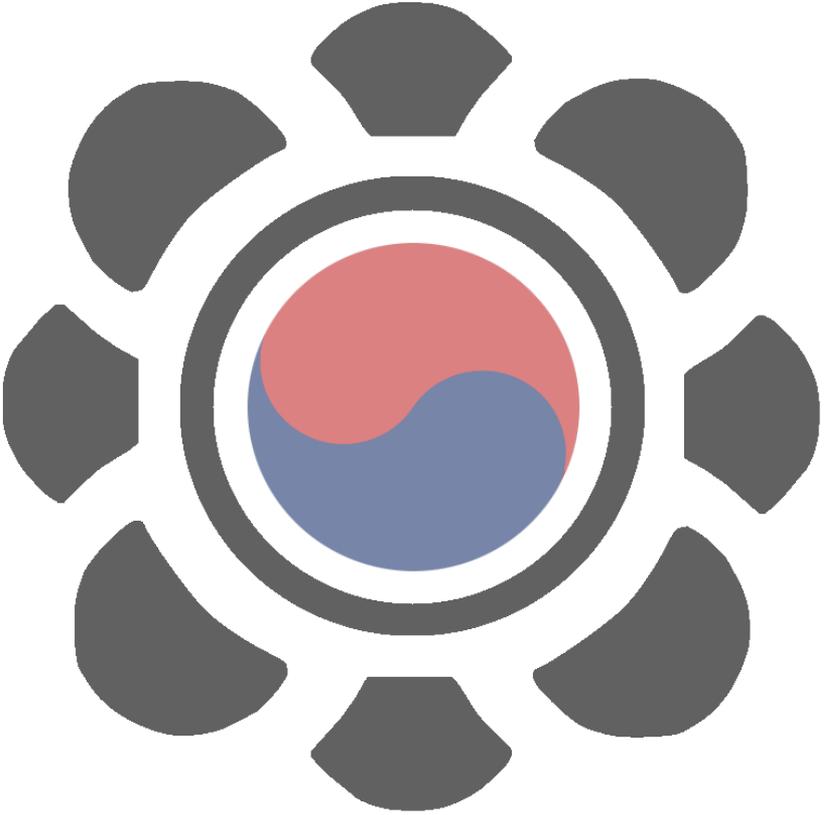
- Popular hipster place (little ironic) that serves amazing quality of coffee
- Great atmosphere for studying and coffee breaks
- Located in 3418 Avenue du parc

Humble Lion

- Well-known cafe with a cool atmosphere
- If there's a film shooting somewhere, actors sometimes visit
- Located in 904 Rue Sherbrooke O

Conclusion

We hope this guide will help you have a more adventurous time at McGill. Always feel free to let us know if you have additional questions! I still remember my hectic first day at McGill; everything was confusing and I didn't even know where to go for a lunch break. If you want to learn more or ask us questions, face-to-face, MECA will be hosting a **Campus Tour** for first year students before school starts. During our campus tour, we will take you to places mentioned on this guide and also provide you with more hidden gems. See you soon~ xoxo



Course Registration

How to survive Course Registration in McGill

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1. Registration Period

Course registration opens at 9:00am on Minerva. Since there may be hundreds of students attempting to access the system like you, there may be some delay. During this time, registration opens for both Fall and Winter terms, therefore when selecting courses, be sure to select them for the Fall and Winter semester.

06.08: Scholarship Recipients - Quebec CEGEPs

06.11: All Quebec CEGEPs

06.15: Scholarship Recipients - Advanced Levels or CAPE, French Baccalaureate, International Baccalaureate, at least one year of university, or other academic qualifications that provide for advanced standing credit, and who have a classification of year 1 (U1*)

06.18: All Advanced Levels or CAPE, French Baccalaureate, International Baccalaureate, at least one year of university, or other academic qualifications that provide for advanced standing credit, and who have a classification of year 1 (U1*)

06.15: All other students entering as U0 with scholarship

06.19: All Arts (including Social Work), BA&Sc, Education, Management, Music and Religious Studies entering as U0

06.20: All agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Engineering (including Architecture), Nursing, Physical and Occupational Therapy, and Science entering as U0

08.14: The deadline for course registration without late registration fee

**You can continue to make changes to your Fall schedule until the Fall add/drop period ends on September 18! Afterwards, you can continue to make changes to your Winter schedule until the end of the Winter add/drop period on January 22.

Selecting your Courses

Visual Schedule Builder is a great tool to help you determine your schedule. Access it by going to : vsb.mcgill.ca. Here, you can add and drop courses, visually view your schedule, and see the CRN (course registration number).

NOTE : Selecting courses on the VSB does not mean that you are automatically registered for the course. It is to be used only as a tool and reference for students.

2. How to Register

Find Courses and Registration Numbers (CRNs):

Log in on Minerva (<https://www.mcgill.ca/minerva>)

1. Student Menu -> Registration Menu -> Step 2. Search class schedule and Add course selection
2. Write down CRN number for each courses

Use VSB to check the schedule (<https://vsb.mcgill.ca>)

Register:

After registration begins (09:00 am Eastern Daylight Time (-04:00)):

1. Student Menu -> Registration Menu -> Quick Add or Drop Course Selections -> Select term (Fall 2018) -> type in CRNs **Same for Winter**

Quick Add Worksheet

CRNs				
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Submit Changes"/>	<input type="button" value="Class Search"/>	<input type="button" value="Reset"/>		

2. Do step 1 for Winter 2018 term.
3. Check the registration by: Student Menu -> Registration Menu -> Step 4. View Student Schedule by Course Selection

3. Course Load

First year students normally take 4-5 courses per semester. If you are unsure about how many courses to take, we recommend that you enrol in 5 courses first, then drop one if you think it is unbearable before the add/drop deadline. Exceptions may apply for Engineering and Nursing students.

For more information, visit :

Arts: <http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/courses>,

Science: <https://www.mcgill.ca/science/student/general/course/load>

4. UO Program Requirements

Furthermore, first year students have program requirements that they are required to complete. Though your faculty may tell you that the first year program requirements must be completed in your first year, depending on your faculty, it may be that you must complete it before you graduate.

Arts - <https://www.simplifymcgill.com/arts>

Education - <https://www.simplifymcgill.com/education>

Engineering - <https://www.simplifymcgill.com/engineering>

Management - <https://www.simplifymcgill.com/management>

Music - <https://www.simplifymcgill.com/music>

Nursing - <https://www.simplifymcgill.com/nursing>

Science - <https://www.simplifymcgill.com/science>

5. Recommended Courses

Arts

Min Kim (Former Exec) - U2 Arts, majors Political Sci. & Economics. Minor East Asian Studies

POLI 243: The best introductory level international relations poli sci course. Also recommend this course as an elective for other students. Must take it with Prof. Mark Brawley. He won the best professor in poli sci department this year and his lecture is the best in McGill. This course will give you the best foundation of IPE that will be useful for future IR poli courses! (recorded class + reading provided)

POLI 212: Introductory level comparative poli sci course. Poli sci student should take this course. Be prepared for overwhelming readings, but it'll pay you back later since

marking for final exam is getting check marks whenever you mention reading in the essay question. Not an easy A but still possible! I took this course with Prof. Vincent. (recorded class + reading provided)

POLI 231: Unless you're taking major in Political Theory, don't take it. Class average is always set up as C+. Also this prof has weird system of marking. You are not allowed to use laptop or electronic devices in the class. If you are really interested in political theory, it's better to take other courses but this one. (not recorded + need to buy more than 10 textbooks)

ECON 208 & 209: For Econ majors, both of them are required courses. Must buy textbooks and study guides. To pass it, make sure to read textbooks and you understand the materials. Plus multiple questions on study guide will help you a lot since most of midterms and finals are in multiple questions and they are not different from ones on studyguide. Recommend Prof. Adeline Salinard, she is not the worst when you compare with other econ profs. (not recorded + lecture slides + need to buy textbooks)

James Jeong - U2 Major Arts

ATOC 184 - Science of Storms : Even though the course is called "Science of Storms" science does not take much part of the course. There is a final project instead final exam, as well as a group presentation and a quiz. If you like working as a group and preparing for a presentation, you will love the course.

ATOC 185 - Natural Disasters : It is a very similar course to ATOC 184. The course has no midterms, instead two group presentations. You also get to write a paper on any natural disaster you want, and the final exam is very straight forward.

MUAR 211 - Art of Listening : Take this course only if the professor is Jerry Cain. Other professors are great, but the workloads are significantly different. Assignments for this

course is to listen to classical music and to go to McGill concerts and write a short report on it. For the quizzes and exams, Jerry Cain gives you a detailed study guide with everything that he could possibly ask you on it.

GEOG 210 - Global Places and People : Zero interest in geography should not be a problem. The course has 2 fairly easy midterms and all of the quizzes are all online, so you can do them with people from your class. The course has a final project instead of an exam, and the project is fairly easy.

CHEM 181 - World of Chem : Food : Online course with a bit of information to memorize for quizzes. If you are too lazy to go to classes, this would be the best class for you. All the materials are online including lectures. The course is very well known as an easy class at McGill. It should not be a big problem even if you do not know chemistry well since it does not take big part of the course.

Eugenia Oh (former exec) - U2 Major Arts, Double Major Psychology and Linguistics

COMS 210 : A very easy class if english is not a difficult language for you. There are 2 lectures and conferences per week and the conferences must be attended.

Iris Lee (former exec) - U3 Major Arts , Minor International development studies

EAST 213 East asian culture : Covers korean history, economics, and politics. Materials & readings were interesting. The professor is great but she is very cautious with what she says since most of the materials are very sensitive topics. 2 midterm-like quizzes to do but she gives a study guide and she allows us to bring our cheat sheet for our essays. You might think you will be able to ace this course because you are "Korean". Unfortunately, that's a "no". The professor does delve into complex ideas which sometimes make the course material dry.

Management

Henry Lee (former exec) - U2 Finance & Business Analytics concentration

* In your first year, you must take 4 management courses- unless you have pre-existing credits. You can fill up your remaining course load with electives.

BUSA 100 Introduction to Management: If you love guest speakers, you're going to love this course. BUSA 100 consists of one, 3 hour lectures, per week. The lectures expose you to the different facets of management, from something as fundamental as Finance, Accounting, and Marketing, to the lesser known specialties like Information Systems and Operations Management. You will be required to write a personal reflection paper as well as a case study of a designated company. I advise you to seek help from the McGill Writing Center before you submit your work. There is also one final, and it is notoriously nitpicky- so be sure to never skip class, though it can be very tempting. For my course, the class average was curved to a B. In general, it is an interesting and informative class, however, the quality of the lectures varies from guest speaker to guest speaker.

BUSA 250 Expressive Analysis for Management: This course is for the writers. You will learn to write economically and efficiently- in fact, that is what makes this course challenging for some. A strong grasp in English is an asset, if English is your second language, you may find the course difficult. I advise you to seek help from the McGill Writing Center before the submission of any work. Though there is no final exam for this course, you will be expected to produce essays, business memos, business proposals, and even business emails on a weekly basis. The class size is very small (around 20 to 30 per class) so be sure to be never late and especially never absent. If you have a chance, take the course with Professor Lindsay Holmgren. Your marks in this course will not be curved.

MATH 122 Calculus for Management: The course will cover most of the topics in Calculus I with the exception of Trigonometry. You will learn to apply the various concepts of Calculus to real-life business scenarios. Do your webworks (online math assignments) well before the deadline so that you can ensure a perfect mark, as that is 15% of your final grade. Your midterm, which is usually 10 multiple choice and 2~3 long answer questions, accounts for 10% of your grade. The final, which is worth the remaining 75% of your mark, will be significantly more difficult than your midterm, but the final exam marks are heavily curved. I recommend you take the course with Professor Sidney Trudeau.

MATH 123 Linear Algebra & Probability: Same format as MATH 122, and if you adhere to the advices above, you will do equally well in this course. Keep up with your Webwork. Take the course with Prof. Sidney Trudeau.

Engineering

Nicholas Kyoungpyo Han (former exec) - Materials Engineering

* Before I mention the tips for your upcoming Engineering life, there is one absolute rule that you have to follow in Engineering. When the McGill program gave you the course registration schedule, please follow according to the schedule. I started Engineering with transfer credits and it has been very difficult to plan my classes due to prerequisites and the difficulty of the course. Even if you may have transfer credits, it is better to start fresh due to getting easy A's that is essential in your future. Hence, just follow the schedule outline given to you regardless of which engineering program you are in. Trust me.

MATH 133: Difficult course. It is important to learn this course really well due to the fact that you cannot run away from vectors and matrixes because you are in engineering. I did buy the textbook but it wasn't that helpful.

FACC 100: Easiest course you are only allowed to take in the course of your engineering program. Not only this is a 1 credit course, it is a 100 level course which is known to be relatively easy. In addition, this class will certainly interest some of you with its bizarre tasks and creative approach to class. It is important to memorize the vocabulary since that is pretty much what they can test you on with your Ethic values. (Human lives always come first...)

Complementary Studies B: This is your only one of the two electives you will get during the whole experience of your engineering degree. If you are planning to just get an easy A which electives, I highly recommend psyc 100 which is memorizing biological terms which is relatively easy. If not, I recommend Econ 208 which I heard it was easy as long as you can do math.

Science

Jiwon Choi - U0 Life Science → U1 Major Biochemistry

CHEM 110/120: General Chemistry, prerequisite for most science majors, required for Medicine/Dentistry/Pharmacy/Computer Science. You need to buy a textbook. I highly recommend you to buy it on the Mcgrawhill website because it will give “connect code” for chem homework. (worth 5%) This course is very easy and straightforward. (very similar to high school chemistry) You can get a good mark if you study hard and understand contents well. Also, Chem Prep was very useful. Midterms & Finals are all Multiple Choice. Class average was B+.

PHYS 101/102: Prerequisite for some science majors, required for most science majors. I did not use the textbook for this course. Make sure you know all the capa questions and class examples! DO ALL THE PRACTICE EXAMS! For Physics, it is very important to practice questions and understand them. I did not take physics 12, and this course was the hardest course for me. If you study all the practice exams and capa questions, you will be fine. For midterms

and finals, about 40% were conceptual and 60% were problem solving. Class average was B+.

MATH 139/140/141: Prerequisite for some science majors, required for most science majors. My professor was Sidney Trudeau and his midterm was easy, but final was extremely HARD. His midterms/finals were based on the textbook. DO ALL THE QUESTIONS IN THE TEXTBOOK even if you are good at math. Every final, he loves to give one very challenging question. Class average was B-.

BIOL 111/112 : Prerequisite for most science majors. I did not use the textbook. A LOTS OF MEMORIZATIONS. You have to memorize every slide since Biology is all about memorization. Bio 111 was not easy since I had about 70+ slides to memorize for every lecture. If you memorize all of them, you will ace BIOL111! BIOL112 was more like understanding concepts. I used lecture recordings and prep books to study. Personally, BIO112 midterm (about 40 multiple choices) was difficult, but the final (about 75 multiple choices) was easy.

Nursing

Sarah Jeon (former exec) - U0 Nursing

CHEM 110/120, PHYS 101/102, MATH 140/141, BIOL 112 :
See Science above.

NUR1 223 : You can either take this course in your 1st or 2nd year. If you choose to take it in 1st year, then you get to take a 3 credit elective course in the 2nd year or vice versa. I recommend you to take this course during your 1st year because you get to meet other U0 nursing friends that you'll be with for the next four years. Since the final exam is worth 50% of your mark, you need to do really well on the paper assignment and on your midterm. The professor will provide you with the list of topics that you can choose from and you'll need to write 3-5 pages based on the stuff that you learned from the class.

CHEM 212 : Nursing students have to take organic chemistry during the summer in order to graduate on time. You will be having clinicals every summer for 4-6 weeks and on the final year you will be doing your internship. Make sure to review everyday after the lectures since there are a lot of things that you have to memorize and on top of that, you have to do a lab report once a week!

Psychology

Brian Jinwoo Lee - U0 Life Science → U1 → U2 Psychology maj., Management min. & Political Sci. min.

PSYC 100 (Intro to Psyc.): Great starting point for students who are curious about the field of Psychology, providing a summation of the major concepts covered. Even without the lectures, reading the textbook thoroughly and taking the quizzes as practice will allow you to do well on the exams. (Summer in Korea University)

PSYC 211 (Behavioural Neuroscience): Involves more biology and focuses on the scientific background (chemical & biological reactions, pathways) of psychology. Textbook is recommended not required. Midterm & final are all multiple choice.

PSYC 212 (Perception): Involves more biology and focuses on pathways to the brain, sensory systems, etc. The textbook is recommended, not required. Midterm & final are all multiple choice.

PSYC 213 (Cognition): Course material was easy to follow, especially since some of the topics covered were easily applicable to every-day life. Midterm & final are multiple choice.

PSYC 204 (Psyc. Statistics): This course almost serves as a break for Psychology majors, involving basic math (e.g: probability) and very short lectures. Reading the textbook and doing the practice examples twice (even once) should be sufficient studying to do well on the exams.

MGCR 211, MGCR 222, MGCR 331, POLI 221, POLI 212: PM me for detail :)

Computer Science

Sanghoo Oh - U1 Computer Science

MATH 133: I understand that a lot of incoming students struggle with this course. Indeed, the content of the subject is not something that would be taught at high school level in depth. I had a professor with very poor lecturing ability, but managed to get an A (and I'm no math guy! Honestly). I highly recommend digging the textbook, and carefully solving the example questions presented in each chapter (but don't bother doing the assigned textbook questions). Finally, do not miss the tutorials! They will greatly help with the Webwork assignments.

COMP 102: Curriculum seemed to have changed quite significantly since I took it during winter 2016. For instance, this year, coding with Python was added to the course. In any case, Comp 102, although not very famous, is actually a highly recommendable course, especially for those with no prior knowledge of computer science. It teaches overall basic ideas on computer theories, history, coding, and algorithms. Class average was pretty high (A-) during my days.

COMP 202: Either you hate it, or you love it. I have seen plentiful number of fellow students placed equally in each category. There are usually four to six assignments per semester, with the difficulty rising quite significantly from one to the next. Practice the codes presented during the lectures and as warm-ups as much as possible. The saying "Practice makes perfect" is literally the best strategy for Comp 202. There are computer science help desks in the school as well, hence if needed, use the service frequently. It also helps to know some talented upper years or classmates who can assist you in times of need. Class average was B+.

MATH 222: Again, math was never my forte, but this course was pretty enjoyable. If you plan to take this during summer by any chance, make sure the professor

is McGregor, for he is magic. The course, despite the fact that its contents are more advanced than those of Calc 2, is surprisingly somewhat easier than the latter, as it doesn't have as much convoluted, wordy integral-related questions. This, by no means, suggest that Calc 3 is an easy A course, however, and you will need to frequently review webworks, assignments, and quizzes to get a good idea of what's going on. Class average was B.

MATH 223: Seems like the course difficulty varies by year, but 2016-2017 year was definitely not a fun one to a lot of students. One major advice I give is to visit the Math Help Desk (see below) as frequently as possible. I went there nearly every day, from 1pm to 5pm, and even managed to get 93 in midterm (class average 63). A lot of the course topics are abstract in their concept and non-numerical proof oriented, hence the assignments are quite difficult.

MATH 240: Just like linear algebra, the subject taught in this course will be a novelty to most freshmen. In fact, it's probably nothing like math courses seen before, as it looks at mathematical ideas that are very useful for computer science, such as sets, logics, mappings, etc. Ironically, the unique nature of discrete math causes even the TAs at Math Help Desk to struggle with it (in fact, they literally coward away from it). Do not fear, however, since the content itself is actually quite interesting and not too difficult, though it can be annoyingly tricky sometimes. I highly advise attending the tutorials. Trust me, they are essential for your assignments. Speaking of assignments, both Math 223 and 240 had six of them during 2016 fall semester, and the ones with lowest grades were dropped.

ARTH 215: If you are passionate about East Asian history or art, this it the course for you. The professor for 2016 fall was actually a Korean. The course requires a lot of memorization as you seriously have to remember every single title (along with the artist's name and the era it was created) of the artworks presented in class. There are no

assignments except for one short essay though. Lectures are not recorded, and powerpoint slides are uploaded in segmented format slightly different from its original version, so try not to miss the class. The class average was pretty low at B-.

* Math Help Desk is a large room located on the 9th floor of Burnside Building (room 911). It operates from 12 to 5p.m, with selected math major students or TAs working there to help students struggling with their courses. The place has a study-hall like environment, where you can just sit down and study. If you've got question to ask, just raise your hand up, and the TA will come to you to provide assistance. They are very friendly and chill. The place can get pretty noisy during peak seasons (exams), as silence is not mandatory in the room. This is not all bad though because you can make a lot of friends complaining about homeworks and professors. I actually made majority of my non-korean friends there.

6. Adding or Dropping Courses

Usually Add/Drop Period is 2 weeks after the first day of class. You can simply add/drop courses on Minerva (Student Menu -> Registration Menu -> Quick Add/Drop Course Selections).

Current Schedule

Status		CRN	Subj	Crse	Sec	Type
Web Registered on Apr 11, 2016	None ✓ Web Drop	22353	EAST	211	001	Lecture
Web Registered on Apr 11, 2016	None	18658	EAST	213	001	Lecture
Web Registered on Apr 11, 2016	None	1662	ECON	230D1	001	Lecture
Web Registered on Apr 11, 2016	None	1739	MUAR	201	002	Lecture
Web Registered on Apr 11, 2016	None	1697	POLI	221	001	Lecture

If you couldn't register for courses because it was full, make sure to check it during the add/drop period since some people drop it and there are spots available.

For more information, please check this link, <https://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/drop/adddrop>

After add/drop period is over, you can still withdraw courses with full refund.

For more information please check the link, <https://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/drop/withdraw>

7. Additional Tips

- Courses are scheduled 10 minutes apart from each other, therefore giving you about 10 minutes to head from class to class. Since the campus is on a hill and it is quite large, we recommend you view maps.mcgill.ca or maps.google.ca before choosing your courses. I.e. 10 minute runs between McIntyre and Burnside are NOT recommended
- Depending on the course for Arts students, you will have to register for conferences two weeks into the class. Since attendance and participation in conferences are part of your final mark, be sure to register and show up to conferences!



MECA

**McGill Koreans' Educational
& Cultural Association**

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1. Orientation Week

Saturday, August 25 / Sunday, August 26

Residence Move-In Days

Further information about when you move in will be released to you closer to the date. It depends on the first letter of your last name and the residence that you live in.

Monday, August 27

Rez Fest I

Ways to get to know the people in your residence better.
Games between different residences.

Tuesday, August 28

Discover McGill & Engage McGill

Wednesday, August 29

Advising Day and Discover McGill's Academic Expectations Day

Workshops that offer tips and advice to start your university career.

www.mcgill.ca/firstyear/undergraduate/orientation-week/fall/academic-expectations

Thursday, August 30 ~ Sunday, September 2

Frosh

Multi-day event hosted by your faculty or club with social activities!

* It is HIGHLY recommended that you attend Frosh as it is a chance to meet new people and probably the last time you will be able to enjoy yourself without any worry for a full week :?)

More information will be emailed to you directly from your Frosh or SSMU. You can also find more information regarding Frosh online.

2. Ways to Get Involved

Getting involved in a club, council, or volunteer service looks great on your resume and is compulsory for students wanting to go into law school or medical school.

Activities Night

SSMU, our Students' Society of McGill University hosts an activities night at the beginning of each semester to recruit students for their clubs, councils, services, and etc. This is the easiest and best way to get involved. Even if the club interests you only a little bit, sign up and remain on their email list just in case you want to get involved later in the semester.

Volunteer Fair

Every semester, there is a volunteer fair in the SSMU building with local organizations setting up booths to recruit new volunteers. Since all these organizations deal with local members of the community of Montreal, you are almost always required to speak French. Do not give up or not go to the fair because you cannot speak French. You will always be able to find an opportunity.

SSMU Website

SSMU has a job opportunities page where you can apply for available jobs online. Depending on the position, it may require you to be bilingual and some may be volunteer or paid positions.

<https://ssmu.ca/about-us/jobs/>

Listserv

Every week, SSMU and each faculty sends you an email with their news and involvement opportunities. Keep an eye out for these because some come with great stipends, allowing you to make some side money. Faculty and SSMU are actively recruiting especially at the beginning of each semester and March / April so always check the emails!

3. Preparing for Montreal's Winter

Many in Montreal will tell you that there are two seasons: construction and winter. Montreal's winter is exactly as how others describe it: cold, harsh, and long. Nonetheless, it is beautiful and can be "instagram-worthy". It is recommended that you purchase a warm down jacket for the winter. Temperatures regularly drop down to -25C and the wind chill can cause the temperature to drop even further. Gloves, boots, and scarves are a MUST. Especially with the puddles and slush caused by the fluctuating weather, warm boots can make a huge difference.

Near campus, you can go to the Bay, Winners, or Simons to purchase your coat or boots.

4. McGill Services

McGill offers many services that are provided for free, as it is deducted through your student fees. Take advantage of these services when you need them.

DriveSafe

On Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, DriveSafe will drive you home safely in their vehicles on the island of Montreal. They operate from 11pm ~ 3am. (514)-398-8040.

WalkSafe

If you feel uncomfortable walking alone or want someone to walk with you, WalkSafe volunteers will accompany you on your walk or public transit ride anywhere on the island of Montreal. They operate everyday from 9pm ~ 12am with Friday and Saturday, service extended to 3am.

Sexual Assault Centre of McGill Students' Society (SACOMSS)

SACOMSS is a free, confidential, and non-judgemental organization committed to supporting survivors of sexual assault. They offer a drop-in centre and phone line (514-398-8500), support groups, outreach awareness events throughout campus.

Nightline

If you need to talk to someone confidentially and anonymously, call Nightline. Whether it is to ask them for tomorrow's weather or if you are walking home by yourself, Nightline will always be a genuine listener. Call 514-398-6246 from 6pm ~ 3am.

McGill Student Emergency Response Team (MSERT)

MSERT is a student volunteer service that provides emergency first aid services. Their Red Cross certified volunteers carry basic to advanced emergency care equipment such as AEDs.

Legal Information Clinic

The clinic provides referrals, and legal information in case you need legal advice. A Commissioner of Oaths is always available for any documents that need to be officiated.

Career Planning Services (CaPS)

Any questions on CV, cover letters, summer jobs, and etc., CaPS has the answer. Book an appointment with them and they will go over your CV and cover letter. Furthermore, they offer numerous workshops on CV writing, interview skills, and etc.

5. Telephones

Out-of-Province Students: If you have a phone from another province, double check that you have Canada-wide calling. If so, you should be able to use your phone in Quebec. Note that compared to other provinces, Quebec's phone plans are cheaper so you might want to switch.

In Canada, there are the top 3 national carriers, **Bell, Telus, Rogers**. They own Fido, Virgin Mobile, and Koodo respectively. These carriers may also offer student discounts!

6. Banks

Many banks will come to McGill during the first week and have booths open for you. There, you can ask questions and make your own credit/debit cards and bank accounts.

TD (Toronto Dominion)

Widely accessible across Canada and is one of the most preferred banks for Koreans.

https://www.tdcanadatrust.com/products-services/banking/student-advice/articles/International_Student_Package.jsp

RBC (Royal Bank of Canada)

<http://www.rbc.com/newcomers/international-student/student-banking.html>

CIBC (Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce)

<https://newcomer.cibc.com/international-student-banking-package>

Tangerine

Best rates for saving and chequing accounts but limited locations. Tangerine uses Scotiabank's ABM (ATM) and is only available to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.

7. Working in Montreal

There are many opportunities for you to get a job in Montreal, whether it is on-campus or off-campus. Many off-campus jobs require you to be fluent in both English and French. Some on-campus jobs will hire you if you speak English only but preference will be given to bilingual applicants.

Working in Canada, you MUST have a Social Insurance Number (SIN). Without this, you will not be permitted to work. You can apply for a SIN card below:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/sin.html>

8. Health

Quebec has a combination of semi-private and public centres in the province. In semi-private locations, you may be subjected to fees but in public locations, most procedures and check ups are covered.

Out-of-Province Students: If you have a provincial healthcare plan from your province (ex. OHIP, MSP, AHCIP), be sure to bring your card with you. By doing so, many clinics will be able to bill your province directly, instead of charging you. If they do

charge you, you may have to request for reimbursement from your province.

McGill Walk-in Clinic

Our school offers a first-come-first-serve Walk-in Clinic on campus for all students. If you are a McGill student, there is no fee to use this but you must have your McGill ID Card and your provincial health care card OR your international health insurance card. The clinic hours open at 8:30am, however, many go and take a number at 7:30am because if all the spots are full for the day, you cannot see a doctor that day.

If you fail to receive a slot to see a doctor, you can see a nurse that day from 10am ~ 4pm. Nurses can provide vaccinations, immunization, STI testings, among others. Some of these services may come with a cost.

You can also see a doctor through an appointment if it is not an urgent issue, such as general check ups, drug prescriptions, or referrals. You can call 514-398-6017 or visit the clinic to make an appointment.

Hospitals

If your condition gets to a point where you need to visit a hospital emergency room (ER), you can go to one of the nearest locations from campus below:

Le Centre Hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM)

- 1051 Sanguinet St, Montréal, QC H2X 3E4
- 1-(514)-890-8000

Montreal General Hospital (MGH)

- 1650 Cedar Avenue, Montréal, QC H3G 1A4
- 1-(514)-934-1934

McGill University Health Centre Glen Site

- 1001 Decarie Boulevard, Montréal, QC H4A 3J1
- 1-(514)-934-1934

MECA (McGill Koreans' Educational & Cultural Association) is a McGill SSMU Full-status Korean Club.

We provide many events and services to assist Korean students in McGill and reach out to foreign students who are interested in Korean Culture.

Contact us if you have any questions!

MECA는 (McGill Koreans' Educational & Cultural Association) McGill SSMU 공식 학생 한인회 입니다.

MECA는 다양한 방법으로 한인 학생들을 돕고 또 한국 문화에 관심있는 외국학생들 한테도 다양한 경험을 제공합니다.

질문이 있으시면 알려주세요!

L'association pour l'éducation et la culture Coréenne de McGill fait officiellement partie du club Coréen SSMU.

Nous organisons des événements et assistons les étudiants Coréens de McGill à s'intégrer aux autres communautés d'étudiants étrangers, et à ceux intéressés par le culture Coréenne.

Contactez nous si vous avez des questions!

**Welcome to all 2018-19
incoming McGill Students!**

**Congratulations on your
acceptance to McGill!**

**From all of us at the McGill
Koreans' Educational and
Cultural Association (MECA),
we wish you a successful first
year!**

Good luck!



**안녕하세요 McGill 2018-19
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