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(Graduate)**

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## 1 **Dean's Welcome**

To Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows:

I am extremely pleased to welcome you to McGill University. Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) collaborates with the Faculties and other administrative

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### **2.3 General Statement Concerning Higher Degrees**

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) oversees all programs leading to graduate diplomas, certificates, and higher degrees, with the exception of some programs in the School of Continuing Studies. It is responsible for admission policies, the supervision of graduate students' work, and for recommending to Senate those who may receive the degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

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## **3 Important Dates 2015–2016**

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



As a rule, no more than one-third of the formal coursework (excluding thesis, project, stage, or internship) of a McGill master's degree can be credited with courses from another university or degree (for example, courses taken before admission to the McGill degree, or courses taken through the IUT agreement during the McGill degree, if permitted).

Normally, if courses completed elsewhere or at McGill prior to admission to the McGill master's degree were not used to complete a degree, they could be credited toward the McGill degree, keeping in mind the one-third rule as described above. These would be entered as exemptions with credit at the time of admission.

If the courses completed elsewhere or at McGill prior to admission were used to complete a degree, exemptions may be granted without credit, i.e. the exempted course(s) must be replaced by other graduate course(s) at McGill. No double counting is allowed unless, exceptionally, the department offering the Master's degree permits it and the degree has an overall credit requirement greater than 45 credits. In other words, instances where exemptions with credit may be granted will be limited to the credit amount beyond the minimum of 45 credits for a McGill master's degree. The one-third rule as described above continues to apply.

### Research and Thesis – Master's Degrees

All candidates for a research degree must present a thesis based on their own research. The total number of credits allotted to the thesis in any master's program must not be less than 24. The title of the thesis and names of examiners must be forwarded on a *Nomination of Examiners and Thesis Submission* form, available at [www.mcgill.ca/gps/thesis/guidelines/initial-submission](http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/thesis/guidelines/initial-submission), in accordance with the dates on [www.mcgill.ca/importantdates](http://www.mcgill.ca/importantdates), through the Chair of the department concerned at the same time that the thesis is submitted to Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. A thesis for the master's degree, while not necessarily requiring an exhaustive review of work in the particular field of study, or a great deal of original scholarship, must show familiarity with previous work in the field and must demonstrate the ability to carry out research and to organize results, all of which must be presented in good literate style. The thesis will not normally exceed 100 pages; in some disciplines, shorter texts are preferred. Guidelines and deadlines are available at [www.mcgill.ca/gps/thesis/guidelines](http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/thesis/guidelines).

### Language Requirements – Master's Degrees

Many master's degree programs do not include language requirements, but candidates who intend to proceed to a doctoral degree should take note of any language requirements and are strongly advised to take the examinations in at least one language while working for the master's degree.

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## 5.2 Doctoral Degrees

### Residence Requirements – Doctoral

Refers to the numbers of terms (or years) students must be registered on a full-time basis to complete their program. Students are not permitted to graduate until they have fulfilled the residence requirement (or paid the corresponding fees) in their program.

Candidates entering Ph.D. 1 must follow a program of at least three years' residency at the University; this is a minimum requirement, and there is no guarantee that the work of the degree can be completed in this time, but students are expected to complete within the maximum specified period. Only exceptional candidates holding a bachelor's degree will be considered for direct admission to Ph.D. 1 level.

It is required that candidates spend the greater part of each summer working on their theses, and those who do not do so are unlikely to complete a satisfactory thesis in the prescribed minimum time (see [section 8.3: Vacation Policy for Graduate Students and Postdocs](#)).

A student who has obtained a master's degree at McGill University or at an approved institution in a relevant subject and is proceeding to a Ph.D. degree will, on the recommendation of the department, be admitted to Ph.D. 2; in this case, the residency requirement for the program is two years.

In the doctoral program, students must be registered on a full-time basis for one more year after completion of the residency (i.e., Ph.D. 4 year) before continuing as Additional Session students until completion of the program.



**Note:** The master's degree must have been awarded before initial registration in the doctoral program; otherwise, the admission level will be at Ph.D. 1 and residency will be extended to three years. Once the level of admission is approved, it will not be changed after obtaining the master's degree if the date falls after registration in the program. If a previous awarded degree is a condition of admission, it must be fulfilled before registration in another program.

As a rule, no more than one-third of the McGill program formal coursework can be credited with courses from another university.

### Comprehensive Examinations – Doctoral

The majority of doctoral programs at McGill require candidates to pass a comprehensive examination or set of examinations or equivalent, such as qualifying examinations, preliminary examinations, candidacy papers, comprehensive evaluations, thesis proposals, etc. The results of this examination determine whether or not students will be permitted to continue in their programs. The methods adopted for examination and evaluation and the areas to be examined are specified by departmental regulations and appro

**All** language requirements must be fulfilled and the grades reported **before** submission of the thesis to GPS (Thesis section).

Students must contact their departments to make arrangements to take the Language Reading Proficiency Examinations. Students may, however, demonstrate competence by a pass standing in two undergraduate language courses taken at McGill (see departmental regulations).

Candidates are advised to discharge their language requirements as early in their program as possible.

Students expecting to enrol in Professional Corporations in the pro



iv. Postdocs with full responsibility for teaching a course should be compensated over and above their fello

vii. Some examples of the responsibilities of the University are:

- to register Postdocs;
- to provide an appeal mechanism in cases of conflict;
- to provide documented policies and procedures to Postdocs;
- to provide Postdocs with the necessary information on McGill University student services.

*Approved by Senate, April 2000; revised May 2014*

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### 8.3 Vacation Policy for Graduate Students and Postdocs

Graduate students and Postdocs should normally be entitled to vacation leave equivalent to university holidays and an additional total of fifteen (15) working days in the year. Funded students and Postdocs with fellowships and research grant stipends taking additional vacation leave may have their funding reduced accordingly.

*Council of FGSR April 23, 1999*

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### 8.4 Leave of Absence for Health and Parental/Familial Reasons

A leave of absence may be granted for maternity or parental reasons or for health reasons (see [University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Leave of Absence Status](#)).

Such a leave must be requested on a term-by-term basis and may be granted for a period of up to 52 weeks. For a maternity or parental leave, the eligibility period of a maximum of 52 consecutive weeks is determined based on when the child is born; if the leave is interrupted for one or two terms, the eligibility period cannot be extended. Students and Postdocs must make a request for such a leave in writing to their department and submit a medical certificate. The department shall forward the request to Enrolment Services. See the procedure in [University Regulations and Resources > Graduate > : Leave of Absence Status](#).

Students who have been granted such a leave will have to register for the term(s) in question and their registration will show as “leave of absence” on their record. No tuition fees will be charged for the duration of the authorized leave. Research supervisors are not obligated to remunerate students and Postdocs on leave. A summary table of various leave policies (paid or unpaid) for students and Postdocs paid from the Federal and Quebec Councils through fellowships or research grants is available at [www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/students-postdocs/accepting-maintaining-awards](http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/students-postdocs/accepting-maintaining-awards) under "Leave Policies: Funding Council Leave Policies for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows."

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### 8.5 Postdoctoral Research Trainees

#### Eligibility

If your situation does not conform to the Government of Quebec's definition of Postdoctoral Fellow, you may be eligible to attend McGill as a Postdoctoral Research Trainee. While at McGill, you can perform research only (you may not register for courses or engage in clinical practice). Medical specialists who will have clinical exposure and require a training card must register through Postgraduate Medical Education of the Faculty of Medicine—not Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

The category of Postdoctoral Research Trainee is for:

**Category 1:** An individual who has completed requirements for the Doctoral degree or medical specialty, but the degree/certification has not yet been awarded. The individual will subsequently be eligible for registration as a Postdoctoral Fellow.

**Category 2:** An individual who is not eligible for Postdoctoral Registration according to the Government of Quebec's definition, but is a recipient of anPraiT for Post t r

### **General Conditions**

- The maximum duration is three years;
- the individual must be engaged in full-time research;
- the individual must provide copies of official transcripts/diploma;
- the individual must have the approval of a McGill professor to supervise the research and of the Unit;
- the individual must have adequate proficiency in English, but is not required to provide official proof of English competency to Enrolment Services;
- the individual must comply with regulations and procedures governing research ethics and safety and obtain the necessary training;
- the individual will be provided access to McGill libraries, email, and required training in research ethics and safety. Any other University services must be purchased (e.g., access to athletic facilities);
- the individual must arrange for basic health insurance coverage prior to arrival at McGill and may be required to provide proof of coverage.

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## **9 Graduate Studies Guidelines and Policies**









**Note:** McGill University's Institutional code for the TOEFL and GRE is **0935**.

**M.Sc. in Rehabilitation Science (Thesis)**

- 1.** A B.Sc. degree or equivalent in Physical or Occupational Therapy or a related field from a university of recognized reputation;
- 2.** Evidence of high academic achievement, equivalent to B standing, or a McGill CGPA of 3.0 (70–74%);
- 3.** Prerequisite courses may be required in statistics, anatomy, physiology, psychology, sociology, neuroph

**2. Evidence of high academic achie**

Admission to graduate studies is competitive; accordingly, late and/or incomplete applications are considered only as time and space permit.



**Note:** Applications for Winter term admission will not be considered (except for Graduate Certificate in Chronic Pain Management).

#### 11.1.4 Physical and Occupational Therapy Faculty

Faculty profiles are available at [www.mcgill.ca/spot/faculty](http://www.mcgill.ca/spot/faculty).

##### **Emeritus Professors**

Robert Dykes; B.A.(Calif.-LA), Ph.D.(Johns Hop.)

Erika Gisel; B.A., B.Sc.(O.T.), M.Sc., Ph.D.(Temple)

Sharon Wood-Dauphinee; B.Sc.(P.T.), Dip.Ed., M.Sc.A., Ph.D.(McG.)

##### **Professors**

Hugues Barbeau; B.Sc.(P.T.), M.Sc., Ph.D.(Laval) (*on leave*)

Mindy Levin; B.Sc.(P.T.), M.Sc., Ph.D.(McG.)

Annette Majnemer; B.Sc.(O.T.), M.Sc., Ph.D.(McG.)

Nancy Mayo; B.Sc.(P.T.)(Qu.), M.Sc., Ph.D.(McG.) (*on sabbatical Jan. 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016*)

##### **Associate Professors**

Sara Ahmed; B.Sc.(P.T.), M.Sc., Ph.D.(McG.)

Philippe Archambault; B.Sc.(O.T.)(McG.), M.Sc.A., Ph.D.(Montr.)

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## **Assistant Professors**

Judith Soicher; B.Sc.(P.T.), B.Sc.(L.S.), M.Sc., Ph.D.(McG.)

Aliki Thomas; B.Sc.(O.T.), M.Ed., Ph.D.(McG.)

Timothy Wideman; B.Sc.(P.T.), Ph.D.(Exp. Psych.)(McG.)



**Faculty Lectureship (Nil Salary)**

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Group B: 15 credits, one of the following options:

Option 1, Directed Project:

POTH 661	(7)	Research Project 1
POTH 662	(8)	Research Project 2

Note: Registration for the above courses requires pre-approval by the Graduate Program Director.

OR

Option 2, No Directed Project:

15 credits of 500-, 600-, or 700-level courses.

### **11.1.7 Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.); Physical Therapy (Non-Thesis) (58 credits)**

The Master of Science, Applied, in Physical Therap





POTH 637	(3)	Cancer Rehabilitation
POTH 638	(3)	Promoting Wellness of Seniors
POTH 640	(3)	Role-Emerging Management

NOTE: Interprofessional Education Activities (IPEAs)

These required non-credit activities address the competencies for interprofessional practice across the health professions such as professional roles, communication, collaboration in patient-centered care, and conflict resolution. Students will be advised at the beginning of each term which activities they should register for.

### 11.1.9 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.); Rehabilitation Science

#### Thesis

A thesis for the doctoral degree must constitute original scholarship and must be a distinct contribution to knowledge. It must show familiarity with previous work in the field and must demonstrate ability to plan and carry out research, organize results, and defend the approach and conclusions in a scholarly manner. The research presented must meet current standards of the discipline; as well, the thesis must clearly demonstrate how the research advances knowledge in the field. Finally, the thesis must be written in compliance with norms for academic and scholarly expression and for publication in the public domain.

#### Required Courses (15 credits)

Note: Of the required courses, at least three will already have been completed by students with an M.Sc. in Rehabilitation Science from McGill University.

EDPH 689	(3)	Teaching and Learning in Higher Education
POTH 610	(4)	Research Methodology
POTH 614	(2)	Selected Topics in Rehabilitation Science
POTH 628	(3)	Introduction to Regression Analysis
POTH 631	(3)	Research Proposal
POTH 701	(0)	Ph.D. Comprehensive

#### Complementary Course (3 credits)

One of the following courses:

POTH 620	(3)	Measurement: Rehabilitation 1
POTH 630	(3)	Measurement: Rehabilitation 2
POTH 685	(3)	Perception and Action

#### Elective Courses (3-6 credits)

One or two courses (3 to 6 credits) that pertain to the student's area of specialization; to be chosen from among graduate-level departmental course offerings or other courses at the 500, 600, or 700 level with permission from the Graduate Program Director.

### 11.1.10 Graduate Certificate in Driving Rehabilitation (15 credits)

For more information about online graduate certificates, including up-to-date information on course details and current professors contributing (One orib(PO)Tj1 0 rrib)Tj1

### 11.1.11 Graduate Certificate in Chronic Pain Management (15 credits)

For more information about online graduate certificates including up-to-date information on course details and current professors contributing to the courses, see the McGill School of Physical and Occupational Therapy website at <http://www.mcgill.ca/spot/programs/online-graduate-certificates/chronic-pain-management>.

#### Required Courses (12 credits)

POTH 663	(3)	Pain Assessment in Clinical Practice
POTH 664	(3)	Neuroscience and Behavioural Perspectives of Pain
POTH 665	(3)	Interdisciplinary Management of Chronic Pain
POTH 666	(3)	Common Clinical Pain Syndromes

#### Complementary Courses (3 credits)

One of:

POTH 603	(3)	Directed Practicum
POTH 618	(3)	Topics in Rehabilitation

or another 500-level or higher course (online or not) from a different university, as approved by the Graduate Certificate Program Chair.

or another 3-credit graduate level course (online or not) from a different university, as approved by the Graduate Certificate Program Chair.

NOTE: POTH 603 and POTH 618 are not online courses. They are directed tutorial courses that need pre-approval from the Graduate Certificate Program Chair. Students are encouraged to plan such courses with the instructor at least one semester before intended enrolment. For a complementary course at a dif

