## IMPORTANT DATES

### 2018 Fall Term (62 Days)

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SOCIAL SCIENCES FYI GUIDE OVERVIEW

The goal of this guidebook is to empower you by giving you the tools to successfully navigate through your first year and to prepare you for beyond Level 1.

Inside you will find the following:

• Steps to enrollment success
• Notes to understanding your Level 1 requirements and Level 2 academic plan requirements for all degree programs offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences
• Tips to being a successful student, including information to assist students with a disability who may require accommodations
• Definitions you need to know
• The value of Experiential Education
• How your Academic Advisors can help

REGISTRATION SUCCESS

Understanding Your Undergraduate Program

Degrees

• Most Honours Bachelor of Arts degrees require successful completion of 120 units (usually 30 units per level for four years) and a Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (see Grading Scale on page 18).
• A Bachelor of Arts degree requires successful completion of 90 units (30 units per level for three years) and a Grade Point Average of 3.5 (see Grading Scale on page 18).
• Combined Honours degrees are available provided the entry requirements are met for each of the relevant Honours degrees. Social Sciences degrees can also be combined with programs from the Faculty of Humanities, and Economics specifically can be combined with Math and Computer Science.
• A Minor is optional - it is a collection of at least 24 units of courses in another subject area taken throughout an Honours degree. See the Faculty of Social Sciences section of the Undergraduate Calendar for available Minors and their requirements.
• Additional Minors may be found in the Interdisciplinary Minors section of the Undergraduate Calendar.
• Transferring between Faculties is permitted, provided the program entry requirements are met.

Courses

• The unit value of a course is determined by the last number of the course code. For example, ANTHROP 1A3 is a 3 unit course.
• 3 unit courses are normally one session in duration and offered either September to December (Fall Term) or January to April (Winter Term).
• Many courses will have smaller tutorial or lab sections, as well as lectures. You can select your tutorial or lab (e.g., T01, L01) once you have enrolled in the course.

...Courses Continued

• A full course load is 30 units (i.e. five 3-unit courses each term).
• A balanced course load (i.e. the same number of courses in each term) is required in Level 1.
• Varsity athletes may choose to register in 18 units with at least 9 units each term, to accommodate the stringent practice schedules.
• Level 1 students are expected to have completed at least 24 units to be eligible for Level 2 Programs.

CHOOSING COURSES

Social Sciences Level 1

Choosing Courses Checklist

☐ Choose courses you are interested in
☐ Think ahead to an area of study you may want to major in and select courses required for at least one degree option (details on pages 10-14)
☐ Check the Undergraduate Calendar course descriptions to make sure you have the prerequisites (academic background) necessary to take your courses - this is especially important for Math, Science, and Language courses
☐ Level 1 students are expected to have completed at least 24 units to be eligible for Level 2 Programs
☐ Search for Classes through the Mosaic Student Centre to plan your individual schedule
☐ Plan for an equal number of courses in each term
☐ Electives can be taken from Social Sciences or from other faculties, as long as you meet the prerequisites

Course Guidelines

You must take at least 18 units of Social Sciences Level 1 courses in your first year. This allows you to choose a variety of Social Sciences courses, including those that will allow you to apply for several second year program choices.

Electives are courses of your choice, which are not specifically designated for your program of study, but add to your total number of units. Electives can be taken from another Faculty, provided you have taken at least 18 units of Social Sciences, including courses which may qualify you for a Level 2 Social Sciences program. You can also include electives from additional Social Sciences courses to increase your degree program options within our Faculty.

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<td>SOCIOL 1C03</td>
<td>Canadian Society: Social Problems, Social Policy, and the Law</td>
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<td>SOC SCI 1RM3</td>
<td>How Do We Know? Doing Social Sciences Research</td>
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<td>SOC SCI 1SS3</td>
<td>Inquiry in the Social Sciences</td>
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### Social Sciences Level 1 FAQ

If you are coming straight from high school, you will be entering into Social Sciences 1, no matter what area of interest was indicated on your OUAC application. Social Sciences 1 is the start of the path to your degree program. You will take the prerequisites for your program of choice in Level 1, while also exploring other areas of interest. Taking a variety of courses will help you discover a program best suited to your interests. You will apply to a degree program near the end of the year.

A full course load is five courses per semester. You can choose courses from across 12 different departments in Social Sciences and from other Faculties, like Humanities and Science.

#### What are the Social Sciences First Year Program requirements?

All Social Sciences students must take at least 18 units from the Social Sciences Course Lists, and 12 units of electives from either Social Sciences or other Faculties, provided the prerequisites of individual courses are met. That is 15 units per semester, or five single-term courses.

- **Required:** 18 units of Social Sciences
- **Electives:** 12 units of courses of your choice, which may include the Social Sciences
  - 3 units: 1 term course
  - 6 units: 2 terms course

**Tip:** The number at the end of a course code indicates how many units a course is worth.

#### Where can I find a list of all the courses available at McMaster?

The undergraduate calendar is McMaster University's official repository for degree information, program requirements, and it lists every course available at the university: academiccalendars.romcmaster.ca

#### When do I declare a major?

You will apply to your degree program of choice next April, near the end of your first year. You will use an application on Mosaic to rank preferences and apply to your top four program choices. You can specialize in one subject or focus on two subjects equally in a Combined Honours degree, such as two Social Sciences subjects or one from Social Sciences and one from Humanities. Students may also use electives to enhance their degree by taking courses or completing a minor in a complementary subject.

#### What is a minor and is it required?

You are not required to take a minor. However, students in four year Honours programs may concentrate a specific number of elective courses in one area during their degree to give them the option of declaring a minor in that subject upon graduation.

#### Can I transfer from one program to another?

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**Do I need to take math?**

If you are interested in Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour, you will need to take at least one Math (1A03, 1F03, 1K03, 1L53 or 1MO3). If you are interested in Economics, the mathematics requirement may be completed either in Grade 12 (Grade 12 Calculus and Vectors U and Mathematics of Data Management U) or in the first year of university.
GET READY TO ENROLL

Plan your courses & enroll in your required classes

• As part of your admissions package, you have received access to the Mosaic portal. As a McMaster student, you will use your Mosaic Student Centre to search for classes and plan your schedule, drop, add, or ‘swap’ courses, view your student accounts and balances, view your degree standing and view grades, view program requirements, access unofficial transcripts, and more.

• To get started planning your courses, review Step 3 of start.mcmaster.ca for details on how to:
  - Upload a Student Card photo
  - Plan your desired courses
  - Enroll in classes

• Level 1 Enrollment appointments will begin opening on June 27. Your individual enrollment appointment will be posted to your Mosaic Student Centre, and found by navigating to:
  - Enroll > Term Information > Enrollment Appointment > View my enrollment dates. You can begin to enroll in courses once this appointment time opens, and you can continue to drop, add or swap courses until the end of the drop and add period. Enroll early to ensure a seat in your preferred courses!

• Review the Social Sciences Level 1 course requirements on page 6 of this guide. When choosing first year courses, remember to select first year classes that will allow you entry into your ideal degree program.

• Before enrollment begins, sign into Mosaic and search for classes through your Student Centre portal by navigating to Student Centre > MyTimetable. You can save schedules to your favourites and easily pull them up when it’s your time to enroll.

• To add courses to your list, select a term, then search for a course by typing any of the following options:
  - Course code (i.e. SOC SCI 1T03)
  - Course Title (i.e. Life, the University and a Bit of Everything)
  - Instructor’s name
Repeat these steps for all desired courses for each term. Conflict free schedules will generate and appear in the right column. You can review all options and choose your optimal schedule.

• Once your enrollment appointment opens and you’ve created the timetable you want, click Get This Schedule. From here, click Go to Enroll and you’re done!

For more information on using MyTimetable visit: registrar.mcmaster.ca/mytimetable/

• You can activate your McMaster email account once you have successfully completed enrollment. Your studentmail@mcmaster.ca account will be your primary form of electronic communication with faculty, staff and fellow students.

Once the steps are completed, a confirmation package will be mailed to you by the Registrar’s Office in late August.

Submit your payment & explore funding sources for your education

• After completing enrollment, it’s time to submit payment. Visit Step 4 of start.mcmaster.ca for details on:
  - Paying your fees
  - OSAP, the Ontario Tuition Grant, and financial aid for Out-of-Provience students
  - Entrance awards, scholarships, and bursaries

ENROLLMENT FAQ

What if the course I want is full?

The status of open and closed seats is always changing, so check often in case seats may become available, should another student drop their seat. You may also choose another course that has space available. Enroll as early as possible so your access to courses is optimized.

How many courses should I take each term?

Your course load should be balanced between Fall and Winter Terms. A full course load is typically five courses or 15 units per term. Your course selection may include a combination of 3 and 6 unit courses.

What does “Multi-Term” (MT) mean? How do I add a multi-term course?

A multi-term course typically runs from September to April, over both Fall (term A) and Winter (term B).

Students who enroll into the “A” course are automatically enrolled into the “B” course. If you choose to drop either the “A” or “B” course, both courses are dropped at the same time. Both “A” and “B” sections should appear in your schedule once you have confirmed enrollment. In order to earn credit in a multi-term course, both the A & B sections must be completed. We do not award half credits.

What if I don’t want to complete a course after it has started?

The last day for adding or dropping courses is approximately one week after classes begin for each term as outlined in the Undergraduate Calendar’s Sessional Dates. After this period, you may cancel courses until the last day for canceling courses without failure by default. Canceled courses will be shown on your transcript as “Canceled”. A Cancellation Schedule that shows cancellation dates and fees is available from Student Accounts at: https://www.mcmaster.ca/bms/student/SAC_cancellation_UG.html

After this date, you will remain registered in courses whether or not you attend classes. Your transcript will show a grade of “F” for any course not successfully completed.

It is your responsibility to drop courses in a timely manner within the deadline dates for the session. If you believe you are unable to continue the work in a course, then you must drop it on Mosaic by the deadline dates. Not being aware of the deadline dates is not an acceptable excuse for missing a deadline. The only exceptions that will be made will be based on documented extenuating circumstances.

What if I want to withdraw from McMaster entirely?

If for some reason you decide not to attend McMaster University after registering for courses, you must inform the Office of the Associate Dean of Social Sciences that you will no longer be attending. In addition, it is your responsibility to log into Mosaic and drop all of your courses. If you do not drop the courses, they will remain on your student record, you will receive grades of “F” and you will be billed for your courses. This applies to both the Fall/Winter and the Spring/Summer sessions.

When is Mosaic Available?

The Mosaic student portal is accessible 24 hours per day, on weekdays and weekends.
HELPFUL ENROLMENT TIPS FOR...

Out of Province / Out of Country High School Students

High school students from outside of Ontario and from outside Canada may require course permission to enroll in a course which requires a high school prerequisite. While the majority of courses you will select as a Social Science 1 student do not have high school prerequisites, others such as Math, Science and Language courses may require prior preparation.

For example, the following Level 1 courses require a Grade 12 or equivalent prerequisite:

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<td>PSYCH 1XX3</td>
<td>Foundations of Psychology, Neuroscience, &amp; Behaviour</td>
<td>Grade 12 Biology U or credit or registration in one of BIOLOGY 1A03, 1M03, 1P03.</td>
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<td>MATH 1M03</td>
<td>Calculus for Business, Humanities, &amp; the Social Sciences</td>
<td>One of Grade 12 Calculus and Vectors U, MATH 1F03 or a grade of at least B- in MATH 1K03.</td>
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Please contact the Faculty of Social Sciences (contact details found on Page 19) to be reviewed to determine course eligibility. If the Faculty determines that a prerequisite has been met, course permission will be coded for individual courses, allowing students to include them in their enrollment. This may take several days to complete. We strongly advise that you contact the Faculty as early as possible, as courses will become full.

Graduates of College of Applied Arts & Technology (CAAT) / McMaster Centre for Continuing Education

Students admitted to McMaster University based on completion of a CAAT or McMaster CCE diploma may be eligible for transfer credit towards their undergraduate degree. All transfer credits are assessed at the time of admission. The amount of credit will depend on the length of your program and the grades received. The following scenarios are common:

- Admission to Social Sciences 1 with 15 units of unspecified Level 1 transfer credit. Completion of Level 1 requires 30 units, and it is important to select the remaining balance of your courses with a potential degree program in mind. All programs have course admission requirements, so be sure to refer to the program guide in this booklet for specific course details.
- Admission to Social Sciences 2 with 24 units of unspecified transfer credit might look something like this:
  - 18 units of unspecified Level 1 credit
  - 6 units of unspecified Level 2 credit
- In certain cases, students entering from a CAAT may be assigned direct course transfer credit at the time of admission, and as part of their overall transfer credit (e.g., credit for SOCIOL 1Z03). This recognizes that courses completed in a specific CAAT program are considered comparable to a McMaster University course. Direct transfer credit may allow you to take upper-level courses which may require that course as a prerequisite.

Tip: you may consider your transfer credit as electives and then take the specific course requirements for the potential degree programs you are considering.

University Transfer Students

University transfer students are advised to consult the Undergraduate Calendar to confirm what courses are required to complete your McMaster degree. If you are considering a course with a high school prerequisite, you must contact the Faculty of Social Sciences Office so we may determine if you have the academic background to take the course and add the necessary waiver.

Mature Students

If you have not attended secondary school or college on a full-time basis for at least two years and you have never attended university, you may be admitted as a Mature Student. When selecting your first courses, always make sure you meet the prerequisites and consider your interests.

Choose courses based on what you think you would enjoy while meeting the requirements of the Social Sciences Level 1 program. At the same time, you may wish to think ahead to your possible degree program and select your courses with that in mind.
DEGREE PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Level 1 Social Sciences students successfully completing at least 24 units and have the potential to meet admission requirements to enter an undergraduate degree program.
- Admission to most Honours programs require a minimum of 5.0 (C) in the introductory course(s) in the discipline and a Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C).
- Admission to B.A. programs require a minimum of 4.0 (C-) in the introductory course(s) in the discipline and a Grade Point Average of at least 3.5.
- For students interested in completing a Combined Honours degree, you must meet the entry requirements for each of the relevant programs.
- For Limited Enrollment programs, possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

**Anthropology**

- **Honours B.A.** Grade Point Average of 5.0 (C) including an average of at least 5.0 (C) in ANTHROP 1AA3, 1AB3.
- **B.A.** Grade Point Average of at least 3.5 including an average of 4.0 (C-) in ANTHROP 1AA3, 1AB3.

**Economics**

- **Honours B.A.** Grade Point Average of 5.0 (C) including an average of at least 5.0 (C) in ECON 1B03 and 1BB3.
- **Honours B.A. Specialist** Grade Point Average of 5.0 (C) including an average of at least 5.0 (C) in ECON 1B03 and 1BB3.
- **Honours B.A. Economics & Computer Science** Grade Point Average of 5.0 (C), including an average of 5.0 (C) in ECON 1B03 and 1BB3, and a weighted average of 5.0 (C) in ECON 1B03, 1BB3, COMP SCI 1MD3 and 1JC3, MATH 1A03, 1A3 and 1B03. MATH 1B03 may be postponed until Level 2.
- **Honours B.A. Economics & Mathematics** Grade Point Average of 5.0 (C) including MATH 1A03 (or 1X03) an average of 5.0 (C) in ECON 1B03 and 1BB3 and a grade of 6 (C+) in each of MATH 1AA3 (or 1XX3) and 1B03.
- **B.A.** Grade Point Average of 3.5 including an average of 4.0 (C-) in ECON 1B03 and 1BB3.

**Geography & Environmental Studies**

- **Honours B.A. Geography & Environmental Studies** Grade Point Average of 5.0 (C) including an average of at least 5.0 (C) in six units from GEOG 1HA3, 1HB3, ENVIR SC 1A03, 1B03, 1CD3, 1G03.
- **Honours B.A. Geography** Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C) including an average of at least 5.0 (C) in six units from GEOG 1HA3, 1HB3, ENVIR SC 1A03, 1B03, 1CD3, 1G03.
- **B.A.** Grade Point Average of 3.5 including an average of at least 4.0 (C-) in six units from GEOG 1HA3, 1HB3, ENVIR SC 1A03, 1B03, 1CD3, 1G03.

**Health, Aging & Society**

- **Honours B.A. Aging & Society** Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least 5.0 (C) in HLTH AGE 1BB3.
- **Honours B.A. Health & Society** Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least 5.0 (C) in HLTH AGE 1AA3.
- **Honours B.A. Aging & Society Specialization in Mental Health & Addiction** Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least 5.0 (C) in HLTH AGE 1BB3 and a grade of at least 5.0 (C) in HLTH AGE 1CC3.
- **B.A. Health, Aging, & Society** Grade Point Average of at least 3.5 and an average of at least 4.0 (C-) in HLTH AGE 1AA3 and 1BB3.

**Indigenous Studies**

- **Honours B.A. Indigenous Studies & Another Subject** Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C) and a grade of at least 5.0 (C) in one of INDIG ST 1A03, 1AA3, or RECONCIL 1A03.
- **B.A. Indigenous Studies & Another Subject** Grade Point Average of at least 3.5 including a grade of at least 4.0 (C-) in three units in INDIG ST 1A03, 1AA3, or RECONCIL 1A03 and satisfaction of admission requirements for the B.A. Academic Plan in the other subject.

* Limited Enrollment program, where possession of the published minimum does not guarantee admission.
**Labour Studies**
- **Honours B.A.**
  - Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least 5.0 (C) in one of LABR ST 1A03 or LABR ST 1C03.
- **B.A.**
  - Grade Point Average of at least 3.5 including a grade of at least 4.0 (C-) in one of LABR ST 1A03 or LABR ST 1C03.

**Political Science**
- **Honours B.A.**
  - Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 including a grade of at least 5.0 (C) in one of POLSCI 1AA3, 1AB3, or POLSCI 1G06 A/B.
- **Honours B.A. Specialization in Public Law & Judicial Studies**
  - Selection is based on academic achievement. Students must have a Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 including a grade of at least 5.0 (C) in one of POLSCI 1AA3, 1AB3, or POLSCI 1G06 A/B.
- **B.A.**
  - Grade Point Average of at least 3.5 including a grade of at least 4.0 (C-) in one of POL SCI 1AA3, 1AB3, or POL SCI 1G06 A/B.

**Psychology, Neuroscience, & Behaviour**
- **Honours B.A.**
  - Grade Point Average of at least 6.0 (C+) in PSYCH 1XX3 (completion of PSYCH 1X03 or 1F03 recommended in Level 1); credit in one of BIOLOGY 1A03, 1M03, 1P03, or Grade 12 Bio U; and credit in MATH 1A03, 1LS3 or MATH 1M03.
- **Honours B.A. Specialization in Mental Health**
  - Grade Point Average of at least 6.0 (C+) in PSYCH 1XX3 with a grade of at least 7.0 (B-); three units from BIOLOGY 1A03, 1M03, 1P03 or credit in Grade 12 Bio U; 3 units from MATH 1A03, 1LS3, 1M03.
- **Honours B.A. Specialization in Music Cognition**
  - Grade Point Average of at least 6.0 (C+) in PSYCH 1XX3 with a grade of at least 7.0 (B-); three units from BIOLOGY 1A03, 1M03, 1P03 or credit in Grade 12 Bio U; three units from MATH 1A03, 1LS3, 1M03, three units from MUSIC 1A03, 1AA3, PSYCH 1X03 or 1F03 must be completed by end of Level 2; but PSYCH 1X03 is recommended in Level 1. Entrance into MUSIC 1CC3 A/B requires Advanced Rudiments (or Grd. 2) from RCM (a grade of 80% or above, within last 2 years) or MUSIC 1C03 (at least 75%) or 65% or above on a qualifying music theory exam administered by the School of the Arts.
- **B.A.**
  - Grade Point Average of at least 3.5 and a grade of at least 4.0 (C-) in PSYCH 1F03 or 1X03.

**Additional Math Information for Honours B.A., Psychology, Neuroscience, & Behaviour**

Students with Grade 12 Calculus and Vectors U must take one of MATH 1A03, 1LS3 or 1M03. Students with Grade 12 Advanced Functions U must complete MATH 1F03 prior to completing one of MATH 1A03, 1LS3 or 1M03.

Students with Grade 11 Math must first take MATH 1K03. Students who obtain a grade of at least 7.0 (B-) in MATH 1K03, may then take MATH 1M03. Students who obtain less than 7.0 (B-) in MATH 1K03, must take MATH 1F03 prior to taking one of MATH 1A03, 1LS3 or 1M03.

**Religious Studies**
- **Honours B.A.**
  - Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least 5.0 (C) in one of RELIG ST 1AB3, 1B03, 1I03, 1J03, 1L03, or 1R03.
- **B.A.**
  - Grade Point Average of 3.5 and a grade of at least 4.0 (C-) in one of RELIG ST 1AB3, 1B03, 1I03, 1J03, 1L03, or 1R03.

**Social Psychology**
- **Honours B.A.**
  - Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 including a grade of at least C in SOCPSY 1Z03 and successful completion of either PSYCH 1F03, PSYCH 1X03, SOCIOL 1203, or SOCIOL 1A06 A/B.

**Social Work**
- **Honours B.S.W. Bachelor of Social Work**
  - Completion of six units of introductory Social Work or introductory Sociology and six additional units of introductory level courses from the Social Sciences course list. Students who are interested in the Honours BSW are strongly encouraged to take both SOCWORK 1AA3 and SOCWORK 1BB3. Students are also encouraged to take INDIGST 1A03. Introduction to Indigenous Studies, in level 1 as this course will be required for completion of the BSW. Admission requires, as a minimum, completion of Level 1 with a grade point average of at least 6.0 and evidence of personal suitability which may be evaluated by one or a combination of written statements, tests or interviews.

**Sociology**
- **Honours B.A.**
  - Grade Point Average of at least 5.0, including a grade of at least 5.0 (C) in SOCIOL 1A06 A/B.
- **Honours B.A. Specialist**
  - Grade Point Average of at least 5.0, including a grade of at least 5.0 (C) in SOCIOL 1A06 A/B.
- **B.A.**
  - Grade Point Average of 3.5 including a grade of at least 4.0 (C-) in SOCIOL 1203 or SOCIOL 1A06 A/B.

* Limited Enrollment program, where possession of the published minimum does not guarantee admission.
**IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS**

**Grade Point Average:** A Grade Point Average (GPA) is a weighted average of all the courses you have taken. The GPA determines your eligibility to continue at the university and to enter a program. You will be reviewed once you have attempted at least 18 units of work.

**Level:** is used to describe a student’s progression through a program.

**Reviewing Period:** Reviews will take place in May and August provided that the student has attempted at least 18 units of work since the last review or in August if the student is a potential graduand.

**Academic Standing:** The statement of the academic standing of a student at the end of a reviewing period. For example:

- **Good Standing -** Student is in good academic standing with a GPA of at least 3.5.
- **May Continue in Program – Academic Probation -** Students with a GPA of 3.0 to 3.4 may continue on probation at the university for one reviewing period and must raise the GPA to 3.5 or above.
- **May Not Continue at University -** Students with a GPA of less than 3.0 are not eligible to continue at university and may apply for reinstatement if they wish to continue to study at McMaster, but there is limited space available and reinstatement is not guaranteed.
- **Program Probation -** is assigned to an Honours student whose GPA falls within the probationary band, below the minimum GPA required to stay in the program in good standing. Program Probation status allows a student to continue in the Honours program for one reviewing period, after which they must have increased their GPA to Honours standing.
- **Required to Withdraw -** will result when a student who has previously been reinstated and does not maintain the minimum required average of 3.5. These students are required to wait at least 12 months before being eligible to apply for reinstatement a second time. Reinstatement is not guaranteed.

**Session:** is a period of study within the academic year. For example: the Fall/Winter session runs from September to April and the Spring/Summer session runs from May to August.

**Tutorial:** In most first year subjects you are required to attend tutorials. A tutorial is where your large core lecture class is divided into small groups of about 35 students per tutorial group.

Tutorials may be:
- a chance for the tutor to explain aspects of the lecture
- a chance for students to talk about the subject or coursework

Generally, students are expected to participate actively in tutorials and often a percentage of your final grade depends on your tutorial participation.

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**STUDENT TOOLBOX**

**Avenue 2 Learn (A2L)**

Avenue 2 Learn is a Learning Management System you will use to access online course materials. Log in using your MacID to avenue.mcmaster.ca.

Get familiar with the system by going to the e-support website where you will find quick help articles on how to use the tools in Avenue, video tutorials to guide you through the tools, and some tips on Getting Started with Avenue.

**The Campus Store - Textbooks & Supplies**

The Campus Store carries everything a Mac student needs including course materials, tablets and computers, Mac clothing and gear, office supplies, and more. Your professor will provide a course syllabus outlining what textbooks or materials you’ll need.

**Email**

Every McMaster student is required to activate a McMaster email account. You can activate your account once you have successfully completed enrollment, just navigate to studentmail.mcmaster.ca and log in using your MacID.

Your account is powered by Google’s Gmail service and includes 25GB of space. Your e-mail address will be in the following format MacID@studentmail.mcmaster.ca.

All email communications sent from students to the university (staff and faculty) must be from the student’s own McMaster University email account.

**Tip:** When you email any representative of the university, always include your name and student number in the subject line so you can be easily identified.
The McMaster Student Absence Form (MSAF) is used to let your professors know when you get sick during the term and miss tests and/or assignments. This self-reporting tool is submitted online and is used for absences of 3 days or less in duration and when your academic work is worth less than 25% of the final grade. It cannot be used during any final examination period. You may submit a maximum of ONE Academic Work Missed request per term. It is YOUR responsibility to follow up with your instructor immediately regarding the nature of the accommodation. The form should be filled out the day the missed work is due, and is available at: mcmaster.ca/msaf.

If you are absent more than 3 days or exceed 1 request per term you MUST visit the Associate Dean’s Office, KTH 129 and will be required to provide supporting documentation from your doctor (see Student Wellness Centre).

Undergraduate Calendar

The Undergraduate Calendar is McMaster University’s official repository for degree information, program requirements, and course lists, making it the perfect resource for students: academiccalendars.mcmaster.ca

Here are the top 3 reasons to use the Undergraduate Calendar:

1. It includes all the academic rules and regulations that govern you as a student.
2. It includes a description of all the courses offered at the university.
3. It includes important academic dates like when classes begin and end, and course drop & add dates.

Grading Scale

McMaster uses the following 12-point grading scale. Unless otherwise specified in a course outline, course results determined on a percentage scale will be converted to an official letter grade, as indicated in the equivalent percentage scale which follows. The results of all courses attempted will appear on your transcript as letter grades.

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Academic Advising

Put simply, Academic Advisors support your undergraduate experience. Found in the Office of the Associate Dean, the Academic Advising team is available to assist undergraduate students to navigate their program of study. It is our goal and responsibility to help you achieve your academic goals and enhance your experience within the Faculty of Social Sciences and the university overall. For more info visit: socialsciences.mcmaster.ca/current-students/academic-advising

The Academic Advisors are available to help you with:

- Developing an academic plan
- Understanding course requirements and changes
- Missing course work or need to defer examinations due to illness
- Program selection, application, and alterations
- Permission to study elsewhere on exchange or near your hometown
- Referrals to campus resources

Come by the Academic Advising Office or contact us at:

Kenneth Taylor Hall, Room 129
socscfac@mcmaster.ca
905.525.9140, ext. 23772
Open Monday - Friday, 9am-4pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch)
Drop-in advising available Monday - Thursday, 1-3:30pm

PAWSS - Pups Advising Within Social Sciences

PAWSS is an innovative program in Social Sciences that uses certified “Friendly Visitor” dogs to support students with their transition into and through university. In partnership with the Hamilton Burlington SPCA Pet Visiting Program, PAWSS provides students, faculty, and staff with moments of respite and joyfulness, and promotes a sense of community and student wellbeing.

PAWSS PROJECT TEAM

WINNER OF THE PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN 2016

Lily is a calm, sweet goldendoodle who works in the Faculty of Social Sciences’ Advising Office. Lily assists her academic advisor, Kelli Cale, by helping students feel welcome and supported while they are receiving academic advice.

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EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

Experience Makes A Difference
experiential-ed@mcmaster.ca
exp.ed@mcmaster.ca

Social Sciences offers you a unique combination of education, career exploration and practical experience. Contact the Office of Experiential Education (EE) as early as your first year to find out how we can help combine your education with hands-on experience to make your degree stand out among the crowd. After all, experience matters!

Internships

Full-time and part-time paid work opportunities in government, private, education, health and not-for-profit sectors that allow you to develop skills and forge a career path all your own.

Career Placements

Multi-week job shadow experiences that allow you to visit various departments within a workplace, network with staff, and get a more in-depth look at a specific industry and related careers.

Academic Placements

Community-based placements that are part of a course, linking the theories learned in class to the diverse aspects of the community around you.

Career and Networking Events

One-time events that bring professionals to campus, or students to worksites and the community. Through Career Pop-Ups, Career Conversations, the Career Networking Breakfast, and more, students connect with professionals for career advice and to network in a more informal setting.

For more information about EE activities including grants, awards, events and workshops, please visit our website or email us at exp.ed@mcmaster.ca.

“If you are unsure about what to pursue or what you can get involved in to compliment your learning and acquire professional skills – get involved in EE. There are numerous opportunities to try something that can help you grow academically and professionally.”

- Brad Keslick
Social Psychology

Liz Enriquez
Geography

“Experiential Education has given me the opportunity to gain valuable, real world experience to compliment my academic knowledge. My internship at Canada Border Services Agency has reaffirmed my ambitions to work in the public sector. This position allowed me to take the policy analysis skills I have acquired in a variety of Economics classes and apply them to real world scenarios. The internship experience was also a great networking tool that has helped me gain new professional connections.”

- Anjum, on his internship with Canada Border Services Agency

Anjum Mutakabbir
Economics

EE SPOTLIGHT

Liz participated in various EE activities throughout her academic career. She received a Student Experience Grant to study sustainability practices and geological formations in Iceland, and participated in an internship with the City of Hamilton Waste Management Division assisting with their recycling and environmental efforts.

She also completed the SOC SCI 2EL0 career planning course to help her better define her career and education path, and later the SOC SCI 3F03 capstone course to tie together and reflect on all the experiential learning she participated in throughout her degree.
Earn a Mohawk College Certificate while you complete your Social Sciences Degree!

This program is exclusive to McMaster Social Sciences students and offers an innovative way to balance the theoretical knowledge you expect from a university education with the practical application traditionally offered in colleges.

You’ll gain practical skills that are attractive to future employers. Courses are taught on campus at McMaster by Mohawk instructors who have worked in the field.

Certificates Available in:

- Business Studies
- Leadership & Management in the Not-for-Profit Sector
- Applied Behaviour Analysis

The Behaviour Analyst Certification Board, INC.® has approved the above course sequence as meeting the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the Board Certified Assistant Behaviour Analyst Examination®. Applicants will have to meet additional requirements to qualify.

A great way to use your elective courses and receive two accreditations concurrently

McMaster / Mohawk Certificates:

- Can be paired with any Social Sciences degree
- Are taught on the McMaster campus (no traveling)
- Are completed using your elective credits so you are:
  - NOT extending your time to complete your degree/certificate
  - NOT incurring additional course fees
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

Apply Now! 2018/2019 OSAP Application Steps

The 2018/2019 OSAP application is available at ontario.ca/osap. Apply now to begin the OSAP process. Detailed information is available on the Office of Student Financial Aid & Scholarships (SFAS) website at sfas.mcmaster.ca to guide you through this process. Ensure that you complete all of the steps below to receive your OSAP funding at the beginning of your study period. The McMaster recommended date to apply is June 30, 2018.

Redirect your OSAP funding to the University if you would like tuition and fees paid on your behalf. On the 2018/19 OSAP application, students can select the redirection of OSAP funds or request the funding to be deposited to their account.

Upload your signature pages and supporting documentation via the OSAP website. Returning students who completed an OSAP application and submitted all required documents last year will not need to submit the Signature & Consent Declarations again this year unless there is a change in status.

Complete your Master Student Financial Assistance Agreement (MSFAA) online. The NSLSC will send a “Welcome Email” inviting you to register for an NSLSC online account to complete the MSFAA. More information is available here: sfas.mcmaster.ca/nslsc.

Check your status on the OSAP website to confirm that your OSAP application is complete. Your entitlement and disbursement information will also be available in July.

Complete enrollment in Mosaic for the terms indicated on your OSAP application. If a student applies for OSAP for fall and winter, full-time enrollment for both terms is required.

Receive your funding. McMaster SFAS will confirm your enrollment at the end of August if you are enrolled in the course load indicated on your OSAP application. OSAP will automatically send OSAP funding to either your McMaster student account or personal banking account; as per your OSAP application.

Check your McMaster Student Account Statement. Interest accumulates on the outstanding balance of your student account. Please go to the Student Accounts & Cashiers website for further information mcmaster.ca/bms/student regarding payment methods and fee deadline dates. All students are responsible for the outstanding balance of their student account. Check out your account statement available in the Mosaic Student Centre for more information about the status of your University finances!

Your personalized Tuition, Aid & Awards Summary is available in the Mosaic Student Center under Finances > Financial Aid starting in July 2018. This summary states the out-of-pocket fee payment required after all non-repayable aid and awards. Some exceptions apply.

STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

sas.mcmaster.ca
McMaster University Student Centre Basement 107
905.525.9140, ext. 28652
sas@mcmaster.ca

If you have a disability or suspect you may have a disability, Student Accessibility Services (SAS), offers academic support services as they relate to your disability. Disabilities include permanent physical disabilities, mental health disabilities and learning disabilities – for full details, visit sas.mcmaster.ca.

Book an Appointment to set-up Accommodations

An SAS Program Coordinator will work together with you to determine which services are most appropriate for your academic needs. Book an appointment well in advance of classes – June, July and August are recommended times for a student starting in the fall.

Before your First Appointment

Preparation for your first appointment requires the reading and completion of the Online Module: Registering with SAS

Shifting Gears – Journey to Success – A Transition Program

Shifting Gears is a series of workshops designed for students with disabilities entering post-secondary studies at McMaster. These workshops will provide students with important learning strategies and skills that will ease your transition to university.

Register for Shifting Gears online at: sas.mcmaster.ca/transition

SAS Study Ally Program

If you are a student registered with SAS, please let us know if you would like to have an Ally. Allies are third or fourth level McMaster students who provide support and friendship throughout fall and winter terms. Your Ally can help you gain study skills, get inside information on university services and become familiar with university expectations. For more information on the application process, please see your Program Coordinator at SAS.
The Student Success Centre (SSC) at McMaster University supports students from the time they accept an offer of admission, to five years after convocation as they transition and become the new, successful leaders of tomorrow.

The SSC will assist students in developing good decision-making skills, enrich their learning experiences by applying knowledge acquired in the classroom to practical situations, and define their pathway for success. The SSC provides services, workshops, programs and events in the following three functional areas:

- Career and Employment
- Community Service-Learning, Civic Engagement & Leadership
- Transition and Academic Success

Students who take advantage of these services will be more engaged in university life and, as a result, have higher chances of achieving their personal and professional goals.

Our centre also offers new student/parent orientation programs, various academic and goal setting workshops as well as networking resources so that they can build the confidence needed to transition successfully.

Academic Skills

Making the jump from high school to university can be challenging and confusing. The SSC has Writing and Learning Assistants, Academic Skills Counselors, workshops and online resources to assist you with this transition.

The SSC provides year-round support for both academic and writing skills. Come to a small-group workshop on a wide variety of topics, such as:

- Time management
- Reading strategies
- Exam preparation
- Essay writing and critical thinking
- Academic boot camp

You can also meet one-on-one with an upper year student for writing or academic skills coaching and receive personalized strategies and tools to help you excel. Students who have visited the SSC have reported improved grades, better understanding of academic expectations and long-lasting skills.

International Students Mentorship Program

Whether this is your first time in Canada as an international student or you completed high school in Canada as an international student, we strongly encourage you to participate in our free mentorship program. Mentors are volunteer upper year students who are familiar with life at McMaster University and can help you successfully transition to campus.

Events and programs are scheduled throughout the academic year to encourage the new friendship and support that is provided through the mentorship program.

ESL

Students who are interested in improving their spoken and written English skills are invited to join our Speakeasy Program (one-on-one support from a volunteer). Contact the Student Success Centre for details.

First Generation Student Program

Students whose parents have not attended any post-secondary education level courses (college or university), are considered First Gen! Research shows that First Generation students often have unique needs and challenges. The First Gen Program provides support to assist with a successful transition to university academics and campus life, as well as networking opportunities to build a strong peer support system. For more info check out: studentsuccess.mcmaster.ca/academic-support/first-generation-student

STUDENT WELLNESS CENTRE

wellness.mcmaster.ca
MUSC B101 (Student Wellness Centre)
MUSC B118 (Student Wellness Education Lower Lounge)
Monday - Thursday, 8:45am-7:45pm
Friday 8:45am-4:30pm (Closed 12:30-1:30pm Friday only)
wellness@mcmaster.ca

Wellness in mind, body, and spirit is essential as you learn, grow, and change during your time here at McMaster. The Student Wellness Centre provides services that will enhance your personal and academic success - Personal and Psychological Counselling, Mental Health Support; Medical and Health Services; and Wellness Education.

Staffed by highly qualified service providers (family physicians, personal counsellors, registered nurses, psychologists, psychiatrists, wellness educators) with a special interest in university students, we provide student-centred, accessible, confidential, and caring services for you.

First Generation Students

Are you the first in your family to attend university? The Faculty is committed to enhancing the university experience for First Generation Students.