### IMPORTANT DATES

#### 2019 Fall Term (62 Days)

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<td>Final examinations</td>
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The goal of this guidebook is to empower you to successfully navigate through your first year and to prepare you for beyond Level I.

Inside you will find:

• Steps to enrolment success
• Notes to understand your Level I requirements and worksheets on how to plan out your courses to qualify for a Level II program
• 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
• Information on student resources on campus
• How your academic advisors can help and more!

REGISTRATION SUCCESS
Understanding Your Undergraduate Program

Courses

• Each course has a code with a department/program, Level and unit value. For example, ANTHROP 1AA3 is a 3 unit course in Anthropology.

• The level of the course. →1AA3← How many units this course is worth.

• 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. Tutorial/ lab sections are picked with the core course section at the same time during enrolment.

• A full course load is 24 to 30 units (i.e. four or five 3-unit courses each term).

• Level I students are expected to have completed at least 24 units to be eligible for Level II programs.

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 20).

• 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 20).

• 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 an Economics degree 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 page 24 for more information).
LEVEL I FAQ

Whether you are in Social Sciences I, Economics I or Health & Society I, you will have the ability to explore your interests outside of your major through elective courses.

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

I’m in Social Sciences I, when do I choose my 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 (mosaic.mcmaster.ca) 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 another Faculty. Students may also use electives to enhance their degree by taking courses or completing a minor in a complementary subject. This allows you to take a variety of courses in any of our 12 areas of study and discover a program best suited to your interests.

All Social Sciences students must take at least 18 units from the Social Sciences course lists (page 6) and six to 12 units of electives from either Social Sciences or other Faculties, provided the prerequisites of individual courses are met. That is 12 to 15 units per semester, or four to five single-term courses. To plan your courses for the year, use the worksheets provided on page 8 and 9.

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, academic rules and regulations. It lists every course available at the university: academiccalendars.mcmaster.ca. When searching courses, it is important to choose the most recent year of the calendar. This is a useful tool for planning out courses from now until your final year at McMaster.

Can I transfer from one program to another?

Yes! It is possible to transfer from one degree program to another, provided all course and entry requirements are met.

Do I need to take math?

If you are interested in Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour or Economics after completing Social Sciences I, you will need to take some math courses. For more information on required math and equivalent courses taken in high school, see page 14.

What are electives?

Electives are any courses beyond the core requirements that a student takes. These may come from the Social Sciences course list 1 or course list 2 (see page 6), and/or from other Faculties.

I have a disability or require some form of academic accommodations. How do I receive support?

Student Accessibility Services (SAS) provides academic assistance and related supports to students with documented needs at McMaster. For more information see page 27.
# SOCIAL SCIENCES LEVEL I COURSES

## Course List 1
Introductory courses that provide entry into a degree program

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<td>GEOG 1HA3</td>
<td>Human Geographies: Society &amp; Culture</td>
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<td>LABR ST 1A03</td>
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<td>The Future of Work</td>
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<td>POLSCI 1AA3</td>
<td>Government, Politics &amp; Power</td>
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<td>PSYCH 1F03</td>
<td>Survey of Psychology (Online course)</td>
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<td>Survey of Biological Basis of Psychology (Online course)</td>
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<td>Introduction to Psychology, Neuroscience &amp; Behaviour</td>
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<td>PSYCH 1XX3</td>
<td>Foundations of Psychology, Neuroscience &amp; Behaviour</td>
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<td>RECONCIL 1A03</td>
<td>Reconciling What? Indigenous Relations in Canada</td>
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<td>RELIG ST 1AB3</td>
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<td>RELIG ST 1B03</td>
<td>What on Earth is Religion?</td>
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<td>RELIG ST 1I03</td>
<td>Religious Themes in Modern Culture</td>
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<td>RELIG ST 1J03</td>
<td>Great Books in Asian Religions</td>
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<td>RELIG ST 1L03</td>
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<td>SOC PSY 1Z03</td>
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Courses available to Level I students but are not required for entry into a degree program

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<td>SOCIOL 1C03</td>
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<td>Life, the University &amp; a Bit of Everything</td>
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At the end of your first year, you will choose an area of study that interests you!

Requirements

You must take at least 18 units of Social Sciences Level I courses in your first year, plus your electives for a total of 24 to 30 units to be eligible for Level II programs. This allows you to choose a variety of Social Sciences courses, including those that will allow you to apply for several Level II 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, pending you have the required prerequisites and you have taken at least 18 units of Social Sciences, including courses which may qualify you for a Level II Social Sciences program. You can also include electives from additional Social Sciences courses to increase your degree program options within our Faculty.

On the next two pages, you’ll find a worksheet to help you plan out your courses for Level I, according to your desired degree programs for Level II.

**CHOOSE FROM 12 AREAS OF STUDY**

- Anthropology
- Economics
- Geography & Environmental Studies
- Health, Aging & Society (includes Health & Society and Aging & Society)
- Indigenous Studies
- Labour Studies
- Political Science
- Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour
- Society, Culture & Religion
- Social Psychology
- Social Work
- Sociology
## SOCIAL SCIENCES I: CHOOSING YOUR COURSES WORKSHEET

1. **Identify the degree programs you are interested in for Level II.**

2. **Select the courses you need to take in Level I to be considered for your programs of interest. You must take at least 18 units from the course lists on page 6.**

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<td><strong>Economics</strong>*</td>
<td>Take 6 units of ECON</td>
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<td>☐ MATH 1A03, 1LS3 OR 1M03</td>
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<td><strong>Geography</strong></td>
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<td><em>Specialization in Global Citizenship</em></td>
<td>Take at least 3 units</td>
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<td><strong>Psychology (3-year BA)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Take</strong>&lt;br&gt;3 units of PSYCH&lt;br&gt;3 units of MATH</td>
<td>PSYCH 1X03 (OR 1F03) – Foundations of PNB&lt;br&gt;MATH 1A03, 1F03, 1K03, 1LS3 OR 1M03 (must be completed by the end of Level II. Completion in Level I is recommended.)</td>
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<td><strong>Society, Culture &amp; Religion</strong></td>
<td><strong>Take at least 3 units</strong>&lt;br&gt;RELIGST 1AB3 – Archaeology &amp; the Bible&lt;br&gt;RELIGST 1B03 – What On Earth Is Religion?&lt;br&gt;RELIGST 1I03 – Religious Themes in Modern Culture&lt;br&gt;RELIGST 1J03 – Great Books in Asian Religions&lt;br&gt;RELIGST 1L03 – Abraham in Judaism, Christianity &amp; Islam&lt;br&gt;RELIGST 1R03 – Introduction to Anthropology: Race, Religion &amp; Conflict&lt;br&gt;Two courses must be completed by the end of Level II.</td>
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<td><strong>Social Psychology</strong></td>
<td><strong>Take at least</strong>&lt;br&gt;3 units of SOC PSYCH&lt;br&gt;3 units of PSYCH or SOCIOL</td>
<td>SOC PSY 1Z03 – An Introduction to Social Psychology&lt;br&gt;PSYCH 1X03 (OR 1F03) – Introduction to PNB&lt;br&gt;SOCIOL 1Z03 – An Introduction to Sociology&lt;br&gt;Both PSYCH &amp; SOCIOL must be completed by the end of Level II.</td>
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<td><strong>Social Work</strong></td>
<td><strong>Take at least 6 units</strong>&lt;br&gt;SOCWORK 1AA3 – So You Think You Can Help? Introduction to Social Work I&lt;br&gt;SOCWORK 1BB3 – Re-Imagining Help: Introduction to Social Work II&lt;br&gt;SOCIOL 1Z03 – An Introduction to Sociology&lt;br&gt;SOCIOL 1C03 – Canadian Society: Social Problems, Social Policy</td>
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<td><strong>Sociology</strong>*</td>
<td><strong>Take</strong></td>
<td>SOCIOL 1Z03 – An Introduction to Sociology&lt;br&gt;*These programs also have an Honours specialist option which provides a more comprehensive background in theories, methods and research. It is designed for students who are considering graduate work in the area of study.</td>
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**3** Take our recommended courses for university success, exclusively available to Faculty of Social Sciences Level I students.

- SOCSCI 1SS3 – Inquiry in the Social Sciences
- SOCSCI 1T03 – Life, the University & a Bit of Everything

**4** Choose enough electives to reach at least 24 units, with a maximum of 30 units in total.

- CAYUGA 1203 – Introduction to Cayuga Language & Culture
- GLOBALZN 1A03 – Global Citizenship
- INUKTUT 1ZC3 – Introduction to Inuit Language & Culture
- MOHAWK 1Z03 – Introduction to Mohawk Language & Culture
- OJIBWE 1Z03 – Introduction to Ojibwe Language & Culture
- SOCSCI 1RM3 – How Do We Know? Doing Social Sciences Research
- SOCIOL 1C03 – Canadian Society: Social Problems, Social Policy & the Law

**Electives from other Faculties**

Total required units selected ______ + Total elective units selected ______

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At the end of your first year, you’ll choose your Economics pathway. Choose from programs such as Honours Economics, Economics & Mathematics, Economics & Computer Sciences or a specialist option that provides extra preparation for graduate school.

Requirements

- 6 units (two courses)
  - ECON 1B03 – Introductory Microeconomics
  - ECON 1BB3 – Introductory Macroeconomics

- 3 units (one course) from:
  - MATH 1A03 – Calculus for Science I
  - MATH 1LS3 – Calculus for the Life Sciences I
  - MATH 1M03 – Calculus for Business, Humanities & the Social Sciences

- 6 to 9 units of Level I Social Sciences courses (see page 6).
- 12 units of electives – from Social Sciences or another Faculty (pending prerequisites) and provided you have taken the minimum number of units of Social Sciences

On the next page, you’ll find a worksheet to help you plan out your courses for Level I, according to your desired Level II Economics pathway.
ECONOMICS I : CHOOSING YOUR COURSES WORKSHEET

1. Select all of the required courses listed below for Economics I.

   Economics I Requirements
   - Take 6 units of ECON
   - 3 units of MATH 1F03 (if Grade 12 Calculus and Vectors U has not been completed)
   - 3 units of STATS 1L03 (if Grade 12 Mathematics of Data Management U has not been completed)
   - 3 units of MATH 1A03, 1LS3 OR 1M03

2. If you are interested in a combined major in Computer Science or Mathematics for Level II, select the courses below accordingly.

   - ECON 1B03 – Introductory Microeconomics
   - ECON 1BB3 – Introductory Macroeconomics
   - MATH 1F03 – Introduction to Calculus and Analytic Geometry
   - STATS 1L03 – Probability and Linear Algebra
   - MATH 1A03, 1LS3 OR 1M03

Additional required courses for combined Level II Economics pathways:

   - Economics & Computer Science
     - Take all
     - COMP SCI 1MD3
     - COMP SCI 1JC3
     - MATH 1A03
     - MATH 1AA3
     - MATH 1B03 (can be postponed to be taken in Level II)

   - Economics & Mathematics
     - Take all
     - MATH 1A03 (OR 1X03)
     - MATH 1AA3 (OR 1XX3)
     - MATH 1B03

3. Choose an additional 6 to 9 units of Level I Social Sciences (please refer to page 6).

   Social Sciences Level I Courses

4. Choose enough electives to reach a total of at least 24 units, with a maximum of 30 units. These can be from the Social Sciences Level I course list (page 6) or from other Faculties.

   Electives from Social Sciences

   Electives from other Faculties

Total required units selected ______ + Total elective units selected ______

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At the end of your first year, you will pick your pathway, including: Honours Aging & Society, Health & Society, Aging & Society–Specialization in Mental Health & Addiction, Health & Society–Specialization in Mental Health & Addiction or a combined Aging & Society and Health & Society degree.

Requirements

- 9 units (3 courses) from:
  - HLTHAGE 1AA3 – Introduction to Health & Society
  - HLTHAGE 1BB3 – Introduction to Aging & Society
  - HLTHAGE 1CC3 – Introduction to Mental Health & Illness
- 9 units of Level I Social Sciences courses (see page 6).
- 12 units of electives – from Social Sciences or another Faculty (pending prerequisites), provided you have taken the minimum number of units of Social Sciences, including courses which will qualify you for your Health, Aging & Society degree of choice.

On the next page, you’ll find a worksheet to help you plan out your courses for Level I, according to your desired Level II Health & Society pathway.
HEALTH & SOCIETY I: CHOOSING YOUR COURSES WORKSHEET

1. Select all of the required courses listed below for Health & Society I.

   Health & Society I Requirements
   Take all
   □ HLTHAGE 1AA3 – Introduction to Health & Society
   □ HLTHAGE 1BB3 – Introduction to Aging & Society
   □ HLTHAGE 1CC3 – Introduction to Mental Health & Illness

2. Choose an additional 9 units (3 courses) in Level I Social Sciences (please refer to page 6).

   Social Sciences Level I Courses
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3. Choose enough electives to reach a total of at least 24 units, with a maximum of 30 units. These can be from the Social Sciences Level I course list (page 6) or from other Faculties.

   Social Sciences Level I electives
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   Level I electives from other Faculties
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   Total required units selected ________
   + Total elective units selected ________
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For **Economics**, you must have taken either MCV 4U (Grade 12 Calculus and Vectors U) or MDM 4U (Grade 12 Mathematics of Data Management U) in high school. If you have not taken either course or have not taken the equivalent courses within your curricula, you must take the McMaster course equivalents in your first year.

- MATH 1F03 = MCV 4U - Grade 12 Calculus and Vectors U (requires Advanced Functions or MATH 1K03)
- STATS 1L03 = MDM 4U - Grade 12 Mathematics of Data Management U

If you are unsure if you have taken the required math courses in high school, refer to the math equivalents chart below.

For **Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour**, you must have taken MCV 4U (Grade 12 Calculus and Vectors U) in high school. If you have not taken the required math course or have not taken the equivalent courses within your curricula, you must take the McMaster course equivalent in your first year. For complete course requirements see the worksheet on pages 8 and 9.

- MATH 1F03 = MCV 4U - Grade 12 Calculus and Vectors U (requires Advanced Functions or MATH 1K03)

While these courses can be taken in Level I, we recommend taking the required math courses in the summer (leading up to your first year) to be best prepared.

If you would like to take these courses over the summer, explore your options:
- ILC: [ilc.tvo.org/en-ca/ilc-courses](http://ilc.tvo.org/en-ca/ilc-courses)
- Virtual High School: [ontariovirtualschool.ca/courses/#grade-12-courses](http://ontariovirtualschool.ca/courses/#grade-12-courses)

### Common math equivalents by high school curricula

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GET READY TO ENROL

Plan your courses & enrol in your required classes

As part of your admissions package, you have received access to the Mosaic portal (mosaic.mcmaster.ca) on June 12. 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 grades, view program requirements, access unofficial transcripts, and more.

To get started planning your courses, visit registrar.mcmaster.ca/accepted-offer/ for details on how to:

- Upload a Student Card photo
- Plan your desired courses
- Enrol in classes

**Level I enrolment appointments will begin opening on June 26.** Your individual enrolment appointment will be posted to your Mosaic Student Centre, and found on the right hand side of the student centre, under enrolment dates. You can begin to enrol 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. Enrol early to ensure a seat in your preferred courses!

Plan for your enrolment appointment by reviewing the all of your Level I requirements for Level II within this guide. When choosing first year courses, remember to select first year classes that will allow you entry into your preferred degree program.

Before enrolment 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 enrol.

To add courses to your list, select a term, then search for a course by typing any of the following options:

- Course code (e.g. SOC SCI 1T03)
- Course Title (e.g. Life, the University & a Bit of Everything)
- Instructor’s name (e.g. Mark Busser)

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 enrolment appointment opens and you’ve created the timetable you want, click Get This Schedule. From here, click Go to Enrol and you’re done!

**For more information on using MyTimetable visit:** registrar.mcmaster.ca/build-degree/mytimetable/

You can activate your McMaster email account once you have successfully completed enrolment. Your studentmail.mcmaster.ca account will be your primary form of electronic communication with faculty, staff and fellow students. It must be used for all university communication.

**Once these 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 enrolment, it’s time to submit payment. Visit registrar.mcmaster.ca/accepted-offer/ for details on:

- Paying your fees
- OSAP, the Ontario Tuition Grant and financial aid for Out-of-Province students
- Entrance awards, scholarships and bursaries
ENROLMENT FAQ

When can I enrol in my courses?

Your enrolment appointment will be posted to your Mosaic account two to three weeks before your actual appointment. You can check it on the right hand side of the Student Centre, under the “Enrolment Dates” box. You will be given a specific time and date that you may begin enrolling.

When is Mosaic available?

You can access the Mosaic student portal beginning June 12. It is accessible to students 24 hours a day, on weekdays and weekends.

Do I enrol in both terms at the same time?

Yes, you should enrol in both terms at the same time to ensure you have a seat in all of your desired and required courses. Seating in courses at the end of Fall term for the Winter term is extremely limited.

What if the course I want is full?

The status of open and closed courses is always changing, so check often in case seats become available, should another student drop their seat. You may also choose another course that has space available. Enrol 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 (15 units per term) but depending on your schedule, you may consider taking a reduced course load of four courses per term (12 units each term). If you’re unsure if a reduced course load is right for you, contact an advisor in the Academic Advising Office (see page 25).

Do I have to take 30 units?

Many students choose to take fewer than 30 units. One of the greatest advantages of taking a lighter course load is being able to combine learning with family, work, health, athletic or personal commitments. Taking fewer courses at a time allows you to balance different parts of your life and to study at a rate that suits your personal circumstances. It may take you a little longer to complete your degree, however, the benefits of taking courses at a slower pace may improve your educational experience. To maintain full-time student status, you must take 18 units (3 courses) per term. You may also take courses in the Spring/Summer terms.

Students who enrol in fewer than 18 units during the Fall/Winter academic terms are considered part-time students. If you are considering taking your degree at a slower and perhaps more comfortable pace, you may wish to discuss this with your academic advisor, Kelli Cale: socscfac@mcmaster.ca.

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 enrol 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 enrolment. In order to earn credit in a multi-term course, both the A & B sections must be completed. We do not award half credits.

I received an error message which says, “Available seats are reserved and you do not meet the reserve capacity criteria.” What does this mean?

This message means that although seats are available, they are currently only open to certain groups of students (ie., students majoring in that subject, students in a particular Faculty, or students of a particular Level). This is typically done to ensure students requiring the course for their program are able to obtain a seat. You may directly contact the department and ask when they will be releasing the seats, or keep checking periodically for open seats.
ENROLMENT FAQ CONTINUED

What do I do if a course I want to take isn’t offered?

Note: not all courses are offered every year. If you can’t find a course you are looking for on Mosaic’s class search, please first try another term. If the course is not offered in either term, it may be offered the next year.

What do I do if a mandatory course is closed?

If a course is mandatory for your degree requirements and it is closed; please contact the department that administers the course directly and inquire about permission to enrol in the course. If permission is given, the department will set Mosaic up so you can enrol yourself, if not keep checking to see if seats open up.

What are prerequisites and antirequisites?

A prerequisite is a specific course or subject that you must complete before you can take another course. Antirequisites are courses which cannot be taken before, after, or at the same time as the desired course. This is because the course content is very similar.

How do I check prerequisites for a course?

You can check course prerequisites by visiting the Undergraduate Calendar: academiccalendars.mcmaster.ca
Prerequisites and antirequisites will be listed under the course description in the Course Listings section for the most recent year. Set the subject (prefix) before filtering to search courses.

When are my tuition fees due?

Please see the Student Accounts and Cashiers website under important dates and deadlines: student-accounts.mcmaster.ca/payments/important-dates-deadlines/

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 within important dates (see page 2). After this period, you may cancel courses until the last day for cancelling courses without failure by default. Cancelled courses will be shown on your transcript as “cancelled”. A cancellation schedule that shows cancellation dates and fees is available from Student Accounts at: student-accounts.mcmaster.ca/tuition-fees/course-cancellation-schedule/

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 may be considered will be based on documented extenuating circumstances.
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 enrol in a course which requires a high school prerequisite. While the majority of courses you will select as a student do not have high school prerequisites, others such as Math, Science and Language courses may require prior preparation.

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

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<td>Prerequisite: Grade 12 Biology U or credit or registration in one of BIOLOGY 1A03, 1M03, 1P03.</td>
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Please contact the Faculty of Social Sciences (contact details found on page 25) to be reviewed to determine course eligibility. If the Faculty determines that a prerequisite has been met, course permission will be provided for individual courses, allowing students to include them in their enrolment. This may take several days to complete. We strongly advise that you contact the Faculty as early as possible, as courses will become full.

To check if you have the equivalent prerequisites based on your high school curricula for Mathematics, see page 14.

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 Office of the Associate Dean (contact details on page 25), so we may determine if you have the academic background to take the course and add the necessary course permissions.

Mature Students

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 your Level I program. You may want to think ahead to your Level II degree program and select your courses with those in mind.
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. mcmaster.ca/uts/students/gettingstarted/avenue

The Campus Store - Textbooks & Supplies

The Campus Store (campusstore.mcmaster.ca) carries everything a Mac student needs including course materials, tablets and computers, Mac clothing and gear, office supplies and more. Your instructor will provide a course syllabus in the first week of class, outlining what textbooks or materials you’ll need.

To find the courses materials you need for each course, follow the Search for Textbooks link on the left navigation bar and use the drop-down menus to navigate to all of your courses. Add all of the required materials to your cart and order online to pick-up in-store.

Email

Every McMaster student is required to activate a McMaster email account. You can activate your account once you have successfully completed enrolment, just navigate to studentmail.mcmaster.ca and login using your MacID (found on your offer of admission).

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@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.
Course Outlines

A course outline is a university document prepared by your instructor. It provides key information about each course, including tutorial schedules, office hours, course description and schedule. It also outlines assessments, due dates, midterm and test dates, textbooks, readings, procedures for submitting assignments, as well as your responsibilities as a student.

It is important to review your course outlines prior to the start of your classes to ensure you understand the requirements of your courses. Outlines are normally available prior to classes on department websites.
For Social Sciences courses, you may also find them here: socialsciences.mcmaster.ca/courses

Tip: Make sure you have selected the correct course section, term and year of the course outline.

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.romcmaster.ca

Here are the top three 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 such as when classes begin and end, course drop and add dates.

Grading Scale

McMaster uses a 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 table below. The results of all courses attempted will appear on your transcript as letter grades.

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Calculate your Cumulative GPA

To calculate your cumulative grade point average (GPA), convert your letter grade to the corresponding number grade on the 12-point scale for each course. Multiply your number grade by the number of units for each course to obtain the value of your GPA Points. Tally up your GPA points and divide by the total number of units to obtain your cumulative GPA.

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Cumulative GPA = 99 ÷ 12 = 8.25

Repeat Rules

According to McMaster’s new Course Repeat policy, effective September 1, 2018, students may repeat a course twice (ie., attempt a course three times). Cross-listed courses count as attempts. Grades from every attempt will appear on the academic transcript. The Cumulative GPA will include only the grade earned on the most recent attempt. Units earned will only be counted once towards the student’s program requirements, regardless of the number of times the course is repeated. Prior to September 1, 2018, the grades from all attempts are included in the GPA calculation (unless the code EXTR is assigned to the course).

McMaster Student Absence Form (MSAF)

The MSAF is used to let your instructors know when you are absent during the term and miss tests and/or assignments. This self-reporting tool is submitted online and is used for absences of three 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 MSAF 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 three days or exceed one request per term you MUST visit the Associate Dean Academic Office, KTH 129 and will be required to provide supporting documentation.
EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

Gain the experience you need to land the job you want.

In Social Sciences we offer you a unique combination of education, career planning and practical experience. The Office of Experiential Education (EE) helps you combine your academics with hands-on experience in the workplace, the community and the classroom, to ensure you get the most out of your Social Sciences education.

**Internships**

Paid work opportunities in public, private and not-for-profit sectors allow you to develop skills, build a professional network and explore career options.

**Career Placements**

Extended job shadow experiences allow you to visit various departments within a workplace, where you can talk to staff and get a more in-depth look at a specific industry and related careers.

**Academic Placements**

Community-based placements or projects that are part of a course. These allow you to link the theories learned in class to the diverse aspects of the community around you.

**Career Support**

Need help with your resume or cover letter? Not sure which career options you can pursue with your degree? Already have a career in mind but aren’t sure how to get there? You can meet with EE staff to help with all of this and more. Plus, starting in Level II, you can take advantage of SOCSCI 2EL0, a tuition-free career planning course.

For more information about EE, visit experiential-ed.mcmaster.ca, follow us on social media or email us at exp.ed@mcmaster.ca with specific questions.

“**If you are unsure about what to pursue or what you can get involved in to complement 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
Certificates offered are:

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

McMASTER / MOHAWK
AFFILIATED CERTIFICATES

Complete a University Degree & College Certificate in 4 Years!

Use 18 units (6 courses) of your electives to earn a college certificate concurrently with your degree.

Students do not need to formally apply to the program, simply take the prescribed courses for your chosen certificate. At the point of graduation students will declare completion of the certificate.

MOHAWK MCMASTER CERTIFICATES:

- Can be paired with any Social Sciences degree
- Taught on the McMaster campus (no traveling)
- Completed using your elective credits so you’re not extending your time to finish your degree/certificate or incurring additional course fees

For more information visit, socialsciences.mcmaster.ca/mohawk.
Concurrent Certificate in 
Applied Social Sciences Research

This certificate aims to provide opportunities for students to acquire broader exposure and competencies in applied research methods to meet the needs of the labour market and student interests. Upon completion, students will be able to:

- Define and operationalize concepts
- Interpret and conduct statistical/quantitative data analysis (including the use of software)
- Analyze qualitative data (including the use of software)
- Create original surveys/questionnaires
- Identify, gather and clean (original and secondary) data
- Present research findings

For more information on requirements and for other concurrent certificates, please refer to the section on concurrent certificates in the Undergraduate Calendar (academiccalendars.romcmaster.ca).

Consider Adding a Minor to Your Honours Degree

Minors are a great opportunity to explore a secondary area of study. You can take a minor for personal interest or focus on an area of expertise related to your program and career goals.

Unlike random elective courses, minors are noted on your transcript, upon graduation. Most departments in the Faculty of Social Sciences offer minors. Minors are also available from a variety of departments in other Faculties. In addition to single subject area minors, students can also pursue minors that cross several areas of study called interdisciplinary minors. Some popular minors include:

- Archaeology
- Community Engagement
- Globalization Studies
- Justice, Law & Order
- Muslim Studies
- Public Leadership
- Religion & Diversity
- Sustainability
- Social Justice & Inclusive Communities
- Mental Health, Addiction & Society

Most minors consist of 24 units of course work. Students should consult the Undergraduate Calendar for the specific course requirements to complete their desired minor. Some minors have limited enrolment and there is a formal admission process. However, most minors permit you to simply declare you have completed all of the requirements at the time of graduation.
Academic Advising

Put simply, academic advisors support your undergraduate experience. Found in the Office of the Associate Dean Academic, 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 at McMaster and within the Faculty of Social Sciences. 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 changes
- Permission to study elsewhere on exchange or near your hometown
- Referrals to campus resources

Visit our office or contact us at:

Kenneth Taylor Hall, Room 129
socscfac@mcmaster.ca
905-525-9140 ext. 23772
Open Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Closed 12 to 1 p.m. for lunch)
Drop-in advising available Monday – Thursday, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

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 helps students, faculty and staff manage their stress and anxiety while promoting a sense of community and student well-being on campus.

Meet Lily

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.
Apply Now! 2019/2020 OSAP Application Steps

The 2019/2020 OSAP application is available at ontario.ca/osap. Apply now to begin the OSAP process. Detailed information is available online at registrar.mcmaster.ca/financial-aid/ to guide you through this process. Ensure you complete all of the steps below to receive your OSAP funding at the beginning of your study period. The McMaster recommended date to submit a completed application is June 30, 2019.

Check the “Print/Upload” section and make sure you upload all required 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 (new accounts only). The National Student Loans Service Centre (NSLSC) will send a “Welcome Email” inviting you to register for an NSLSC online account to complete the MSFAA.

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

Complete enrolment in Mosaic for the terms indicated on your OSAP application (e.g., if a student applies for OSAP for fall and winter, full-time enrolment for both terms is required).

Receive your funding. McMaster Student Financial Aid & Scholarships (SFAS) will confirm your enrolment at the end of August. If you are enrolled in the course load indicated on your OSAP application, your funding will be automatically deposited to your McMaster student account. OSAP will only cover tuition, essential supplementary fees, residence and meal plan fees. Check your Account Summary regularly in Mosaic for any outstanding balance requiring payment.

Check your McMaster Student Account Statement. Interest accumulates on the outstanding balance of your student account. Please go to the Student Accounts & Cashiers (student-accounts.mcmaster.ca) for further information regarding payment methods and fee deadline dates. All students are responsible for the outstanding balance of their student account.

Communications. Students applying for OSAP are encouraged to regularly check their Message Centre via the OSAP website and their McMaster email account for correspondence regarding the progress of their application. Financial aid counselling is also available on campus:
   Gilmour Hall, 120
   Monday, Wednesday — Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
   Tuesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
   sfas@mcmaster.ca
   905-525-9140 ext. 24319
STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES (SAS)

McMaster University Student Centre (MUSC), B107
905-525-9140 ext. 28652
sas@mcmaster.ca

Student Accessibility Services (SAS) provides academic accommodation assistance and related supports to students with disabilities at McMaster. SAS is available to assist students transitioning from high school, other post secondary institutions, undergraduate, continuing and graduate students.

For the most current information please visit: sas.mcmaster.ca

Academic Accommodation Plans

With students, SAS will develop an appropriate academic accommodation plan as it relates to disability needs, program of study and degree requirements. A meeting with a SAS Program Coordinator to initiate an accommodation plan, followed by regular contact, is important. Updated documentation can be requested as necessary at any time.

MacSTART – Journey to Success – Transition Program

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

To register for MacSTART workshops, our Peer Partnership Program and monthly social/academic events online please visit: sas.mcmaster.ca/transition

For more information, connect with us on social media!

/mcmaster.sas
@McMasterSAS
@mcmaster_sas
The Student Success Centre (SSC) provides support for students from the moment they accept their offer of admission, up until ten years after graduation. For more information, please visit studentsuccess.mcmaster.ca.

Here are some of the ways the Centre can support you:

**Academic Skills Development Support**

Supporting you in developing your academic skills is important to the Student Success Centre. You can access programs and services related to academic skills development as well as writing, study and exam preparation, academic coaching and peer tutoring.

We know Social Sciences courses have many writing requirements, which is why we recommend checking out the Undergrad Writing Centre. Whether it’s a fully drafted assignment, essay outline, or even scrap pieces of notes that don’t fully make sense just yet, we offer writing assistance that can help you achieve your writing goals. Meet with one of our trained upper-year or graduate Writing and Academic Skills Tutors to speak about a writing assignment or your academic writing questions.

**Personal Growth**

We can support you in your transition from high school to university, offering diverse programs, services and events that will make your transition to university easier. We also provide many online resources and in-person support services to support your financial wellness and career exploration (which includes volunteering!).

We also offer the Career Access Program for Students (CAPS), which provides a customized approach to skill building and career development for students and alumni who identify as persons with disabilities, First Nations, Métis and Inuit persons, members of racialized communities, First Generation students and 2SLGBTQ+ identified persons. The program instills optimism and confidence to guide you in your career journey by offering multiple ways to access its services, through a flexible time commitment that meets individualized needs.

**Professional Development Programs and Services**

The “what’s next?” question can be overwhelming for students at any stage of their undergraduate journey, which is why the Student Success Centre provides career development programming, services and events. Unique to this office is career counselling, where you can meet one-on-one with a certified career counsellor.

Have you ever asked yourself, “How do I gain experience when I have no experience?” You’re not alone. We recommend coming by our office, even during our drop-in hours on Tuesday-Thursday afternoons to discuss this with one of our trained student staff or career development professionals. While you’re at it, check out the opportunities we have listed on OSCARplus (oscarplus.mcmaster.ca), so that you can gain experience in a way that works for you.
International Student Success Services
iss.mcmaster.ca
The Student Success Centre has an international students division that focuses on the academic, personal and professional success of international students. From getting ready for university to making friends and accessing services including health care, international students can use these services to get ready for university life.

If you are an international student, student success coaching is also available; this is a personalized service that will support and help you with challenges such as accessing and understanding supports on-campus, academic questions, financial concerns, and feeling connected on-campus. Immigration consulting is also available through this office. Common topics addressed in these appointments include permit/visa applications and renewals, applying for residency, bringing family to Canada and mobility outside of Canada. Consulting is also available for those interested in working in or outside of Canada, during and after their time as a student.

Global Experience Programs
iss.mcmaster.ca/learningabroad/study-abroad/
Have you ever thought about studying or working abroad? Going abroad can offer you the opportunity to gain tangible skills in your program of study, challenge your personal limits, foster your global perspective, and give you an edge in your career field – all without missing out on your time at McMaster.

We also provide support in figuring out how to make a global experience happen, which includes immigration consulting to financial planning. Many travel awards for studying or going abroad for a global work experience are available to support your plan. Come in and meet with our education abroad or global experience coordinator to find out how to make a global experience a reality during your time at Mac.

STUDENT WELLNESS CENTRE
MUSC B101 (Student Wellness Centre)
MUSC B118 (Student Wellness Education Lower Lounge)
Monday - Thursday, 8:45 a.m. to 7:45 p.m.
Friday 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Closed 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Friday only)
wellness@mcmaster.ca

Wellness in mind, body, and spirit is essential as you learn, grow and change during your time at McMaster. The Student Wellness Centre provides services to 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) we provide student-centred, accessible, confidential and caring services for you.

For more information, please visit: wellness.mcmaster.ca.
UNDERGRADUATE WRITING CENTRE

Shine new light on your writing.

Whether it’s a fully drafted assignment, essay outline, or even scrap pieces of notes that don’t fully make sense just yet, we offer writing assistance that can help you achieve your writing goals.

Meet with one of our trained upper-year or graduate Writing and Academic Skills Tutors to speak about a writing assignment or your academic writing questions.

Mills Library: Learning Commons, Office 213E/Room 3

MCMASTER OFFICE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS SUCCESS CENTRE (MODEL)

Do you struggle with the English Language?

Located in the basement of Thode Library, the McMaster Office for the Development of English Language Learners (MODEL) is a free service designed to help both undergraduate and graduate students who may be struggling with the English Language.

MODEL offers English-language training, workshops, and support, developed by certified ESL and EAP experts, to meet the needs of McMaster students of all academic backgrounds and levels of English language proficiency.

MODEL also has an on-site student advisor with experience in both ESL and counselling who is available to meet with students to discuss personal, social, and academic concerns.

For more information, contact MODEL in H.G. Thode Library, Room B115:
905-525-9140 ext. 23574 | model@mcmaster.ca
**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 with 4.5 to 4.9 (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:** 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 your teaching assistant (TA) 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.