

LAW STUDENT SERVICES

Student Affairs Office

The Student Affairs Office (SAO) is located in New Chancellor Day Hall, Room 433. The SAO is home to the Associate Dean (Academic); the Assistant Dean (Students) & Dean's Lead, Black and Indigenous Flourishing; the Student Affairs Officer; two Student Advisors; a Senior Administrative & Student Affairs Coordinator; and two Students Affairs Coordinators. The members of the SAO are here to help students navigate the Law School at every point in their program.

The following SAO services and supports are available to all students at any point in their Law program.

Student Advising & Support

Students are encouraged to seek academic advice and support from the SAO throughout their academic career. If you are experiencing acute stress, struggling to maintain productivity, or not sleeping or eating well, dealing with financial problems or any other personal problem, support is available. Come by your SAO on the fourth floor or send your availabilities to sao.law@mcgill.ca to schedule an appointment with the Director (Student Life & Learning) or one of our student advisors. For more information, see mcgill.ca/law-studies/information.

If you notice one of your classmates struggling, send them our way.

The SAO also provides academic advising related to registration, program planning, part-time status, leave of absence, exams, major program, honours program, minors, exchange program, clinical legal education, summer courses/programs, exam conflicts and deferrals, and much more.

Academic Accommodations

Students may experience personal situations which may prevent them from writing an exam as scheduled, submitting a paper or assignment on time, or completing a course. There may be times when a student may require a more comprehensive academic plan due to illness or a disability. There are policies and procedures in place that provide options to assist a student. These options may include extensions, deferrals, attendance waiver, leave of absence, and/or part time studies. Requests for academic accommodations are directed to the Student Affairs Office rather than individual instructors. The SAO is available to meet with students to discuss ways to provide some flexibility in the program and to accommodate particular circumstances. Students must be prepared to provide supporting documentation when seeking accommodations. Please contact sao.law@mcgill.ca to arrange an appointment with an advisor. See the Academic Advising & Support section of our website to find out about your advisors and how they can support you. For more information, see mcgill.ca/law-studies/information/academic-considerations.

The Student Accessibility & Achievement also works with students who have documented disabilities, mental health issues, chronic health conditions, or other impairments. These may be temporary, permanent, or episodic. We encourage all students to book an appointment using

ClockWork to discuss your barriers and to determine what resources or accommodations will help to make your time at McGill a success.

Scholarships and Financial Support

The Faculty of Law offers a number of awards that acknowledge academic achievement and extra-curricular activities. Students are encouraged to review the prizes and scholarships available and direct any questions to the Student Affairs Office. For more information, see mcgill.ca/law-studies/financial-support/prizes.

The University's Scholarships and Student Aid Office also offers scholarships and financial aid to undergraduate students currently enrolled in full-time degree programs at McGill. The Scholarships and Student Aid Office administers the University's In-course Financial Aid Program. Financial Aid Counsellors are available to assess student need, decide on suitable aid amounts (non-repayable and payable), and guide students towards other forms of support such as government aid and on-campus work programs. For more information, see McGill's Scholarships and Student Aid website.

Student Wellness

Law students have interests and responsibilities outside of the walls of Chancellor Day Hall. The SAO recognizes this and aims to help you balance your academic self with the other aspects of your life. Learning doesn't just happen in the classroom, but as a lifelong journey beyond law school! To promote wellness at the Faculty, the SAO provides workshops via the Academic Success Series, organizes wellness events throughout the year, and has a Student Wellness website dedicated to providing resources related to Healthy Body & Mind, Financial Wellbeing, Volunteering, Students with Dependents, and the Mentorship Program.

Students may also reach out to a Local Wellness Advisors situated in the Faculty of Law for support. Local Wellness Advisors (LWAs) are Student Wellness Hub staff who are here to promote awareness, and facilitate prevention, and early intervention in their designated areas. LWAs offer wellness-related programming and will be available for one-on-one single session consultations. LWAs can also provide training to student groups who are interested in developing different skills (i.e., active listening, mental health awareness) and student wellness concerns.