

FIELD STUDY MINOR

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Africa Field Study Semester

Website: mcgill.ca/africa

The Africa Field Study Semester comprises 15 credits of field study courses. Two context courses (6 credits) in the natural and social sciences provide interdisciplinary academic context for field study. The other 9 credits are taken from the complementary courses list.

Refer to Field Studies - Minor Field Studies (18 credits), for the latest program updates.

Offered: Winter term

Location: East Africa

Enrolment limit: 38 students

Fees: In addition to the regular McGill fees, students will be required to pay the additional costs associated with delivering the courses in the field. These costs include local travel, all food and accommodation, special admission fees for parks and museums, as well as other field costs. Fee details for the upcoming semester are available at mcgill.ca/africa/program-fees.

Application deadline: May 30, 2025 for January 2026 departure (Winter term of the 2025-2026 academic year). Depending on space, there will be a second intake with a deadline date of August 15, 2025.

Application details: Students must submit:

- the online application (available at mcgill.ca/africa/application)
- a copy of their transcript
- a letter of intent
- one reference letter
- a CV

to the Internship and Field Studies Office in the Faculty of Science:

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Website: mcgill.ca/science/undergraduate/internships-field

Prerequisites: The Africa Field Study Semester is intended for students in their final two years. A CGPA of 3.00 and higher is recommended.

Students from other universities are eligible to apply to the Africa Field Study Semester and must also meet the criteria for admission to McGill as a Visiting Student. Please see the Africa Field Study website for details.

For more information and course lists, see Field Studies - Minor Field Studies (18 credits).

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Arctic Field Study Semester

****This program is currently not offered.****

The McGill Arctic Field Study Semester comprises 15 credits of field study courses. Two courses (6 credits) provide the background to complete an independent research project. The other 9 credits are taken from Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, Earth and Planetary Sciences, and Geography.

Visit the Arctic website or refer to the Field Studies - Minor Field Studies (18 credits) page for the latest program updates.

Offered: Summer term

Location: Central Axel Heiberg Island in the Canadian High Arctic

Enrolment Limit: 10 students

Fees: In addition to the regular McGill fees, students will be required to pay the additional costs associated with delivering the courses in the field. These costs include airfare, local travel, all food and accommodation, special admission fees for parks and museums, as well as other field costs. Fee details for the upcoming semester are available at mcgill.ca/arctic/program-fees.

Application Deadline: ****This program is currently not offered.****

Application Details: Students must submit:

- the online application form (available at mcgill.ca/arctic/apply-now);
- a letter of intent;
- one reference letter;
- a CV; and
- a copy of their transcript

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Prerequisites: The Arctic Field Study Semester is intended for students in their final two years. A CGPA of 3.00 and higher is recommended.

For more information and course lists, see Field Studies - Minor Field Studies (18 credits).

Barbados Field Semester

Website: mcgill.ca/bfss

Offered: Fall term

Location: Bellairs Research Institute in Barbados

Enrolment limit: 20 students

Fees: In addition to the regular McGill fees, students will be required to pay the additional costs associated with delivering the courses in the field. These costs include accommodation and most food, as well as other field costs; they do not include airfare. Fee details for the upcoming semester are available at mcgill.ca/bfss/cost.

Students enrolled in the Barbados Field Study Semester (BFSS) program may be eligible for a Mobility Bursary for Exchanges.

Application deadline: April 28 2025. The deadline is for admission to the Fall 2025 semester.

Application details: Students must submit:

- the online application form
- a letter of intent;
- a CV; and
- a copy of their transcript

by email to ifso.science@mcgill.ca. Further details are available on the Barbados Field Study Semester site.

Prerequisites: None

For more information and course lists, see Field Studies - Minor Field Studies (18 credits).

Barbados Interdisciplinary Tropical Studies Field Semester

Website: mcgill.ca/bits

The Barbados Interdisciplinary Tropical Studies Field Semester is administered by the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. Three intensive courses run consecutively with a 6-credit project course. Courses integrate class and laboratory experiences with extensive field trips.

Offered: Summer term

Location: Bellairs Research Institute in Barbados

Enrolment Limit: 20 students

Fees: In addition to the regular McGill fees, students will be required to pay the additional costs associated with delivering the courses in the field. These costs include accommodation and most food, as well as other field costs; they do not include airfare. Fee details for the upcoming semester are available at mcgill.ca/bits/cost.

McGill students may be eligible for a Mobility Bursary.

Application Deadline: Please consult the website for upcoming deadlines.

Application Details: Students must submit:

- a letter of intent;
- a CV; and
- an application form

by email to caroline.begg@mcgill.ca. Further details are available at mcgill.ca/bits.

Prerequisites: A CGPA of 2.5 or higher is recommended.

For more information on the field studies minor and course lists, see Field Studies - Minor Field Studies (18 credits).

Panama Field Study Semester

Website: mcgill.ca/pfss

Offered: Winter term

Location: Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) in Panama

Enrolment limit: 22 students

Fees: In addition to the regular McGill fees, students will be required to pay the additional costs associated with delivering the courses in the field. These costs include accommodation and other field costs; they do not include airfare, food, or other living expenses. Fee details for the upcoming semester are available at mcgill.ca/pfss/cost.

Students can apply for the Enriched Educational Opportunities need-based bursary (EEOs). See mcgill.ca/studentaid/special-funding/eeo for details.

Application deadline: April 30, 2025 for the January 2026 Departure (Winter term of the 2025–2026 academic year).

*: Please note that at time of publication, the application deadline was tentative and is subject to change. Please liaise with pfss for further details.

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Prerequisites: HISP 218 Spanish Language Intensive - Elementary, or equivalent proficiency, and MATH 203 Principles of Statistics 1, or equivalent. A CGPA of 3.00 and higher is recommended. The program is aimed at undergraduate students in their final year.

For more information and course lists, see Field Studies - Minor Field Studies (18 credits).