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# McMaster University Exchange Fact Sheet

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Founded in 1887, McMaster University is located in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada at the western end of Lake Ontario. With a total student population of over 36,000, McMaster is a top 100 university dedicated to advancing human and societal health and well-being. In 2021 we placed first in [graduate student research intensity](#) and in the top 50 of the [world's most international universities](#). McMaster is ranked 80th by the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2022, and 17th in the world in the THE's University Impact Rankings 2020 based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

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#### Main Campus – Undergraduate & Graduate Programs

McMaster University 1280 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8S 4L8

#### Burlington Campus – MBA & Executive Programs

Ron Joyce Centre  
4350 South Service Road Burlington, Ontario, Canada L7L5R8

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:

<b>Faculty of Humanities</b>			<a href="#"><u>website</u></a>
Art History	History	Peace Studies	
Classics	Justice, Political Philosophy and	Philosophy	
Cognitive Science of Language	Law (JPPL)	Studio Art	
Communication Studies	Linguistics	Theatre & Film Studies	
English and Cultural Studies	Multimedia	Women's Studies	
French	Music		
<b>Faculty of Engineering</b>			<a href="#"><u>website</u></a>
Chemical Engineering	Electrical & Computer	Materials Science & Engineering	
Civil Engineering	Engineering	Mechanical Engineering	
Computing & Software	Engineering Physics		
<b>Faculty of Social Sciences</b>			<a href="#"><u>website</u></a>
Anthropology	Labour Studies	Social Work	
Economics	Political Science	Society, Culture & Religion	
Environment & Society	Psychology, Neuroscience &	Sociology	
Health, Aging & Society	Behaviour (PNB)		
Indigenous Studies	Social Psychology		
<b>Faculty of Science</b>			<a href="#"><u>website</u></a>
Biochemistry & Biomedical Sciences	Interdisciplinary Science	Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour	
Biology	Kinesiology	(PNB)	
Chemistry & Chemical Biology	Mathematics & Statistics		
Earth, Environment & Society	Physics & Astronomy		
<b>DeGroote School of Business</b>			<a href="#"><u>website</u></a>
Commerce			
<b>Faculty of Health Science</b>			<a href="#"><u>website</u></a>
The Faculty of Health Sciences is <b>restricted</b> .			

## GRADUATE PROGRAMS:

<b>Faculty of Business</b>	<a href="#"><u>website</u></a>
Business Administration - MBA (Ron Joyce Centre, Burlington Campus)	

<b>Faculty of Engineering</b>			<a href="#"><u>website</u></a>
Chemical Engineering	Engineering Design	Materials Science	
Civil Engineering	Engineering Entrepreneurship & Innovation	Mechanical Engineering	
Computer Science	Engineering Physics	Software Engineering	
Computing & Software	Manufacturing Engineering	Technology Entrepreneurship & Innovation	
Electrical and Biomedical Engineering	Materials Engineering	UNENE Nuclear Engineering	
Electrical and Computer Engineering			
Engineering & Public Policy			

<b>Faculty of Humanities</b>			<a href="#"><u>website</u></a>
Classics	Cultural Studies & Critical Theory	Gender Studies & Feminist Research	
Cognitive Science of Language	English	History	
Communication & New Media	French	Philosophy	
Communications Management			

<b>Faculty of Science</b>			<a href="#"><u>website</u></a>
Biology	Geography	Physics and Astronomy	
Chemistry	Health & Radiation Physics	Psychology	
Earth & Environmental Sciences	Kinesiology	Statistics	
Financial Mathematics	Mathematics		

<b>Faculty of Social Science</b>			<a href="#"><u>website</u></a>
Anthropology	Health & Aging	Religious Studies	
Economic Policy	International Relations	Social Gerontology	
Economics	Labour Studies	Sociology	
Globalization	Political Science	Water Without Borders	
Health & Society			

<b>Interdisciplinary Studies*</b>		
Astrobiology	Computational Science & Engineering	Global Health
Biomedical Engineering	eHealth	Health Policy
Chemical Biology		

\*Some interdisciplinary courses housed in the Faculty of Health Sciences may not be available to incoming exchange students.

<b>Faculty of Health Science</b>
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## **Courses and Programs of Interest to Incoming Exchange Students**

### **Africa and Black Diaspora Studies (Faculty of Humanities)**

Black Diaspora Studies is made up of courses spanning across more than 15 departments. It provides students with in-depth understanding of African and African/Black-diaspora peoples and societies around the world.

<https://aads.humanities.mcmaster.ca/>

### **Globalization Studies (Faculty of Social Sciences)**

Globalization Studies provides students with the opportunity to explore the complex idea of globalization from a multi-disciplinary perspective. In particular, the course 'GLOBALZN 1A03 - Global Citizenship' will offer an interdisciplinary introduction to globalization through a critical engagement with the idea of "global citizenship" in the contemporary context. The political, economic, and cultural dimensions of globalization will be examined, and students will reflect upon what it means to be a "global citizen" in light of how such dynamics shape questions of identity, agency, power, and resistance.

<https://socialsciences.mcmaster.ca/globalization>

### **Indigenous Studies Program (Faculty of Social Sciences)**

The program, designed for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students, allows students to explore the intellectual traditions of many Indigenous peoples. Since its inception, the Indigenous Studies Program (ISP) incorporates a very unique teaching structure of Indigenous knowledge which involves many Native peoples and Elders. This unique perspective assists all students from various cultures and background in learning about the history and lives of Aboriginal people within an Indigenous perspective.

<https://indigenous.mcmaster.ca/>

### **Movement and Integration - ARTSSCI 4MN2 (Department of Arts & Science)**

This two-unit course, which brings together Arts & Science students and international exchange students, prompts critical reflection on the experience of studying in unfamiliar terrain and challenges students to imagine ways of integrating their experiential learning into their lives.

<https://artsci.mcmaster.ca/courses-faculty/artssci-4mn2-movement-and-integration/>

### **Sustainable Future Programs (Office of Sustainability)**

The Sustainable Future Program (SFP) consists of a suite of undergraduate courses focused on providing students with the opportunity for interdisciplinary, student-led, community-based, and experiential education focused on sustainability. Courses in the program are open to students from all Faculties.

[Home - Academic Sustainability Programs Office \(mcmaster.ca\)](https://www.mcmaster.ca/sustainability/academic-sustainability-programs-office/)



## Important Dates

<b>Semester Dates (General)</b>	Term 1: Early September to end of December (including exams) Term 2: Early January to end of April (including exams) Term 3: <i>We do not offer exchanges in the summer term</i>
<b>Semester Dates (Detail)</b>	<i>Undergraduate:</i> visit the website for the <a href="#">Office of the Registrar</a> <i>Graduate:</i> visit the <a href="#">School of Graduate Studies</a> <i>MBA:</i> visit the <a href="#">MBA program</a> website
<b>Exchange Welcome Day</b>	Usually the day prior to classes, or if this is a holiday/weekend, the Friday of the previous week.
<b>MOOSE Outdoor Orientation Trips (\$)</b>	Available at the start of both Fall and Winter terms (COVID-19 permitting), MOOSE trips are outdoor orientation programs that bring together new exchange students before the academic year begins. Students have an opportunity to socialize with other exchange students and participate in teambuilding exercises in some of Ontario's most beautiful natural parks. Held the week before classes begin or soon after.

## Application & Process

*\*Please contact us prior to your internal recruitment deadline to check the number of students we can accept from your institution each year. This number is reviewed according to the overall balance of the agreement.*

<b>Partner Nomination Deadline</b>	<i>Includes both Fall and Winter exchange terms</i> <b>March 31, 2023</b>
<b>Late Nomination Deadline (Winter term only)</b>	We have some flexibility to accommodate late nominations from partners if shared by <u>September 1<sup>st</sup></u> each year. If you have a late nomination, please be aware that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Our course registration period has already begun (June). Courses are first-come, first-served. As such, some courses may no longer be available. Please have your students check our <a href="#">Class Search</a> for available offerings before they formally apply.</li> <li>2. The on-campus housing deadline has passed. Students may apply as part of the late housing deadline, spaces permitting.</li> </ol>
<b>Partner Nomination Process</b>	Please nominate your students using our online nomination portal. Please refer to your annual update email for the link and password.

The system allows for multiple nominations at once. Please remember to log out.

### Student Application Deadline

Includes both Fall and Winter exchange terms. Student applications are considered equally whether submitted as part of the preferred or final deadline.

**March 31, 2023 (Preferred Deadline)**

**April 30, 2023 (Final Deadline)**

### Student Application Process

Upon receipt of student details via the nomination system, the McMaster Exchange Office will contact each nominated student with instructions on how to apply through our **online application system**. Invitations to apply will go out to students beginning in February 2023.

Students will need to complete the online application, which will include uploading supporting documents (resume, statement of interest, passport style photo). *\*Please **do not** send us additional scanned or printed copies of the online application\**

The student's home international office is asked to please send **verified scans** of the following (Please send as **1PDF attachment per student**):

- 1) 1 official transcript (verified scan) with English translation and grading system attached. (Please include Bachelor transcripts for Graduate and MBA applicants)
- 2) English Language Certification (If required, see Language Requirements below).

*Transcripts must come from the Home Institution Coordinator and be uploaded to our **2023-24 transcript upload link** (shared in our annual update email). Transcript scans should clearly show the institutional seal/stamp or home coordinator's signature verifying that the document was taken from an official source. We cannot accept scanned supporting documents directly from students.*

*Alternatively, we can accept official, university-generated e-transcripts directly from students via a secure portal/ link. Students can send to [macincomin@mcmaster.ca](mailto:macincomin@mcmaster.ca)*

### Language Requirements

The language of instruction at McMaster is English. Although we offer informal (non-credit) workshops to assist students with the English language, we **do not** offer English as a Second Language (ESL) for-credit courses for incoming exchange students. Students must be proficient in English prior to arrival.

#### Study Abroad (fee-paying) Applicants

Applicable to students from the below partners:

- University of Science & Technology Beijing
- Shanghai International Studies University
- Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics
- Northwestern Polytechnic University
- South China University of Technology

Study Abroad applicants are asked to submit official language test scores according to [McMaster's English Proficiency requirements](#). These must be received by the appropriate deadline. The McMaster University institution code for ETS/TOEFL is **0936**.

### **Undergraduate (Exchange) Applicants**

For undergraduate applicants, written confirmation/proof of language proficiency is not required. With that said, students are expected to have sufficient proficiency in English to study at the university level and be able to read, write and participate in verbal class discussions. McMaster University assumes that the student's language skills have been assessed at the home institution and deemed sufficient for participation in a study abroad/exchange program in English.

### **Graduate (Exchange) Applicants**

Official English language certification or a letter from your home exchange coordinator/professor confirming proficiency in English is required.

Common language proficiency evidence:

- TOEFL: minimum score of 92 (internet based), 237 (computer based) or 580 (paper based), minimum of 20 per band; for the Faculty of Engineering a minimum score of 88 (internet based) or 213 on the (computer based) or 550 (paper based)
- IELTS (Academic): minimum overall score of 6.5, with at least 5.5 in each section
- CAEL: minimum overall score of 70, with at least 60 per band
- MELAB: minimum score of 85
- PTE Academic: minimum score of 63; for the Faculty of Engineering a minimum score of 70

Each program may set additional/higher requirements. Please review the program website for details.

### **MBA (Exchange) Applicants**

No certification is required if you have studied for a minimum of three years in a university where the medium of instruction was English. A letter from your home exchange coordinator confirming this is sufficient. For all other applicants, official certification is required.

We accept TOEFL and IELTS scores. We do not have individual band score requirements for IELTS or TOEFL.

- TOEFL requirement: Overall score of 100
- IELTS requirement: Overall score of 7.0

Please make arrangements with TOEFL or IELTS to have your results sent to us directly.



## Course/Subject Information

### Course Listings

#### Undergraduate Students:

Use the [Search for Classes Tool](#) to find courses offered during the current calendar year. Undergraduate courses begin with numbers 1-4. The updated UG course schedule is released in May each year. Undergraduate exchange students will be registered in Level 3 at McMaster, and should expect to take mostly Level 2 and Level 3 courses. Enrolment in Level 4 and many Level 1 courses is generally reserved for McMaster students. Access to Level 1 elective courses may be given, space permitting.

#### Graduate Students:

Use the [Search for Classes Tool](#) to find courses offered during the current calendar year. Students wishing to study at the graduate level must be currently enrolled in an equivalent graduate level program at their home university and enrolled in their second year of master's study (5<sup>th</sup> year). Students are expected to take graduate courses at the **700-level** and will be admitted at the department level. As graduate (non-MBA) courses are often offered on a biennial basis (every two years), incoming exchange students may also review the [SGS Graduate Calendar](#), however please note this is a historical collection of all courses so the best route would be to [contact the graduate administrator](#) for the most updated information/advice. *Graduate students must be flexible in their course selections.* The updated Graduate course schedule is released in mid-June each year. Note: With the permission of their home university, graduate students may request to take 1 course at the undergraduate level (600 and below), with the exception of courses from the School of Business.

#### MBA Students:

Visit the MBA website for the list of [MBA Courses](#). Students are expected to take final year 700-level MBA courses only.

### Course Load per Semester

#### Undergraduate

A full-time course load is 9 to 15 units per term (3 to 5 courses). Engineering students may take up to 18 units.

#### Graduate

A full-time course load is 6-9 units (2-3 courses) at 700 level per term.

#### MBA

A full-time course load is 4-5 courses per term.

### Course Outlines

Course outlines are most often found on the individual department webpages.

#### Undergraduate

- [Business](#)
- [Science](#)

- Engineering ([Chemical](#), [Civil](#), Computing & Software (by request), Electrical (by request), [Physics](#), [Materials](#), [Mechanical](#)).
- [Humanities](#)
- [Social Science](#) (Choose department > Courses from main menu)
- [Health Sciences](#)

#### **Graduate**

- (By request from program office)

#### **MBA**

- [MBA Courses | MBA Student \(mcmaster.ca\)](#)

## **Course Registration**

### **Undergraduate**

Official course registration for both Semester 1 and 2 takes place in mid-June and is done online. Students may also drop/add courses during the two week window at the beginning of each academic term.

Students who are nominated outside the official nomination/application deadlines will be registering for classes late and some classes may no longer be available. Late applicants must be flexible with their study plan and check our [Class Search](#) for availability before they apply.

### **Graduate**

Graduate course registration takes place in mid-July each year. It is important to note that graduate students are only permitted to register in undergraduate courses (600 and below) AFTER undergraduate registration has taken place. This means that some undergraduate courses may not be available for graduate students due to seat restrictions. Graduate students should expect to take no more than 1 course at undergraduate level.

### **MBA**

MBA course registration takes place in mid-July each year.

## **GPA Requirements**

### **Undergraduate**

We recommend students have maintained a B- cumulative average to apply for the exchange program.

### **Graduate/MBA**

GPA Requirement:

- Engineering - 7.0/12.0 or 2.70/4.00
- All other Faculties - 9.0/12.0 or 3.30/4.00
- \*These are minimums. Individual departments may require higher admissions averages.

**Course/  
Program  
Restrictions**

**Undergraduate**

*General Restrictions*

Students accepted at the undergraduate level are NOT eligible to take courses at the graduate (master) level. Exchange with the Arts & Science Program is not permitted, with the exception of the ARTSSCI 4MN2 / Movement and Integration course.

Faculty of Humanities

Multimedia and Studio Art courses are restricted, but may be open to students registered in a similar program at their home university (space permitting). Students interested in these courses should contact McMaster early to check availability and, if interested in Studio Art, submit a portfolio. MELD courses are not open to exchange.

Faculty of Engineering

The Bachelor of Technology (BTECH) program is not available to exchange students. Computer Science and Software Engineering courses are also very limited. Engineering students are permitted to register in most Level 4 courses. Engineering students wishing to take a business course must be enrolled in an Engineering Management program at their home university to be eligible.

Faculty of Social Sciences

Students applying for 'PNB' (Psychology, Neuroscience, and Behaviour) courses must have completed 'A' Level Mathematics and at least 'O' level Biology. This would equate to university Calculus and grade 12 Biology (highest biology level in high school). Students applying to the psychology program must provide copies of A and O Levels.

Faculty of Science

Enrolment in Science Inquiry and Senior Projects is restricted (may be waived on case-by-case basis). Students should email McMaster in advance to confirm eligibility. Students within the Faculty of Science may be permitted to take courses within the Faculty of Health Sciences. *This will depend on seat availability and sufficient background knowledge.* Students will be considered on a case by case basis, negotiating all requests with their McMaster academic advisor.

DeGroot School of Business

The Economics program is part of the Faculty of Social Sciences, and not part of the School of Business. This may affect some students' eligibility for Commerce courses depending on the agreement between McMaster and a partner university. Students should have a background in Business in order to apply. Courses in the Integrated Business and Humanities program (IBH) are not available.

Faculty of Health Sciences

[Restricted] By partnership agreement only.

**Graduate Level**

*Undergraduate courses/programs:* Any undergraduate course offered within the DeGroot School of Business is not open to graduate students of any discipline.

*Graduate courses/programs not available:*

- Faculty of Health Sciences (All Programs).
- Masters of Finance
- Executive Business Administration (EMBA).
- Professional Accountancy (Diploma)
- MiNDS Neuroscience.

- Global Health 702 - Global Health Foundations (Course)
- Masters of Health Management
- Interdisciplinary Studies – some courses crossing with the Faculty of Health Sciences may not be available.

### **MBA**

Not permitted to take undergraduate courses in the School of Business. Not permitted to take courses with the following codes: I600 level, 650 level, HSM C700, T level, D700.

### **Transcripts/ Grades**

A transcript is a copy of a student’s permanent academic record at McMaster University, duly certified by the Registrar and bearing the embossed seal of the University. A transcript is privileged information and is available by submitting a request via [Mosaic](#). A transcript reflects the current status of the student record at the time it is issued.

Students can view their grades via their transcript or in their Mosaic Student Centre. Information on the McMaster [grading scale](#) for undergraduate and graduate students can be found on the website for the Office of the Registrar.

### **Types of transcript requests**

<b>Type of transcript</b>	<b>Processing time</b>	<b>Delivery Method</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Official e-transcript	Up to 3 business days	Secure email hosted by Parchment Ordering Services ©	\$2.37 US (\$3.00 CDN)
Official paper transcript	7-10 business days	Mailed via Canada Post *allow time for delivery	Free
Official paper transcript (Courier)	1 business day	FedEx	\$30 CAD
Unofficial	Immediate	Download copy through Mosaic Student Center ( <a href="#">access required</a> )	Free

More information on how to request a transcript can found [here](#).

\*Transcripts are available to current students and alumni who have no financial holds on their record.

\*\*Given the expansion of transcript service options and ease of electronic delivery, the McMaster Exchange Program will no longer send official hardcopies by mail at the end of the exchange period. Students will instead be sent instructions on how to send a transcript by their preferred method to their home university coordinator.

## Health & Wellness

### COVID-19

Exchange students and partners can access McMaster's COVID-19 strategy and related updates on our [Back to Mac website](#).

As of Fall 2022, [McMaster's Vaccination Policy](#) is on pause. Students and partners can check the [Back to Mac](#) website for McMaster requirements, and [Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada \(IRCC\)](#) for the most up-to-date information on travelling to Canada.

COVID-19 vaccines approved for use in Canada are free of charge. They are available to everyone eligible to get the vaccine by federal, provincial and territorial public health authorities. [Learn more on the Government of Canada website](#). Exchange students coming to Canada should bring official records of their vaccination history, in English, for participation in such programs as vaccine certificates and booster shots.

### University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP)

Ontario's University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) is mandatory for all international and exchange students studying in Ontario. The UHIP fee will be automatically charged to the students' account. Payment is due within the first month of study.

UHIP is a comprehensive plan appropriate for coverage in the Province of Ontario only. Students traveling outside of Ontario or Canada must purchase supplemental health insurance. UHIP coverage begins on the tenth day of the month before the academic term start date or the student's scheduled arrival date in Canada, whichever is later.

General information on UHIP at McMaster <https://studentsuccess.mcmaster.ca/international-students/health-insurance/>

For details on what is and is not included in UHIP:  
<https://uhip.ca/Enrollment/PlanDetails>

#### (!) Not covered under UHIP:

- Prescription Medication
- Dental Care
- Vision Care

Students requiring health insurance for prescription medications, dental and/or vision care should seek out alternative insurance well in advance of departure to Canada. McMaster is not able to advise on third-party health care options.

### McMaster Students Union (MSU) Health & Dental Plan

The MSU Health and Dental plan is **not available** to incoming exchange students.

### Student Accessibility & Wellness

Students who may require additional services or accommodations during their exchange with McMaster should notify McMaster as soon as possible to confirm availability.

The below websites will provide students and counsellors with further information on services available at McMaster.

Student Wellness Centre: <http://wellness.mcmaster.ca/>

Student Accessibility Services: <http://sas.mcmaster.ca/>

Students with disabilities requesting on-campus accommodation should answer “Yes” to requiring [residence accommodation](#) and complete the required sections.

## Canadian Immigration

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Students should visit Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) upon receiving their acceptance letter from McMaster University to understand the immigration requirements for their visit. As processing times vary, students should apply as soon as possible.

#### Immigration support

Adjusting to a new country can be challenging, especially when dealing with the immigration process. Through McMaster’s free immigration advising services, we can offer advice and connect students with resources to complete the Canadian immigration process. Students should first review the information found at the websites below and contact [immigration@mcmaster.ca](mailto:immigration@mcmaster.ca) with any questions.

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) - <http://www.cic.gc.ca>

McMaster Immigration Advising - <https://studentsuccess.mcmaster.ca/international-students/immigration-advising/>

## Living in Hamilton

### Accommodation

The availability of housing in the Fall (September) term can be very limited and most difficult for single semester exchange students. We encourage partners to nominate their semester students for the Spring (January) term when possible and encourage students to apply for the on-campus room lottery as a minimum step.

It is easier to find 4 month accommodation (both on/off campus) in the January-April term.

#### ON-CAMPUS

[housing.mcmaster.ca/future-residents/](http://housing.mcmaster.ca/future-residents/)

If the number of applications exceeds the number of available rooms, a lottery system will determine the final offer. Unfortunately, we are unable to guarantee on-campus housing for exchange students.

#### Important Notes:

- Meal plans are mandatory.
- Residence accommodation is only available to Undergraduate students
- Residences typically host first year students.
- McMaster facilities close over the Christmas holiday break, but some residences remain open for students who apply to stay over the holidays. More information on “[December Stay](#)” can be found on the housing website and is requested as part of the residence application. a \$400 fee is associated with staying over the break.
- An admin charge of \$300 Canadian is applied to semester students staying Sept-Dec only.

Students with disabilities should answer “Yes” to requiring residence accommodation and complete the required sections which includes an explanation of the student’s situation and documentation from an attesting professional.

On-time deadline to apply is early June each year.

**OFF-CAMPUS**

[Home - Mac Off-Campus Housing \(mcmaster.ca\)](http://mcmaster.ca)

McMaster is located close to many shared housing options suitable for incoming exchange students. Off-campus housing provides students with the ability to live in close proximity to campus while experiencing shared living with other Canadian students. Through McMaster’s Off-Campus Resource Centre, exchange students can browse through rental listings for shared housing in the nearby Community of Westdale and surrounding area.

**Cost of Living**

The following is an estimate  
(in Canadian dollars – CAD)

**1 Term (4 months)**

<b>Accommodation (shared)</b>	On campus	\$ 3,800 – \$ 4,800
	Off campus	\$ 2,200 – \$ 3,000
<b>Food</b>	On campus	\$ 2,000– \$ 3,000
	Off campus	\$ 1,600– \$ 1,800
<b>Public Transport</b> (HSR – Hamilton Street Railway)		HSR is free for exchange students (Excluding MBA)
<b>University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP)</b>		\$ 252
<b>Personal Expenses</b>		\$1,000
<b>Textbooks</b>		\$300
<b>Athletic Facilities (Base membership)</b>		Free (Excluding MBA)

**Helpful Websites**

McMaster COVID-19 Website: [covid19.mcmaster.ca](http://covid19.mcmaster.ca)

Student Success Centre (Incoming Exchange):

[studentsuccess.mcmaster.ca/international-students/incoming-exchange-students](http://studentsuccess.mcmaster.ca/international-students/incoming-exchange-students)

Writing and Academic Skills: [studentsuccess.mcmaster.ca/writing-and-academic-skills](http://studentsuccess.mcmaster.ca/writing-and-academic-skills)

Office of the Registrar: [registrar.mcmaster.ca](http://registrar.mcmaster.ca)

Class Search: [registrar.mcmaster.ca/build-degree/class-search](http://registrar.mcmaster.ca/build-degree/class-search)

Black Student Success Centre: [blackstudentsuccess.mcmaster.ca](http://blackstudentsuccess.mcmaster.ca)

Indigenous Student Services: [indigservices.mcmaster.ca](http://indigservices.mcmaster.ca)

Student Wellness Centre: [wellness.mcmaster.ca](http://wellness.mcmaster.ca)

Student Accessibility Services: [sas.mcmaster.ca](http://sas.mcmaster.ca)

MODEL/MELD: [meld.humanities.mcmaster.ca/model](http://meld.humanities.mcmaster.ca/model)

Experience building: Career Treks:

[studentsuccess.mcmaster.ca/experience-building-career-treks](http://studentsuccess.mcmaster.ca/experience-building-career-treks)

Athletics and Recreation: [rec.mcmaster.ca](http://rec.mcmaster.ca)

Libraries: [library.mcmaster.ca](http://library.mcmaster.ca)

Clubs and Organizations: [msumcmaster.ca/clubs/clubs-directory](http://msumcmaster.ca/clubs/clubs-directory)

HSR Transit: [www.hamilton.ca/hsr-bus-schedules-fares](http://www.hamilton.ca/hsr-bus-schedules-fares)