

## STUDENT SERVICES > LANGUAGE COURSES

### Language Courses

The language of instruction at McGill University is English. Medical students are expected to have a working knowledge of the English language (comprehension, spoken and written). All lectures & small groups are conducted in English.

Medical students are expected to be functional in French by the time the clinical rotations begin (January of the second year of the MDCM program). Students are in contact with francophone patients in the teaching hospitals and may be assigned to francophone training sites for their clinical rotations.

The [French Language Centre](http://www.mcgill.ca/flc/) ( <http://www.mcgill.ca/flc/> ) in the Faculty of Arts offers credit courses to students registered in any academic program.

If **English** is not your first language, you should use the summer term to improve your language skills with a three-credit course ([CESL 299 ESL: Academic English Seminar](#) and/or [CEAP 250 Research Essay and Rhetoric](#)) for newly admitted non-anglophone students. The course has limited enrolment, so register early! Contact [mwc@mcgill.ca](mailto:mwc@mcgill.ca) for details or visit the website of the McGill Writing Centre <http://www.mcgill.ca/mwc/>

For information on other part-time French or English programs/courses offered by McGill, please see the School of Continuing Studies: <http://www.mcgill.ca/continuingstudies/programs-and-courses/languages> . You may take certain courses without working toward any certificate.

Other language courses are offered through the continuing education departments/faculties at universities on the island of Montreal. See

- <http://www.mcgill.ca/summer/special/quebecstudies/> (June- July)
- <http://www.fep.umontreal.ca/french/boursefr.html> (July - Aug)
- <https://pgss.mcgill.ca/en/french-courses> (April - June)

Another useful resource is the CCFA language school, located near the Peel Metro (telephone 514-985-2414).

### **French Medical Workshop**

The Faculty of Medicine offers French medical language workshops (basic, low and intermediate) for a minimal fee in the fall and winter terms on Saturday mornings. E-mails regarding the workshops, placement tests and other available sources are sent out in early fall and winter. For more information, please refer to [French Medical Workshop Information section>>](#) ([http://www.medicine.mcgill.ca/ugme/curriculum/frenchcourse\\_en.htm](http://www.medicine.mcgill.ca/ugme/curriculum/frenchcourse_en.htm) ). Please contact the Student Affairs Office by telephone at 514-398-5557 or by e-mail at [careeradvisor.med@mcgill.ca](mailto:careeradvisor.med@mcgill.ca) mid-August and November for placement test dates and further information.

Kind regards,

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