

# Guidelines for the Academic Accommodation of Pregnant Students and Students Caring for Dependants

*Other University policies, procedures and guidelines that apply to students can be found at <https://www.mcgill.ca/secretariat/policies-and-regulations>.*

## PART I: PREAMBLE, SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

### Preamble:

- (a) McGill acknowledges the particular challenges facing pregnant students and students caring for a dependant.
- (b) McGill supports students in their desire to further their education while meeting their family obligations.
- (c) Wishing to provide an environment in which these students may be able to continue in the program of study and fulfill their university commitments when faced with exceptional circumstances related to particular family commitments, these guidelines aim to set out how, and in what exceptional circumstances, a student may request academic accommodation.

### Scope:

A student is who is faced with a conflict between a responsibility in respect of pregnancy, or of care-giving responsibilities toward a dependant, and an academic obligation, may ask the University for academic accommodation in accordance with these guidelines.

### Definitions:

For the purpose of these guidelines, the following definitions apply:

- (a) **Academic Obligation** shall mean course lectures, seminars, labs, tutorials, course assignments, class tests, mid-term exams and term papers but not field placements, medical rotations or final examinations.
- (b) **Associate Dean (Student Affairs)** shall refer to the individual in the student's faculty who has responsibilities for Student Affairs and, in the case of graduate students, to the Associate Dean (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies).
- (c) **Care Giving Responsibilities** shall mean the responsibilities provided by the student to a dependant for reasons of illness, disability or age.
- (d)





### **3.2 Responsibilities i**

Students who, due to their spouse's pregnancy, may not be able to meet the academic obligations of a course or program of study, are responsible for informing their Student Affairs Office as soon as possible. The student shall provide relevant medical and other supporting documentation, for example: confirmation of status, medical appointments, expected date of delivery, confirmation of birth.

The Guidelines in Sections 2.1, 2.2 and 3.1 shall apply.

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