

## CANADA

### HOST UNIVERSITIES

Anglophone Universities

- Concordia University
- McGill University

Francophone Universities

- Université Laval

### WORLD WIDE WEB

Concordia University:	<a href="http://.concordia.ca/">http://.concordia.ca/</a>
McGill University:	<a href="http://mcgill.ca/international%20students/">http://mcgill.ca/international students/</a>
Université Laval	<a href="http://www.ulaval.ca/">http://www.ulaval.ca/</a>

### SUBJECTS AVAILABLE

Most fields of study offered by the institutions in Quebec are available to CSU students. However, the following academic subjects are not open to visiting exchange students at McGill University: Architecture, Engineering and Computer Science, Business, Music, and graduate studies in any field. All students wishing to study at McGill must have at least a 3.0 GPA.

Communication Studies, Film and Cinema Production are not open to exchange students at Concordia. Students wishing to study business at Concordia must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Furthermore, placement in a particular field is subject to approval by the Quebec universities. For more information, consult the host university catalogs, available on the World Wide Web.

### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Although French language is not a prerequisite for the study at Concordia or McGill, all students are expected to take French during the academic year. The province of Quebec is bilingual and knowledge of French is important.

Students may want to declare a minor in French as universities in Quebec have excellent “Learn French” programs (sophomore or above). Students who may not yet be serious students of French should take at least one French course prior to departure. It will help them get a jump start in their language classes.

Students (sophomore and above) may follow a “Learn French” program at Université Laval

Undergraduate students are required to carry a minimum academic courseload of 15 units per term and a total of 30 semester/45 quarter units for the academic year.

Graduate students are not eligible.

### HOST UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE

Students may request placement in a specific institution (in the Statement of Purpose section of their application), but this is not a guarantee that they will be placed there. Students must be willing to accept the placement decision of OIP. Only exceptionally qualified students will be considered for McGill University. Thus, students cannot make specific coursework plans before knowing of their university placement.

Students initially accepted by IP must subsequently also be accepted by the host institution in Quebec. The acceptance letter that students receive in April from OIP states this. Students will normally be informed in late May of their admission into the host university. Only then is their IP acceptance complete.

### **CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT**

Make sure students know that Canadian culture IS different from American culture.

Encourage students to learn something about Canada before they go – so that they won't appear so ignorant.

Students should be prepared to hear lots of stereotypes about Californians.

Use French as much as possible! Try to conduct business in French while out and about. The people will appreciate it and may be more helpful.

### **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

There is no CSU Resident Director in Canada. Instead, IP students work directly with the exchange program offices at the host universities. Students will receive a welcome packet from their host university announcing the orientation program and giving them instructions about housing, registration, arrival, and other such matters.

While it is not a requirement for admission to the IP program, even those students who are planning to attend Concordia or McGill should take at least one French class prior to departure. The French-speaking areas are wonderful places to explore and students should know that they might need to speak French sometimes while living in Quebec.

Encourage students to contact IP alumni to ask them specific information about the program.

Concordia University is located in downtown Montreal, a truly international city.

All applicants should apply for a passport at the same time they apply to the IP Program. The visa application process is lengthy and students must begin that process as soon as they are notified of admission to a Canadian university.

### **HOUSING**

Housing options vary widely from on-campus dormitories to apartments. The number of rooms available in the dormitories are limited and most IP students find their own off-campus housing with minimal assistance from the host university housing office. The International Student Office will provide some assistance, but it is ultimately each student's responsibility to find his/her own housing. Information about accommodations is available on each university's website. Encourage students to use web resources for pre-planning.

### **CALENDAR (*APPROXIMATE DATES*)**

Application deadline	February 1
Notification of acceptance to IP:	Early April
Full Admission into the Canada program depends on admission into the Canadian host university:	Late May
Program Starts	Mid-August
Program Ends	Early May