Concordia University
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
www.concordia.ca

Facts
- Language of instruction: English and French
- Number of students enrolled: 46,000
- Number of campuses: 2
- Academic year: September - May
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: September – December
- Spring Semester Equivalent: January - April

Location and Language
Montreal is the second largest city in Canada, with a population of over 3 million and is one of the oldest cities in North America. It is located in the south of the beautiful province of Quebec.

Concordia University’s Sir George Williams campus is located in the heart of downtown Montreal.

The official language of Montreal is French and it is the second largest primarily French-speaking city in the Western world after Paris. Most citizens however are bilingual and you don’t have to speak French to study at Concordia.

Things to do
From Montreal you can travel to nearby Quebec City and Toronto by bus or train. Montreal is only 37 miles from the United States border, bringing New York within easy reach. A number of winter sports including ice skating, ski-ing and snowboarding, are possible from Montreal.

Top attractions: Underground City (shopping area), Montreal’s Notre-Dame Basilica, Mount Royal lookout and Jean-Talon Market.

Climate
Montreal is beautiful throughout all four distinct seasons. With average highs of 26°Celsius in the summer and lows of -5°Celsius in the winter, Montrealers fashionably adapt to the weather. In winter, enjoy cross-country skiing and tobogganing in Mont-Royal Park or ice skating on one of the many outdoor rinks. With the underground city and extensive Metro system, it’s easy to keep warm.

In the spring Montreal transforms. Outdoor patios open and parks fill with people relaxing, playing games, having picnics and enjoying the sunshine.

Finance 2017/18
Bursaries available:
- International Office Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 dependant on household income for students beginning their studies in 2016. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the finance webpage, as the award criteria differs available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme)

- British Universities Transatlantic Exchange Association (BUTEX) scholarships: £500. See www.butex.ac.uk for eligibility and further information.

Approximate living costs per semester:

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Approximate living costs compiled from student surveys and partner university website.

One of Montreal’s most valuable assets is its low cost of living. Compared to other major world metropolises, the cost of living in Montreal is among the lowest.

More information:

Accommodation
- The vast majority of exchange students secure private rented accommodation in Montreal. Students who are planning to live off-campus are advised to allow 2 weeks to search for suitable accommodation in Montreal. The Concordia Student Union (CSU) Off-Campus Housing and Job Bank (HoJo) provide a reliable source of housing information and assistance although students should be aware that they are responsible for locating and securing their own accommodation: www.hojo.csu.qc.ca

- Limited accommodation is provided in a university residence downtown but this is not guaranteed. Students living in residence must enrol in the meal plan provided and should be aware that the cafeteria is not in the accommodation itself.

Further accommodation information is available from: www.concordia.ca/admissions/housing/residences/

Further information
http://www.concordia.ca/offices/ci.html

Application success rate:
2015/2016 = 23%
2016/2017 = 16%

(percentage of students placed out of total applications to this partner)