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Socially Speaking:

Often called “La Métropole du Québec” or Quebec’s metropolis, Montreal is an exciting and vibrant French city center with a culture closely resembling Europe. With its thriving energy, Montreal has an abundance of activities to offer people of all ages. If you’re out and about looking for something exciting to do, no matter what the season, you’ll always be busy. In the summer, take in the jazz festival – Montreal is well known for their music. As a matter of fact, Montreal is the City of Festivals and there’s a festival to celebrate every month during the year.

Old Port- Visit Old Port and explore by bike, foot, Segway or Zipline through the buildings for a birds-eye-view! Set in the oldest part of the city, Old Port offers the Montreal Science center, boat tours, museums and cathedrals, an aquarium and a host of restaurants for every dining pleasure. In the winter, there’s an outdoor ice-skating rink, with beautiful views of the skyline. You can reach Old Port by car or train (check schedules) and once there, your mode of transportation is completely up to you.

Hiking- Are you a health-nut for hiking? Montreal has exquisite mountain trails in national parks and nature trails along the rivers. Just a few hours outside the city center and you’ll be breathing in the freshest air...opening your mind, body and clearing your head.

After a hike, an espresso or latte might be in order. Many of the tiny Italian cafés in the city offer the ambiance and charm for relaxing and people watching. Some of them offer a nighttime culture and have entertainment throughout the week.

Nightlife, Clubbing, Theater - Try a pub or bar in the **rue St. Laurent** district. The city never sleeps, the bars are always hopping, dancing and drinks are flowing from one end of town to the other...and then there’s the Casino de Montreal, which has a ton of excitement in one location and open 24 hours a day. From the Montreal Symphony Orchestra to the theater with a Broadway show lineup to shopping in the largest underground shopping district in the world (see below for info), Montreal is full of amazement and amusement, for every age young and older

HOCKEY! - Dating back to 1909, the Montreal Canadians have been one of the most successful hockey teams in any league...bringing home 24 Stanley Cup championships! They’re a huge draw for hockey fans...if you didn’t like hockey before moving there, you’ll almost definitely be a fan before you leave. If there’s a sport you’d like to participate in, take a look at www.clubmontreal.ca/ and see what the schedule has to offer.

Student Demographics and Enrollment:

McGill University has the most “international student body” in Canada, with 24% of its 39,000 students coming from over 150 countries to learn and study.

What Students Need to Know:

1. **Clubbing. Dancing. Café Culture** – Just between us, studying abroad isn’t just about studying. You’re going abroad to take in the culture, experiences and explore. Students like you, are looking for an outlet to relax and enjoy after hitting the books all day, and Montreal’s social scene lends itself to a big part of a very active social experience.
2. **Casino!** - Recently remodeled **Casino de Montréal** is more than just a place for gambling and gaming. Its restaurants serve amazing cuisine from Asian to French and everything in between. There are also bars, poker tournaments and top-rated shows throughout the year.

What Parents Need to Know:

Every parent sending their student to study abroad has questions and concerns about the campus their student has chosen. There are two important factors to consider, when considering McGill University.

1. **Campus Safety:** With the Walk-Safe, Drive-Safe, a 24/7-university security team, community wide alert system and other programs available to students, parents can be rest assured their child will feel safe at McGill University.
2. **The Parents Association:** at McGill is available to answer questions, point you to resources and help your student transition. You can reach out to the Association at parents.association@mcgill.ca

International Students Services: McGill’s ISS can help incoming international students with work permits, housing, health insurance, cell phone plans, student introductions, study permits and so much more!
Transportation: The best mode of transportation? Walking! The streets of Montreal are narrow, making a brisk walk (especially in the warmer months) the way to get from place to place. Otherwise, there’s a reliable metro and bus system as well as a taxi service. For Metro fares and routes, visit www.stm.info/en

Job Planning and Internships:

McGill offers many resources for students looking to intern, both in undergraduate and graduate school. Caps or Career Planning Service (CaPS) <http://www.mcgill.ca/caps/students/job/internship> offers information on how to pursue different opportunities and experiences, both paid and unpaid. The Internship Offices Network, or ION offers various internships and fellowships directly through their office. For more information, please click on the following link: <https://www.mcgill.ca/internships/mcgill-internship-offices-network>

According to a study by *USA Today*, (June 2013), statistically McGill graduates have found that at least 90% of students find employment after graduating from the university.

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Transportation: Depending on where you are off or on campus, the many modes of transportation make getting around the city very easy. Whether by metro, bus, bike or foot, Montreal is easy to navigate both above and below the main city level. For Metro fares and routes, visit www.stm.info/en

Programs:

There are many programs prepared specifically for the incoming Study Abroad student at McGill University.

Incoming Exchange – You must be enrolled at the same type of program at your home university and your university must have an official exchange agreement with McGill. Students must be nominated by their home university for the exchange program. Some students are eligible for funding and Grants.

Summer – The summer courses change yearly and are usually held in the marketing department See website for information.

Research Traineeship- Under the supervision of McGill faculty, you may conduct research as an undergraduate, post-graduate or postdoctoral trainee. Certain restrictions apply. *See website for information).

The Graduate School and Post Graduate School: McGill University offers over 400 Graduate and Post Graduate programs. With such enormous opportunity, you're likely to find the perfect program suited just to you.

Language of Instruction:

Although English is the language of instruction, you also have the right to write examinations and essays in French, unless of course knowledge of the language is the course objective.

The McGill International Student Network (MISN)

Every semester, the MISN offers ten weekly language classes. Those classes usually include Brazilian Portuguese, English, French, German, Japanese, Mandarin and Spanish.

Tuition: (In Canadian Dollars) *depending on your area of study,*

Yearly tuition ranges between \$15,700-\$39,233

On Campus Housing: \$5,776 - \$12,835

Meal plan (mandatory in dorm) \$5350

Off Campus Housing: \$300-\$1200

Admission Requirements:

A GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is required for most undergraduate programs. In some programs a higher GPA may be required. (See department for details)

Academic Calendar

Semester 1: Early September to Late December

Semester 2: Early January to End April

A Brief History

McGill University was founded in 1821. It has not only become one of Canada's leading universities, but has established itself as one of the top educational institutions in the world. McGill University ranks globally at #24, with over 250,000 graduates, McGill boasts 138 Rhodes Scholars, 12 Nobel Peace Prize winners. The university has established itself as one of the worlds leading universities in research and teaching programs.

Campus Life:

The downtown location of the main McGill University campus lends itself to a culturally diverse environment. Surrounded by business, shopping, a beautiful park and a mix of new and historic buildings, it's easy to see why it was rated one of the top campuses around the world. Students at McGill have access to art, academic labs, recording studios and over 300 campus clubs.



Sports and Athletics:

Of course education is an important focus at McGill, but the University also places an enormous value and emphasis on sports and athletics, as well. McGill is home to 29 intercollegiate teams, 700 intramural teams, numerous competitive clubs, and a state of the art Recreational facility. There are also tennis and squash courts, an indoor ice arena, indoor-swimming pool and two running tracks (both indoors and outdoors). Is personal training something that interests you? It's available on campus! There are spinning classes, dance classes,

figure skating and other recreational activities. It would be difficult to not take advantage of all the fitness opportunities at McGill!

Internship and Research Opportunities

McGill is known for its research-intensive programs and while there are many programs available to exchange students, space is limited and certain requirements must be met. Health insurance is a must for foreign students and there are many summer programs to choose from, as well as exchange opportunities. Check with your student study-abroad advisor for exchange details.

On-Campus Extracurricular Activities

Whether your passion is politics or environmental clubs, community outreach or language clubs, it's all there for you, as a McGill University student. Check out *Borderless World Volunteers*, a global development program, focused on working with developing countries and creating sustainable environments. Or, perhaps *Women to Women International*, a group focused on helping women (and men) in war-torn countries, is more along the lines of what you're looking for. Whatever the activity, McGill University has the right interest group for you. The resources are immense and accessible.

Location, Location, Location!

McGill University is set right in the middle of Montreal with an above AND below ground culture, all its own. That's right...what many people don't know it there's an entire world of shops, restaurants and transit system below ground in Montreal. The largest underground complex in the world, the tunnels of Montreal connects the city's apartment buildings, banks, offices, museums and yes, even McGill University. Some 500,000 people use the underground tunnels in Montreal daily.



With the charm of the old world and the modern architecture of the present, Montreal is a beautiful backdrop for education, adventure and culture.