Exchanging with Canada

National Student Exchange 2019
GETTING TO KNOW NSE’S CANADIAN PARTNERS
Exchange Opportunities For Students
University of Calgary

Calgary population 1.3 million - U of C student population: 30,000
• The Rocky Mountains are less than one hour from campus: 5 major ski resorts within 3 hours of campus
• Calgary is consistently ranked one of the world’s most livable cities
• Over 250 academic programs
• Over 300 student clubs
• Alumni include the former Prime Minister of Canada, the creator of Java and the founder of Lulu Lemon
• Plan B Only

University of Calgary
University of Regina

Regina population 253,000 - U of R student population: 14,800
• Situated in Wascana Centre, the largest urban park in North America
• The campus has doubled in size in the last 10 years, but still has a 20:1 student to faculty ratio
• Known for Engineering, Applied Science, Kinesiology, Education, Social Work, Fine Arts and Computer Science
• Plan A & B available

University of Regina
Brandon University

Brandon population 50,000 – BU student population: 3,100
• City of Brandon pop. 50,000, near the geographic center of North America
• Compact campus (covers an area of 2 city blocks by 3 city blocks)
• Notable programs include Music, Fine Art, Wellness & Alternative Medicine and Applied Disaster & Emergency Studies
• 63% of classes have fewer than 20 students
• Plan A & B available (among the lowest plan A tuition fees in Canada)
Western University

London population 366,000 – Western student population: 28,000
- In London, SW Ontario, Canada’s 11th largest city
- 2 hours from Toronto & Detroit
- Founded in 1878
- One of Canada’s leading universities in academics & student experience
- Over 400 academic programs
- More than 180 student clubs
- Plan B
• In Canada, colleges are not universities.
• In Québec, students attend college (CEGEP) for 2 years and then proceed to university-level education or they attend college for 3 years and then enter the job market.
• A Québec Bachelor’s degree is usually 3 (sometimes 4) years and focuses entirely on one single discipline or combines two disciplines.
Université de Montréal

Montréal population 1.7 million – UdeM student population: 45,600
• Ranked 90th in the world (THE 2018)
• 14 faculties and schools (600 programs)
• Notable programs: French as a second language, Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence, International Studies
• Located in a green & safe neighbourhood, close to 3 metro stations
• Montreal has been named one of the best student cities in the world (QS 2018) and is renowned for its cultural activities, gastronomy and nightlife
• Plan A for the Intensive French Program, all others Plan B only
Université du Québec à Montréal

Montréal population 1.7 million – UQAM student population: 41,500
• Situated in the heart of Montréal’s Quartier Latin, one of the liveliest neighbourhoods in the city, close to museums, galleries, shopping and more!
• Ranked 1st in Quebec and 6th in Canada in research funding for large comprehensive universities without a medical school.
• More than 300 majors in 7 faculties
• Offers courses in Written French for non French speakers (intermediate level required)
• Unique programs include Apparel & Fashion Design and Merchandising
• Plan B Only

Université du Québec à Montréal
Université de Sherbrooke

Sherbrooke population 155,000 – UdeS student population: 30,000
• Notable programs: French as a Second Language, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Imagery and Digital Science, Applied Political Science

• A French placement test must be done prior to placement for students wishing to take courses in a regular program

• Housing on campus is less expensive than other big Canadian cities

• Free public transport for students

• The area offers all the advantages of the city life but in a natural setting

• Plan B Only

Université de Sherbrooke
Bishop's University

Sherbrooke regional population 212,000  – BU student population: 2,740
• English speaking university
• Small, residential, undergraduate university, located on 500 acres of land
• Located in the bilingual community of Lennoxville, a suburb of Sherbrooke, the 4th largest city in the province of Quebec
• Over 140 majors offered within 3 faculties & schools
• Average class size:
  1st & 2nd year: 39
  3rd & 4th year: 19
• Plan B Only

Bishop’s University
Cape Breton University
Sydney population 98,700 – CBU student population: 3,700
Cape Breton University

- Located in Sydney, Nova Scotia (2 hours from Halifax) on Canada’s stunning East Coast
- Small campus community: student population of 3,700 of which almost 1,000 are international
- Smallest class sizes in Canada
- Liberal arts, business, health, education, science and technology
- Students taking ethnomusicology courses can perform at local festivals
- Plan A & B
Grenfell Campus, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Corner Brook population 23,000 – Grenfell student population: 1,300
• Gros Morne National Park is 1.5 hours north of campus,
• Marble Mountain (skiing) is 12 minutes from campus.
• Low student to faculty ratio (13:1)
• Monthly field trips
• Notable programs: Environment and Sustainability, Visual Arts, Theatre, Physics (astronomy)
• Plan A and B available (lowest Plan A rate in English-speaking Canada!)

Grenfell Campus, Memorial University of Newfoundland
GOING TO CANADA: THINGS TO KNOW

Language, Study Permits, Health Insurance and more...
English-speaking NSE Members:

- Brandon University
- Bishop’s University
- Cape Breton University
- Grenfell Campus Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Western University
- University of Calgary
- University of Regina
French-speaking NSE Members:

- Université de Montréal
- Université du Québec à Montréal
- Université de Sherbrooke

Intermediate or high-intermediate level of French is required for students who wish to take courses in a regular program (other than French as a second language)
Study Permits

• Required for stay of more than 6 months
• Required if planning to work on campus
• Apply at Port of Entry (American passport-holders)
• Apply through a Canadian Embassy or Consulate (international students)
• Cost is $150 CDN
Students exchanging to Québec must **first** obtain a “Certificat d’accueilvement du Québec” (CAQ) **before** applying for a Canadian Study Permit:

- CAQ application process takes 20 working days and costs $114 CAD (as of January 1, 2019)
- American students can obtain their Study Permit at the border upon presenting their CAQ
• Students with criminal charges or convictions could be prohibited from entering Canada
• This includes impaired, reckless or dangerous driving, assault, street racing, resisting a police officer, possession, supply or trafficking of drugs, shoplifting, fraud or criminal damage
• Application for Criminal Rehabilitation

Criminal Record
Update: new penalties 2019
If an International or American student commits an impaired driving offence (DUI) – which is considered a serious crime in Canada, or commits a cannabis-related crime, in either the USA or Canada, they may not be able to enter, or stay in Canada.
• Alberta: Students must bring comprehensive travel medical insurance with them from home
• Manitoba, Saskatchewan: varies (semester vs. full-year)
• Ontario, Québec, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland: Students must purchase insurance from their host university
Important: health insurance may not cover costs for

- Suicide (including any attempt) or self-inflicted injury
- Medication, drugs or toxic substance abuse or overdose
- Drug & alcohol abuse, alcoholism or an accident while being impaired by drugs or alcohol or having an alcohol concentration that exceeds 80 milligrams in 100 milliliters of blood

(source: RSA Global Excel & guard.me)
• Only students with a valid Study Permit are allowed to work while on exchange
• Students are only able to work on campus at their host university
• Students must maintain full-time enrolment to be eligible to work on campus
Age of Majority

- Age of Majority varies by province (usually 18 or 19)
- Students under the age of majority are considered “minors” and must have a “custodian” in Canada
• By regulation, F-1 and J-1 must maintain full-time enrollment
• Check with International Office/International Student Advisors to confirm enrollment requirements at your institution
  • F-1 & J-1 regulations are NOT identical
  • Exceptions are limited by regulations, and must be properly documented
  • Online courses may be restricted or prohibited
• Again, check with International Student Office!!!
• On-campus employment
  • Only during academic year
  • Not to exceed 20 hours while classes in session
  • Maintain full-time enrollment
  • Any field of study

• Academic Training
  • On- or off-campus
  • During or after academic year
  • Paid or unpaid
  • Must be related to field of study
  • Time limit: No longer than student program

Working While Studying
A FEW MORE THINGS
Financial Aid, Killam Fellowships and more…
• Arrive during weekday business hours
• Bring contact information for the home and host university NSE Coordinator and for the International Office at the host university
• Bring contact number for the host university’s Designated School Official (DSO) or Responsible Officer (RO) for students coming from Canada
Whether you are exchanging from the US to Canada or from Canada to the US, all financial aid must be applied for, and disbursed from, your **home institution**, regardless of whether the exchange is made on Plan A or B.

**Financial Aid**
• An opportunity for “exceptional students” to spend a semester or a full academic year on exchange in the other country
• $5,000 USD per semester, plus a $500 health insurance allowance and a possible $800 mobility grant for in-country travel
• Orientation program in Ottawa in fall and seminar in Washington, DC in spring
• Applications due January 31
• www.killamfellowships.com