

One warm day in the winter:
Pimchanok I. on her way to Mt.Royal.

Survival Kit : How to live and study at McGill, Montréal, Canada

Welcome to Montréal, the land of snow, where zero degree celsius is considered to be warm!

Get ready to live like a penguin

Montréal offers you countless extraordinary experiences. One of those is the opportunity to live in a refrigerator. At Montréal, the temperature could be as low as minus 30c and it barely goes above 0c in the winter (which begins before the time

you arrive and ends by the beginning of April.) The city is very white and pretty with snow during this season. Still, a lot of walking and sightseeing around town during this time is not recommended as you might end up standing frozen like a statue outside. Hence, BE PREPARED for the coldest of the coldest cold winter. Some time you might start to believe that you actually live in the North Pole and might see penguins walking just around the corner. So,

remember to wear many layers of clothes so that the warmth will be kept. Don't forget to buy a lot of warm winter clothes from Thailand as it is a lot less expensive and you would need them since your first step outside of the airport. Dress as warm as you could and you will be safe.

Winter semester

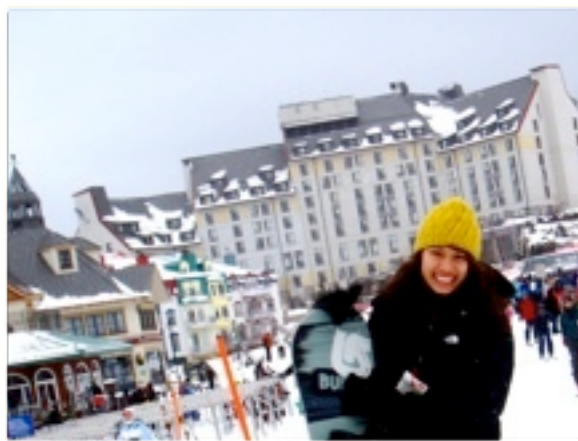
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Tips:

Check out the weather report regularly (every time before you go out would be best) to be sure that you dress appropriately for the weather.



McGill requires you to work hard

McGill University's Desautels Faculty of Management is no arguably one of the world's leading schools. Thus, you can expect hard courses, hard grading and tough competition. Keep up with your study, be responsible and you will do just fine. If you have any questions, ask your professors, they are very kind and helpful. Concerning registration, every students have to register online via a system called MINERVA on a first come first serve basis. Check out McGill's website for the registration date as you will do it at the same time as the other students. Try not to be late though as the courses, especially Finance ones, are always full incredibly fast. However, if you could not register in time, don't worry. Go talk to the counselor on the orientation day and your problem will be solved. ;)

Don't just study! Go play!!! ☺

Go and check out what Montréal has in store. Ranging from delicious food, fun shopping, exciting skiing/snowboarding, joyful snow tubing, chilling in the parks, taking a bus visiting towns near-by, etc Montreal does have a lot to offer. In the spring/summer time, Montréal is like another city. You will discover things that you did not know that it exists before as they were all covered by snow. Around the month of May, the city is very pretty with the cherry blossom trees. I would like to advise you to stay until at least the end of June as there will be many summer activities going on, such as the reopen of La Ronde which is one of the Six Flags amusement parks, the jazz festival, etc.

You are very welcome to ask me if you ever have any questions. Also, you could consult McGill's official website which provides a lot of useful information. Guidebook will also be sent to you some time before you have to leave Thailand. So, no need to worry! Good Luck & Have a Blast!!! ☺



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Since McGill is located in the heart of Montréal, the largest French-language city outside of France, language could sometime be troublesome. Knowing a tiny bit of French would help you live in Montréal happily. You may consider packing French-English dictionary as a helpful tool, especially if you plan to venture outside of downtown Montréal. Taking a French course at McGill's language institution is a good idea but make sure you have time for it. Since it is a six-credit course, it will require a lot of time and efforts which might affect your other studies.

Getting around the city at ease

Navigating around Montréal is relatively easy. You can choose from Métro(subways), bus, taxi or even walking. Montréal offers you an 'Underground' which is a path right under the ground. With this, you will have the opportunity of hiding from snow and coldness while you walk around the town making your trip a little bit more enjoyable. Be careful, traveling by using the Underground could sometime be confusing, so find a time to explore the map beforehand. However, if you ever get lost, just ask the people around you, they will be more than happy to help.

Merci Beaucoup!!! Thank you very much!!!

For this last part, I would like to dedicate it to my family, my friends, Faculty of Commerce and Accountancy and, certainly, my beloved BBA program. Without you, I would not have such a splendid experience. Thank you so much millions times!!!! ♥ ☺

Montréal's must see

1. Old Montréal

Here, you will find stunning historical buildings, cobblestone streets, a café culture and luxury French restaurants. The most beautiful church I have ever seen in my entire life, the Notre-Dame de Montréal Basilica, is also located in this area.

2. Quebec's local dish: 'Poutine'

Poutine is the dish of french-fries piled high with gravy over the top and covered in curd cheese - quite tasty but very unhealthy. You can find this dish all over the city but the most famous one is at La Banquise.

3. Juliette and Chocolat

This small charming place on St. Denis is a must for any sweet tooth craving a fix! Go anytime, breakfast, lunch or dinner. You will find innumerable dishes and endless hot chocolate, crêpe and ice-cream variations.

4. Schwartz's

Located on Saint Laurent Street. This place offers one of the world's most delicious smoked meat sandwiches at a very reasonable price.

5. Jean-Talon market

Jean-Talon is a must-see for anyone who fonda of eating. At this lovely open-air farmers market, a variety of good food at a good price could be found. Don't forget to check out the famous fried squid and the home made ice cream.

Update with MISN!

The McGill International Student Network, or the MISN, regularly organizes exciting events/trips at a student price. Whether it is a skiing/snowboarding trip, a trip to Quebec City, a trip to Sugar Shack, or parties, you can usually find it at MISN.

