# Collège Ahuntsic

le grand cégep de Montréal

# The Ultimate Destination for a Language Immersion Trip

Custom Training Program for Mexican Students



Where Collège Ahuntsic

9155, rue Saint-Hubert, Montreal (Quebec) H2M 1Y8 Canada When

Between the weeks of May 26<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>

How long 3 to 4 weeks | h

Courses

French, English, German

Housing

Collège Ahuntsic Student Residence

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# Program Objectives

- Live a unique learning and immersion experience in a Québécois higher education institute.
- Follow a language training program adapted to your level, based on a competency evaluation test, with courses in the morning and educational socio-cultural activities in the afternoon.
- Discover Montreal's countless attractions.
- Develop autonomy in managing a budget, meals, transportation, and more.









Benefit from the superior technological innovations of the Collège Ahuntsic Active Learning Class (CLAAC)

Participate in a 3D discovery workshop + Virtual Reality + Knitting Club

# Collège Ahuntsic Commitments



# Take Advantage of Collège Ahuntsic's



# One of the largest and most cosmopolitan colleges in Montreal

- Located a few steps from Crémazie metro station
- Close to downtown Montreal, parks, and the Claude-Robillard Sports Complex (pools, tennis, sports facilities, etc.)



# Incomparable training thanks to high caliber teachers:

- Dynamic and passionate, they are connected to today's society and job market
- Up to date on the latest advances in their fields, maximizing student success
- Affiliated with the PASCH international school network, a select club of German language teaching schools authorized to administrate the DSD1 exam from the Central German Office



# A welcoming new student residence that is both modern and very comfortable









- 5 minutes by foot from the College
- 2 and 3 bedroom apartments with bathroom and kitchenette
- Entirely furnished (telephone, voicemail, cable, TV, high-speed Internet, electricity, hot water, bedding, and dishes)
- Study rooms, reception area, gym, game room, home theatre, and laundry room
- 24-hour secure access to ensure students' peace of mind
- $\bullet$  Stimulating living environment, where respect for others and the environment come first



An immense 2-storey library with over 100,000 printed and audio-visual documents

# Services



### Services Included in the Package

- Intensive language course
- Lodging in student residence
- Costs of all educational and socio-cultural activities planned in the program
- Dedicated resource person to accompany the group in all the activities planned in the program
- Breakfasts lunches and snacks
- Access card for the Société de transport de Montréal (STM) public transportation network
- 1 trip outside the city each weekend (Laurentians, Ottawa, Quebec City and more)
- Shuttle transportation to and from Montreal's airport (for group arrival and departure)
- Rooms to continue students educational training by Mexican teachers if requested



#### Exclusions

- Flights
- Supper
- All necessary travel authorizations
- Meals during travel and weekends
- Insurances



#### **Options**

- Resource person to accompany students during evening activities
- Participation in community organization activities to help students improve their skills while getting involved as volunteers
- Tourist activities not included in the program



# **Typical Schedule**

Week*	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning 9 am-12 am	Arrival	Courses	Courses	Courses	Courses	Courses	Day trip outside Montreal
Lunch 12 am - 1 pm							
Afternoon 1 pm - 5 pm	Cultural / leisure activities	Educational socio-cultural activities *	Educational socio-cultural activities	Sportive activities	Educational socio-cultural activities	Educational socio-cultural activities	
Evening	FREE (Upon request, a	activities could be orga	nized during evenings.)				

<sup>\*</sup>Each day offers different educational, socio-cultural and physical activities. Details provided upon request.

# Language Immersion Experience Rates

Length of Stay	Size of group*	\$CAD per person (taxes included)
3 weeks	Group of 15 participants Group of 10 participants	\$3,565.00 \$4,565.00
4 weeks	Group of 15 participants Group of 10 participants	\$4,725.00 \$6,050.00

<sup>\*</sup>A group is composed of students and a teacher from the same institution and following the same language program.



Map of Montreal Island neighborhoods with a brief overview of the educational and socio-cultural activities included in the program.



### List of boroughs

- 1 Ahuntsic-Cartierville
- 2 Lachine
- 3 Le Plateau-Mont-Royal
- 4 Hochelaga-Maisonneuve
- 5 Mont-Royal
- 6 Pierrefonds-Roxboro
- 7 Rivière-des-Prairies-Pointe-aux-Trembles
- Rosemont-La Petite-Patrie
- Ville-Marie
- 10 Villeray

#### List of activities



Beach



**Cookout** 



Library



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Culinary activities



Church



Festival



Nautic activities



Movie



Museum



Bicycle ride

Hiking



🐥 Park



Pool



Theater-Circus



Zoo

# Immerse Yourself in the Language While Discovering Montreal, a City to Fully Enjoy!

Montreal, the best city in America and the fourth in the world for hosting international students and second best city in the world for millennials in 2018.





# Taste Food from Here and Abroad

It's a well-known fact:

Montrealers love to eat! Little restaurants, food trucks, cafés, and terraces offer a huge variety of flavourful, affordable cuisines thanks to the city's mosaic of cultures and communities. Notable musts include poutine, Schwartz's smoked meat sandwiches, and bagels from Fairmount and Saint-Viateur.















Theatre, storytelling, literature, dance, film, music, visual arts, and circus arts: Montreal is world-renowned for its dynamic cultural scene and talented artists.

#### Notable examples include:

- The impressive number of theatre companies, including the Théâtre du Nouveau Monde (TNM), the Théâtre du Rideau Vert, the Théâtre de Quat'sous, l'Espace Go, the Centaur Theatre, and the Centre Segal
- La Grande Bibliothèque and its network of 44 public libraries connected to the Access Culture Network offering hundreds of cultural activities across the city
- The effervescent choreography of classical and contemporary dance
- The vitality of its film industry with Montreal serving as broadcast location, creative centre for the unique works of National Film Board artists, and filming location for movie makers from around the world
- Two major internationally renowned orchestras, music festivals and multiple Québécois singers (including Les Trois Accords, Klô Pelgag, Les sœurs Boulay, and Céline Dion) who, along with their anglophone peers (like Leonard Cohen, Rufus Wainwright, Arcade Fire and Half Moon Run), are veritable Montreal ambassadors
- Varied museums (including the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts², the Musée d'art contemporain, The Canadian Centre for Architecture, and the Biosphere³) and outdoor treats (including the Musée plein air de Lachine, the large-scale murals decorating building façades around the city, and the City of Montreal public art collection)
- The circus troupes and the unique "Montréal Complètement Cirque" festival (including the Cirque du Soleil<sup>1</sup>, the Cirque Éloize, and TOHU)





### Explore the Most Iconic Neighborhoods

Safe, cosmopolitan, diverse, multilingual, multicultural, artistic, gastronomical, green, and athletic, Montreal is brimming with activities and tourist attractions. In the summer, any excuse to visit the different parts of the city is a good one.



### Old Montreal and the Old Port

With its narrow, paved streets, Old Montreal has retained the charm of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries through its French and Victorian architectural style buildings.

#### Attractions

**Place Jacques-Cartier** and the impressive **Montreal City Hall** 

Marché Bonsecours and its fashion museum

**Pointe-à-Callière**, Montreal's architectural and historical museum, right where Montreal was founded

**The Notre-Dame Basilica**, an American neogothic masterpiece featuring a 7000-pipe Casavant organ and stained-glass windows which depict the city's history

#### Activities

#### Cité Mémoire:

A free phone app and multimedia projections on outdoor sites that bring the city's past to life.

#### **Chasse aux fantômes:**

Entertaining walking tours during which historical characters share stories from when they lived. Inspired by true events, this tour plunges into the heart of some of the city's deadliest tales thanks to a team of ghosts played by real actors.

#### **Whitewater Rafting:**

From the Old Port, embark on adventure tours to the Lachine Rapids.

#### Zipline:

Fun urban zipline that grants a view of Montreal from 25 metres up as you fly over the Old Port along a 370 m track.

### Downtown

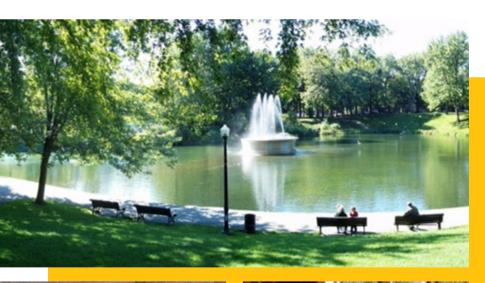
32 km of corridors connect 1700 shops, restaurants and services, over 40 show venues, theatres, and cinemas, a host of tourist attractions and museums. The largest underground network in the world is a veritable subterranean city!

#### Attractions

- The incredible Montreal Museum of Fine Arts
- The Quartier des spectacles for its nighttime building illuminations
- Sainte Catherine Street for its countless shops
- Place Ville-Marie and its spectacular observatory
- The campus at McGill University (the oldest of four Montreal's universities) and the Redpath Museum, the oldest museum in Canada, for its vast paleontological, zoological, mineralogical, and ethnological collections











# Plateau Mont-Royal

This typical Montreal neighborhood, made famous by its exterior spiral staircases and colourful houses, is worth the detour. Historically French- speaking, the neighborhood is enriched today by its mix of languages, cultures, artists and students.

#### **Attractions**

- Avenue Mont-Royal, the area's main east-west artery, for its mix of eclectic shops
- Lafontaine Park for a picnic, to relax in the shade of a tree or to see one of the exterior Theatre de la verdure free shows
- The ever-growing numbrer of green alleys where children play safe from the traffic



### Mount Royal

Situated in the centre of the city and designed by architect F. L. Olmstead, who also created Central Park in New York, the Park serves as a peaceful haven and green oasis bringing fresh air to the city.

#### **Attractions**

- The Kondiaronk lookout offering an impressive view of the city
- Sunday Tam-Tams at the foot of Sir George Étienne Cartier monument for dancing to rhythmic beats
- Saint Joseph's Oratory, one of the primary pilgrimage sites in North America and a Montreal landmark, whose copper dome is the second largest in the world after Saint Peter's in Rome
- The Notre-Dame-des-Neiges Cemetery, the largest cemetery in Canada and the third largest in North America, with 55 km of trails filled with heritage, natural, cultural, and historical treasures



## Little Italy

A meeting place for Montreal's Italian community, the neighborhood offers a window on to its expertise and renowned products.

#### Attractions

• Jean-Talon Market, the largest market in Montreal, for its thousands of agricultural products from the four corners of Quebec, as well as a wide variety of products from elsewhere



### Hochelaga-Maisonneuve

This neighborhood in the East of Montreal offers many impressive attractions with a backdrop of a working-class past metamorphosing into artists shops, cafés and a vibrant community characterized by its welcoming spirit.

#### Attractions

- The Olympic Stadium serves as reminder of the 1976 Summer Games with its monumental architectural structure.
- The world-renowned Montreal Botanical Gardens, the Planetarium, the Insectarium, and the Biodome, which houses 5 ecosystems and over 250 animal species.



### St. Helen's and Notre Dame Islands

Located in the middle of the Saint-Lawrence River, these islands are lively activity centres with a lovely view of Montreal. Accessible by Metro or by bike path from Old Montreal.

#### **Attractions**

- The Gilles Villeneuve Circuit, host of the Canadian Grand Prix, to do laps on your bike, in-line skates, or even on foot
- La Ronde Amusement Park for its exciting thrills
- Jean Doré Beach, where Montrealers like to relax on a real sand beach and swim in the Saint Lawrence
- The Biosphere to learn about major environmental issues



## Getting Around Montreal

#### On foot

Neighborhoods hold lovely surprises for pedestrians.

#### By bike

Thanks to BIXI, self-service bikes can be rented at a minimal cost to get around the city. Montreal has over 600 km of bike paths linking neighborhoods and offering rides along the waterfront (including the historic Lachine Canal, the Saint Lawrence waterfront bike path, and the Île de-la-Visitation nature park) and in parks (such as Bois-de-Liesse nature and Pointe-aux-Prairies).

#### **Public transit**

An excellent way to get around the city. Affordable, safe, and reliable, the Metro links up with the Montreal Underground and primary tourist attractions.

To watch breathtaking videos about Montreal, visit mtl.org or watch "Le meilleur de Montréal" on YouTube

# Useful Mobile Apps



**TRANSIT** 

Plan your Trip



BIXI

Rental of self-serve bicycles



Mon RésoVélo

**Bike Paths** 



TÉO Taxi

Get an electric taxi in Montreal



Passeport MTL

All the activities in Montreal, particularly cultural ones, presented each day



Montréal en Histoires

Cité Mémoire



Montreal Museums

All the current exhibits in Montreal



**Food Trucks** 

Daily locations of food trucks

# Live the Language While Discovering Montreal's

The Îles-de-Boucherville National Park



A few kilometres outside of Montreal, in the centre of the river, are five islands inhabited by great herons, red foxes and deer, offering 25 kilometres of marked paths for walking or biking, and channels teeming with life to discover by canoe or kayak.

# Apply Your Language Skills on Excursions Beyond Montreal



### The Laurentians

Surrounded by natural beauty and consisting of lakes and mountains dotted with picturesque villages, the Laurentians region has a lot to offer visitors: swimming, hiking in the woods, canoeing, and campfires, all only about an hour away from Montreal.



### Ottawa

The Capital of Canada, Ottawa holds many treasures such as Parliament Hill, the Byward Market, the Rideau Canal, the National Gallery of Canada, the Canadian Science and Technology Museum, and the Canadian War Museum.



## **Quebec City**

The cradle of French America, the provincial capital is a top tourist destination. Not to miss in Old Quebec: the Château Frontenac, Place Royale and the Petit-Champlain, the Old Port, rue Saint Jean, Parliamentary Hill, and the Plains of Abraham.



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