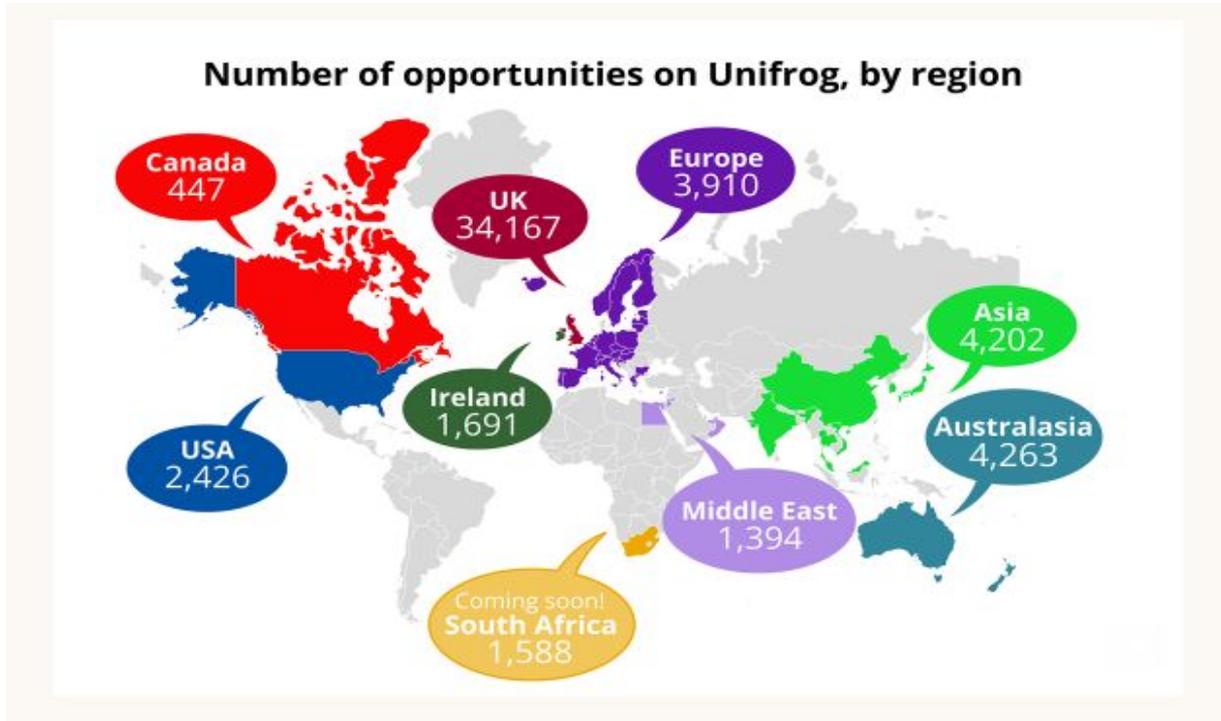


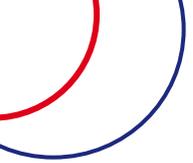
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# Applying to University in the US & Canada

**Presentation to 1ère parents & students  
Wednesday, 1st March 2023**

# University (aka college) opportunities in the US & Canada





# Choosing a university in the US & Canada

There are around 2500 individual institutions in the US and 450 in Canada. Each of these have a very different ethos, a different culture, a different value system. Overall the choice of education is **huge**.

**How to find the best fit?** Consider what is **important** to you in terms of:

- Subject choice: humanities, sciences, applied or theoretical, vocational etc
- Location: climate, rural / urban, big city / small town.
- Value system / educational philosophy
- Future career prospects

TIP: Consider creating a “mind map” of what is important to you and why.

TIP: Use your answers to help create a short-list that will give a positive framework for your research.

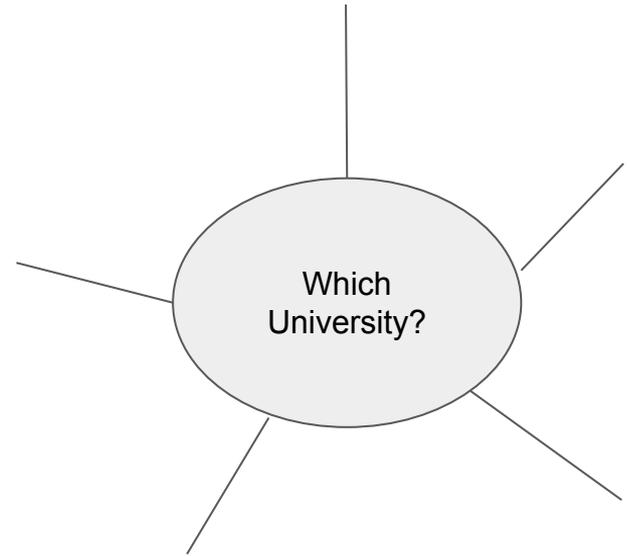


# What's important to you? Creating a mind map

**Step 1:** write down the things that are most important to you, in terms of choosing university / course, and give them a score (1 = most important, 5 = less important).

→ Examples might include location, student life, sports & societies, career aspirations, fees / costs, etc.

**Step 2:** beside each, write down *why* each of these is important to you.



# Using UNIFROG to research your options



Unifrog is an online platform which helps students to:

- research post-Bac study opportunities on English speaking courses throughout the world.
- organise themselves so that they can submit the strongest applications, on time and in the correct format.

**IMPORTANT! Unifrog is the primary way that the University Guidance Team will communicate with students. Make sure your access is working correctly and get used to using it!**

- Lost your Unifrog login? Reset it using your @csilyon.fr email address from the following link : <https://www.unifrog.org/reset-password>
- Never signed up? <https://www.unifrog.org/code> using the code **LYO1er24** and your @csilyon.fr email address.
- Contact [university@csianglo.org](mailto:university@csianglo.org) if you have any problems accessing your Unifrog account.

# UNIFROG Parent Accounts



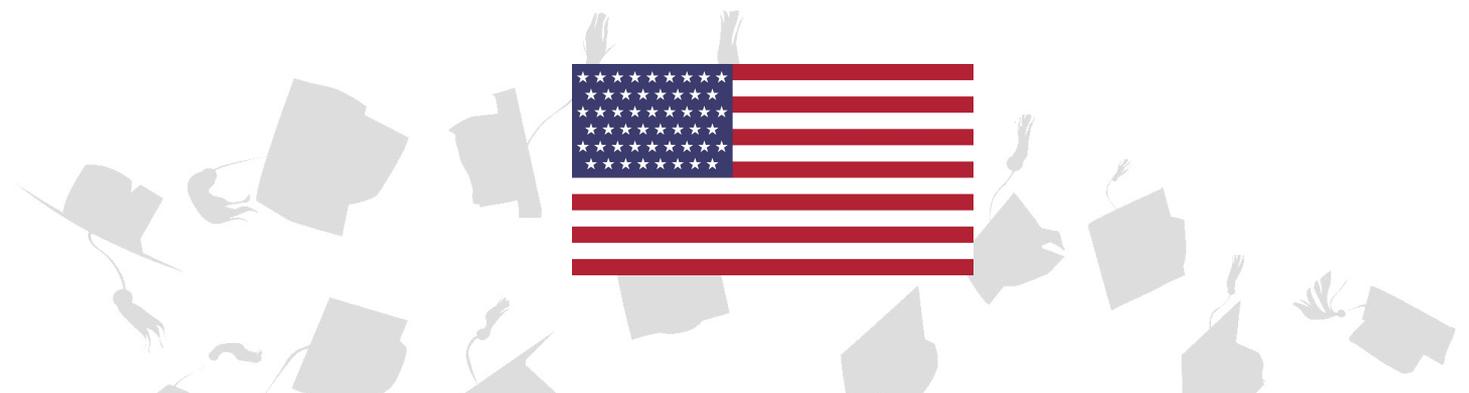
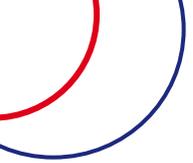
Parents can set up a **parent account** on Unifrog

This can be used to research subjects, institutions, online courses etc and to try out the quizzes and other tools that are available.

It is **not** linked to your child's account and not intended to be used to 'track' their progress.

A **sign-up code** was sent out to all 1ère parents on 31/01/2023 to allow them to sign-up and create a parental account. This link will now have expired but the code remains active. You can sign up using the following code LYOIParents50

NB: Please don't be tempted to set up a 'fake' student account. Our advisers actively use Unifrog to track individual student progress and the presence of 'fake' student accounts can cause confusion.



# Applying to universities in the US

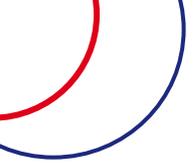


# Global rankings of universities 2023

- 1st Massachusetts Institute of Technology US
- 2nd University of Cambridge UK
- 3rd Stanford University US
- 3rd University of Oxford UK
- 4th Harvard University US
- =6th California Institute of Technology US
- =6th Imperial College London UK
- 8th University College London UK
- 9th ETH Zurich Switzerland
- 10th University of Chicago US

<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2023>





# Points to consider: studying in the US

There are different types of US colleges, and your student experience will depend on which type you choose:

- Ivy Leagues
- Other private institutions
- Publicly funded institutions
- Liberal Art Colleges

Think about what academic pathways might suit your **subject** or **area of interest**

Look at the **funding** options - and be **realistic** when considering fees and costs.



# The Ivy League

This group consists of 8 private research universities in the US, which includes some of the most prestigious in the world.

- Columbia University
- Harvard University
- Princeton University
- Yale University
- Brown University
- Dartmouth College
- University of Pennsylvania
- Cornell University



# Other private universities

These include:

- MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
- Stanford University
- University of Chicago
- California University of Technology
- Duke University
- John Hopkins University

Looking back at the global ranking, you'll see that some of these institutions actually rank considerably higher than some of the Ivy Leagues

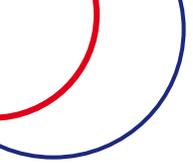


# Publicly-funded universities and colleges

Publicly-funded, flagship universities for the state. These are typically cheaper than the private colleges and Ivy Leagues but some of them - such as UCLA and Berkeley - rival the Ivy Leagues. Classes are larger, but you will meet a much wider, more diverse group of students.

- UCLA - University of California Los Angeles
- University of California--Berkeley
- University of Michigan--Ann Arbor
- University of Virginia
- University of California--Santa Barbara.
- University of Florida
- University of North Carolina--Chapel Hill
- University of California--San Diego





# Liberal Arts Colleges

## What is a Liberal Arts college?

- Usually undergraduate-only
- Often smaller than other institutions
- Specific 'liberal' view of education - studies are more general, less vocational.
- Advantage: not competing with postgrads for time / resources / access to lecturers
- Disadvantage: not ideal for students already know what they want to study especially vocational courses or those who want to be involved in research as an undergraduate

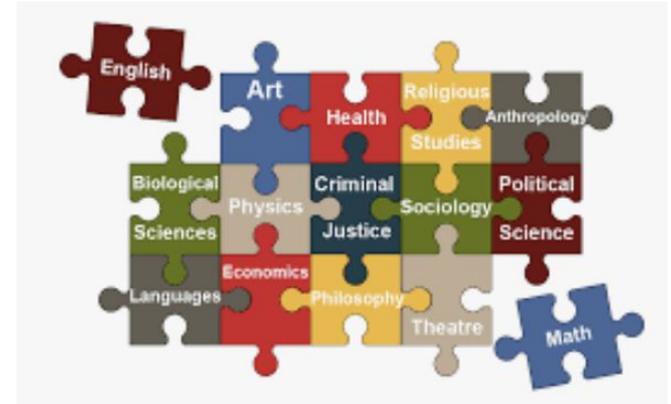
TIP: Don't appear in rankings (as they are undergraduate-only) but don't discount them if they fall into your 'best fit' category

## Examples include:

- Williams College
- Amherst College
- Swarthmore College
- Pomona College
- Wellesley College
- Bowdoin College
- United States Naval Academy
- Claremont McKenna College

# What will I study in a Liberal Arts degree?

- Liberal arts spans every discipline - natural sciences, sciences, humanities.....
- Students choose to 'major' in one or two fields, usually at the end of their second year
- Study programmes are usually made up of  $\frac{1}{3}$  common curriculum,  $\frac{1}{3}$  major ,  $\frac{1}{3}$  electives.
- The programme is designed to allow students to gain a broad knowledge of various disciplines and across many different subjects (e.g. maths, sociology, Mandarin, chemistry, politics etc). The aim is to provide a **well-rounded education**.



# What if I *do* want to study a specific subject?

- Most 'top' universities are pretty strong in all subjects.
- You can also choose a university that specialises in the subject that you want to study.
  - ◆ These might be smaller and not appear in the overall rankings: you'll need to do some subject specific research.

**Engineering:** Stanford, Princeton, MIT, Columbia, Caltech, Georgia Institute of Technology (13th in the world of Engineering and Technology, 14% non-GA res) and Olin College (focus predominantly on Engineering, project-based, 13%).

**Fine Arts Schools:** The Cooper Union (half of all students who go there get some form of scholarship), 2nd best place for Art (specialise in Engineering and Art)

**Business:** taking a postgrad MBA (after completing undergraduate economics) is more usual in the US and less than half of US colleges have undergraduate business schools or offer business as a major. Exceptions are UC Berkeley has (7th best in US), the Stern Business School at New York University, or the Dyson School at Cornell.

**Political Science :** Georgetown (4th best in USA) based in Washington - internships in Capitol Hill

# Size and location of universities

The size and location of the institution you choose will have a direct impact on your daily life. Universities can range in size from a few hundred students to a tens of thousands of students, and are located across the US

For example:

**Amherst College:** 1,850 undergraduates, small campus, student faculty ratio of 7:1, small-town / rural setting

*COMPARED TO...*

**New York University:** 29,700 undergraduates, located in the centre of New York.

More information about different campuses:

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/usa/regions>



Nature reserve & trail on campus at Amherst College



Campus buildings in downtown New York

# Using Unifrog for research and making choices

- Introduction / background

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/usa/start>

- Regions: where to study?

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/usa/regions>

- Subjects: what to study?

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/usa/subjects>



## Aspirational (2)

Top of your range

 **University of Florida**  
 Florida  
SAT: 1,300 - 1,480 points

 **The University of Texas at Austin**  
 Texas  
SAT: 1,220 - 1,475 points

## Solid (16)

In the middle

 **University of Miami**  
 Florida  
SAT: 1,260 - 1,430 points

 **North Carolina State University at Raleigh**  
 North Carolina  
SAT: 1,240 - 1,415 points

 **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**  
 Virginia  
SAT: 1,180 - 1,390 points

 **Texas A & M University-College Station**  
 Texas  
SAT: 1,160 - 1,385 points

 **Florida Institute of Technology**  
 Florida  
SAT: 1,140 - 1,345 points

## Safer (2)

Lower end of your range

 **East Carolina University**  
 North Carolina  
SAT: 1,020 - 1,175 points

 **Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University**  
 Florida  
SAT: 1,030 - 1,155 points



# University of Florida



Florida



Aspirational



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## Academics

### Completion rate

88.25% (top 3rd)

### Subject rankings in your chosen subject area

31st in the US for Engineering (Niche)

### Top 5 subject rankings

6th in the US for Communications (Niche)

7th in the US for Kinesiology and Therapy (Niche)

12th in the US for Education (Niche)

14th in the US for Design (Niche)

16th in the US for Business (Niche)

### Most popular 5 majors

6.5% Business Administration and Management, General

3.4% Biology/Biological Sciences, General

3.1% Psychology, General

3.1% Mechanical Engineering

2.7% Political Science and Government, General

### Overall rankings

30th in the US Overall (US News world report)

41st most popular in the US Overall (Princeton Review)

154th in the world Overall (THE)

173rd in the world Overall (QS)

## Getting in

### SAT / ACT 25th-75th percentile

1,300 - 1,480 / 29 - 33

### GPA average

3.88

### Application success rate

36.57% (bottom 3rd)

### % admitted who enroll

42.21% (top 3rd)

### SAT/ACT requirement

Check their site

### Most selective

Not ranked in 100 most selective

### Early decision

No

### Early action

No

### Application deadline

1 March

### Application fee

Yes, \$30

### Other academic requirements

transcript of high school record required. written essay or personal statement required. other requirements required for some students.

### Majors offered matching your search

Construction Engineering Technology/Technician

Annual living costs off campus  
\$13,980

Average starting salary  
\$55,485

Full or partial fee waiver for minority students  
No

## Students say...

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The University of Florida combines a classic collegiate campus with a modern and innovative spirit. First, the UF campus is absolutely beautiful with historical brick education halls and centuries old Oak trees. New buildings on campus are built with unique and complimentary architecture and consider environmental impacts to the campus. The educational spirit on UF is one of excellence where students are trained in traditional histories of subjects but also encouraged to think about them differently and become innovators in their subject matter. Campus life is some of the best around both on campus and in the surrounding blocks. Gainesville, Fla supports the university and provides an approachable small town college feel. And don't forget GameDay. There's nothing like a Gator game in the Swamp!



# Fees, costs and financial aid

- Costs are a major consideration when thinking about studying in the US. Fees can be up to \$80,000 per year or more; more often around \$40,000 - 50,000 per year.
- **It is up to each student / applicant to research their own situation and make informed decisions about applying to specific courses and institutions**
- Every university sets its own fees, has its own financial aid admissions policy and its own way of offering financial assistance. There will be 'family contribution calculator' on all college websites.
- Note also that your **residence status / nationality** will be important as different rules are often in place for international students compared to US ones.
- **Needs Blind universities** = the financial resources of applicants *are not* taken into account when considering applications. Successful applicants *may* be offered a financial aid package.
  - This group includes some very high ranking institutions: MIT, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Amherst.
- **Needs Aware universities** = the financial resources of the applicant *will* be taken into account in the assessment process
  - There are seven need-aware colleges offering full financial aid, including: Caltech, Swarthmore.



# Fees, costs and funding: other funding sources

Various scholarships and other funding sources are available, but note they are highly competitive and generally granted to exceptional candidates:

US-based funding: Robertstown Scholarship, Courage to Grow, Dr Pepper Giveaway, [Scholarship Points scheme](#). For all US-based schemes **check the eligibility criteria carefully** as many are restricted to US citizens and / or residents.

## [Applying for scholarships as an international student](#)

[Sports scholarships](#): if you excel in a sport, you may be able to qualify for a sports scholarship at your chosen university.

Private scholarships.



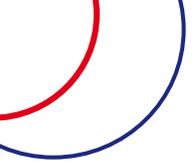
# Are you planning to apply to the US ?

- Send an email to [university@csianglo.org](mailto:university@csianglo.org) and **tell us about your plans**. The earlier you can do this, the better we can help you! Ideally, **we need to hear from you before the end of 1ère**.
- Decide if you are going to sit **standard tests** (SATs) and start researching the dates and courses (the UG team encourage students to sit some sort of standardised test if studying in the US is the DREAM)
- Know the **deadlines** - usually students apply through Common App, with deadlines as early as October 2023 for courses starting in September 2024.
  - You apply either through the Common App or directly to the institution
  - Deadlines will depend whether you apply as **Early Action, Early Decision or Regular Decision**



# Applying to universities in Canada





# Thinking of applying to Canada?

Canada has always been a popular destination for our students:

- **Fees** - if you are a French national you may be eligible for lower fees from certain institutions (McGill university, for example).
- French speakers / **bilingual** students will feel at home, especially in Quebec. Canada as a whole is officially bilingual, English-French.
- **Experience** - the North American campus experience at a fraction of the price compared to US universities
- Excellent **student life** - three of the top 'student cities' are Montréal, Toronto and Vancouver.



# Global university rankings 2023 - Canadian Universities

Canadian universities include some of the best in the world.

Global Ranking	Institution
26	University of Toronto
=27	McGill University
46	University of British Columbia
111	University of Montréal
126	University of Alberta



# Applying to a faculty: admission requirements

Canadian universities are generally organised into different **faculties**, usually based around subjects e.g. Faculty of Education, Faculty of Science etc. When you apply, you will be applying to one (or more) specific faculty(ies) within the institution.

Each faculty sets its own admission requirements. These usually relate to:

- **specific subjects** that have been taken in 1ère and / or Terminale and;
- the **minimum requirements** (marks / 20) for each.

These are outlined on the admissions pages for each institution. Canadian universities are (usually) very familiar with the French baccalauréat.

Example of admissions requirements, from McGill

- + Nursing
- + Religious Studies
- Science

## MINIMUM PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS (Bac 2021)

- Spécialité mathématiques (in première and in terminale)
- Two sciences in première, minimum of either:
  - Spécialité SVT and spécialité physique/chimie, **OR**
  - Spécialité physique/chimie

## PREREQUISITES (previous Bac)

- Série S

## Last Year's Cut-Offs

Biological, Biomedical and Life Sciences Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overall average 16/20;</li><li>• 15 in each math and science</li></ul>
Bio-Physical-Computational Sciences Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overall average 16/20;</li><li>• 15 in each math and science</li></ul>
Physical, Earth, Math and Computer Sciences Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overall average 16/20;</li><li>• 15 in each math and science</li></ul>

# Using UNIFROG to research your choices

- Log on to Unifrog
- Click on Canadian Universities
- Type in your subject keywords - business, biology, history etc.

Western Canada (58)	Central and Northern Canada (50)	Atlantic Canada (19)
<p><b>Campus</b> University of British Columbia (UBC)</p>	<p><b>Campus</b> University of Windsor</p>	<p><b>The Gerald Schwartz School of Business - Antigonish Campus</b> St Francis Xavier University (StFX)</p>
<p><b>Dhillon School of Business - Calgary Campus</b> University of Lethbridge</p>	<p><b>DeGroot School of Business - Hamilton Campus</b> McMaster University</p>	<p><b>Faculty of Arts - Fredericton Campus</b> University of New Brunswick (UNB)</p>
<p><b>School of Business - Kelowna Campus</b> Okanagan College</p>	<p><b>John Molson School of Business - Sir George Williams Campus</b> Concordia University</p>	<p><b>Shannon School of Business - Sydney Campus</b> Cape Breton University (CBU)</p>
<p><b>School of Education - Lacombe Campus</b> Burman University</p>	<p><b>John Molson School of Business - Loyola Campus</b> Concordia University</p>	<p><b>Faculty of Science - Halifax Campus</b> Saint Mary's University (SMU)</p>
<p><b>Dhillon School of Business - Lethbridge Campus</b> University of Lethbridge</p>	<p><b>School of Business - Ottawa Campus</b> Algonquin College</p>	<p><b>Faculty of Business - St John's Campus</b> Memorial University of Newfoundland</p>
<p><b>Information Technology - Vancouver Campus</b> Fairleigh Dickinson University, Vancouver</p>	<p><b>Rotman School of Management - St. George Campus</b> University of Toronto</p>	<p><b>Faculty of Business - Grenfell Campus</b> Memorial University of Newfoundland</p>
<p><b>Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration - Coquitlam Campus</b> Douglas College</p>	<p><b>Faculty of Science - Waterloo Campus</b> University of Waterloo</p>	<p><b>Faculty of Health - Studley Campus</b> Dalhousie University</p>
<p><b>Peter B. Gustavson School of Business - Victoria Campus</b> University of Victoria</p>	<p><b>Faculty of Social Sciences - London Campus</b> Western University</p>	<p><b>Faculty of Health - Carleton Campus</b> Dalhousie University</p>
<p><b>School of Business - Calgary Campus</b> Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT)</p>	<p><b>Faculty of Liberal Arts &amp; Professional Studies - Keele Campus</b> York University</p>	<p><b>Faculty of Social Sciences - Sackville Campus</b> Mount Allison University</p>
	<p><b>Faculty of Business - North Campus</b> Humber College</p>	<p><b>Faculty of Professional Studies -</b></p>



[Faculty page](#) [Website](#) [Scholarships](#) [Finance page](#)

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## Faculty facts

Programs / majors available

Accountancy, Business Technology Management, Economics, Finance, Human Resource Management, International Business, Management, Marketing, Supply Chain Operations Management, Administration

Work placements / co-op  
Optional

Start months  
September, January

International students  
17%

Description

### Description

The John Molson School of Business provides an engaging learning and research environment that inspires us to go beyond the commonplace for the development of business and society.

### Average annual fees

CAD\$28,650

## Getting in

### Application deadline

February 1 for Fall entry; September 1 for Winter entry

### International entry requirements

Admission to JMSB is strictly based on previous academic performance. Applicants are generally admissible if they achieve an overall average grade of B or equivalent, with a B in Math. You can find equivalents or the requirements for your country / type of qualification here: [website link](#)

### English proficiency requirements

If your primary language is not English you will need to prove your English proficiency, regardless of your citizenship. The following scores are accepted for direct entry: - TOEFL iBT: Score 90 or higher, with a minimum combined score of 34 for speaking and writing; - IELTS (Academic) score of 7 or higher, no component score under 5.5; - CAEL minimum overall score 70 with no part under 50; - Cambridge C1 Advanced and C2 Proficiency: min. score 190 with no part under 165; - Minimum overall PTE academic score of 61 with a minimum of 46 in speaking and writing. There are alternative proofs of proficiency listed here: [website link](#)

## University facts

### QS world rank

521-530

### Times world rank

601-800

### Full-time undergrads

37,272

### International students

21.4%

### University description

Concordia University is among the largest urban universities in Canada and among the top-ranked universities founded within the last 50 years worldwide. We're a next-generation university, one that reimagines the future of higher education on a continual basis. Located in the vibrant and multicultural city of Montreal, Concordia is among the most innovative universities in its approach to experiential learning, research and online education.



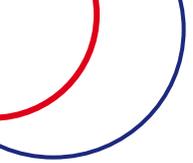
# Fees & funding considerations

## Scholarships

- Most institutions will offer some sort of scholarships.
- These are **fiercely** competitive but are worth applying for.
  - NB. for McGill you apply for the scholarship AFTER you have been accepted.

When thinking about costs, remember to budget for the cost of **meal packages** / **accommodation** on campus: most students will live on campus for their first year at least.





# Applications and deadlines

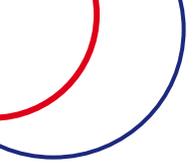
Applying is fairly straightforward: in most cases applications can be done online, directly through the websites of individual institutions.

Applicants are judged on their academic record to date.

Deadlines are usually from mid-January but most students would apply once they have their first *bulletin* from Tle. Students usually start get responses from sometime in February but could be waiting to hear until April.

If you are thinking of applying please let us know by sending an email to [university@csianglo.org](mailto:university@csianglo.org)





# Summary & Questions

- 1ère students: please get in touch with the University Guidance service **before the end of the 1ère** if you are planning to apply to either the US or Canada.
- Use Unifrog to do your own research, narrow down your choices and find out more about fees & funding.

**Any Questions?**

