



## *Discovering Montreal, Canada*

**May 25 – 31, 2014**



This study abroad program is coordinated by the Northern Illinois University Study Abroad Office (SAO), in cooperation with the NIU's University Honors Program, Division of International Programs, Office of the Vice Provost, and College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. The program will be delivered at and with the assistance of the Université de Montréal (University of Montreal).

**PROGRAM DATES:** The program will officially begin on Sunday, May 25, 2014 in Montreal with a welcome dinner early in the evening, and will end late in the day Saturday, May 31, 2014. Students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements in order to arrive in Montreal by the afternoon of Sunday, May 25, 2014 and to depart Montreal early in the day on Sunday, June 1, 2014. In order to ensure sufficient time for check in at Le Studio Hotel, students should plan on arriving no later than 3:00 p.m. on May 25 at Trudeau airport.

There will be two pre-departure meetings in person in April and/or early May 2014. Each of these sessions will last two hours and serve as an introduction to foreign travel and study, Canada, the City of Montreal, and the educational program to be delivered in Montreal in late May and early June. There may be a class meeting in person following the program in Montreal.

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR:** Dr. Anne L. Birberick, Vice Provost in the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost also holds an appointment of Associate Professor of French in the Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures. She joined the NIU faculty in 1992 and has taught diverse French courses in subjects ranging from 17<sup>th</sup>-century literature to fairy tales to theater to translation studies to Francophone literature. In spring 2013, Dr. Birberick taught an Honors Seminar entitled "French Kissing: Love, Marriage and Friendship in France." She has spent time in Montreal and is familiar with the cultural diversity of the city.

Accompanying Dr. Birberick will be Dr. Melissa Adams-Campbell, Assistant Professor of English in the Department of English. Dr. Adams-Campbell received her PhD from Indiana University. Her research interests include work on Frances Brooke who wrote the first Canadian novel, *The History of Emily Montague*, Quebec history, and the cultural notion of "American-ness." She has spent time in Montreal.

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW/OBJECTIVES:** The primary purpose of this program is to introduce students to the richness of Canadian culture as it is manifested in the beautiful, international city of Montreal. This major metropolitan center enjoys a distinctly French Canadian identity, strong

Canadian English influences, and a truly global character as represented by its considerable ethnic, linguistic, and religious diversity.

**IMPORTANT: Knowledge of French is NOT necessary to participate in this program. Classes, lectures, and field trips will be conducted in English. The city of Montreal is bilingual (English and French), so participants will most likely hear French spoken.**

This short-term study abroad experience will introduce participants to five areas of Montreal life as a city: (1) art and architecture, (2) government and politics (with attention to history and culture), (3) healthcare, (4) business community, and (5) sport or recreation. The program is intended to be both fun and educational with one of the goals being to excite University Honors students early on about the value of study abroad.

**PROGRAM SITE:** The program will take place in Montreal, Canada. Montreal is the second largest city in Canada, the largest city in the Canadian province of Quebec, and the second largest French-speaking city in the world after Paris, France. It is Canada's center for French language film, television, radio, theatre, and print publishing. With its world class museums, tradition of producing jazz and rock music, many festivals, professional sports, great restaurants, diverse peoples and neighborhoods, and other attractions, Montreal has been labeled "Canada's Cultural Capital." It has also been designated a "City of Design" by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, because of its many historic buildings, diverse architecture styles, impressive churches, and public artwork. In addition, Montreal is a major center of commerce, finance, industry, and global affairs. The city possesses the world's largest inland port and is headquarters to a number of large companies and international organizations. Lastly, Montreal is a major transportation hub, home to four universities, and plays a central role in the political life of the province of Quebec.



Source: <http://www.destination360.com/north-america/canada/montreal>

**HOST INSTITUTION:** This program will be delivered through an educational partnership with the Université de Montréal, which is considered one of the top French-speaking universities in the world. Founded in 1878, the Université de Montréal is the second largest university in Canada. "Situated on the northern slope of Mount Royal, the Université de Montréal boasts an exceptional natural setting. Combining green space and modern architecture, the campus is steeped in the great tradition of North American universities. With over 30 buildings, some of which are connected by an underground network, the campus is dominated by the majestic Art-Deco tower of the Roger-Gaudry Building-a distinctive feature of Montreal's unique silhouette. Côte-des-Neiges, one of the city's most cosmopolitan and vibrant districts, offers the university community a wide range of shops and services, including a cultural centre, bookstores, boutiques, restaurants and cafes." <http://www.umontreal.ca/english/overview/overview.html>

**HIGHLIGHTS:** The program will include daily afternoon excursions, each of which reflects that morning's lecture topic. Students will visit the Pointe-à-Callières museum, the Notre Dame Basilica, St. Joseph's Oratory, the Old Port, and the Moment Factory. There will be an guided architectural walking tour through specific Montreal neighborhoods. In addition, students will visit several Montreal metro stops to learn about the art that is displayed there as well as have the opportunity to sample dishes specific to the region such as *poutine* and the delicious pastry called *queue de castor*. Depending upon schedules and availability, evening cultural outings may be made available.

**PROGRAM AUDIENCE:** Space is limited and qualified applicants will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis. The program is open to undergraduates from any college and major who currently hold freshmen or sophomore status at NIU and are members of the University Honors Program. Students who hold junior status may also be considered. Eligible students must be in good standing within the University Honors Program.



Source: [http://www.aujardinfanny.com/montreal\\_en.html](http://www.aujardinfanny.com/montreal_en.html)

**INSTRUCTION METHOD:** Prior to leaving for Montreal, students will attend two meetings on NIU's campus with Dr. Birberick and Dr. Adams-Campbell. Readings and assignments about Montreal will be provided in advance of these sessions and will serve as the basis for discussion. Special arrangements may be available for students not within traveling distance to NIU. While in Montreal, students will attend morning lectures given by Université de Montréal faculty. Each lecture will be followed with an afternoon excursion based upon the lecture. Dr. Birberick will also hold daily sessions in order to allow the students to discuss what they have learned. Upon returning to the United States, students may be expected to attend a final class meeting on NIU's campus. Again, special arrangements may be available for students not within traveling distance.

Assignments will include: daily journal while in Montreal, a small group project while in Montreal, and a substantial final written project (9-10 pages) upon return. Individual guidance will be provided for the development of the final project. Students will be expected to prepare readings in advance and participate in all academic-related activities. Grading will be based upon a point system and use the plus/minus grading scale.

**PROGRAM ACADEMIC CREDIT:** For satisfactory participation in the program, participants will receive 3 semester hours of undergraduate credit in one of the following NIU courses.

#### UNDERGRADUATE CREDIT:

##### ILAS 290 - Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies

3 semester hours

Use of concepts, methods, and objectives of two or more disciplines to explore selected problems and issues. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 semester hours when topic varies.

**Prerequisite:** None

ILAS 399 - Topics in Liberal Arts and Sciences	3 semester hours
Varied honors topics in the Liberal Arts and Sciences that are interdisciplinary in nature or can be fruitfully approached from multiple disciplinary perspectives. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 semester hours as the topic varies. <b>Prerequisite: None</b>	

**By completing the selected course – ILAS 290 or ILAS 399 – University Honors students can satisfy the Honors Seminar requirement for Upper Division Honors.**

**APPLICATION AND ADMISSION PROCEDURES:** The program is open to undergraduates from any college and major who currently hold freshmen, sophomore or junior status at NIU and are members of the University Honors Program. Eligible students must be in good standing within the University Honors Program.

Students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing at the time of application. Students who are on academic or disciplinary probation are not eligible to participate in study abroad programs. **Applicants must participate in the entire program and satisfy NIU undergraduate or graduate admission and course requirements.**



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<http://www.world66.com/northamerica/canada/quebec/montreal/lib/gallery/showimage?pic=northamerica/canada/quebec/montreal/montreal%20canadas>

Students cannot have any encumbrances against their NIU records. Any encumbrances placed on a student's records by NIU (i.e., the Graduate School, Undergraduate Admissions, Bursar's Office, Accounts Receivable, Registration and Records, Health Services, Parking Services, etc.) must be cleared before a student is granted admission to a study abroad program.

For undergraduate students to be admitted to the program, an applicant's official transcript must be on file in the NIU Study Abroad Office. Students who are currently enrolled at NIU, or who have previously enrolled at NIU, do not need to request an official transcript; the Study Abroad Office will make this request on behalf of the applicant. Questions relating to the admission requirements or transcripts should be directed to the Study Abroad Office.

**APPLICATION:** Click [Discovering Montreal, Canada](#) or visit the NIU Study Abroad Office website at <https://niu.studioabroad.com> and search for "Canada" or "Discovering Montreal, Canada" to begin the online application process for this program. The online process provides guidance on requesting information, advising, or applying for the program. Please note that at the time of application, applicants will be expected to submit a signature verification form and copy of their ID to the Study Abroad Office. More detailed instructions can be found on the <https://niu.studioabroad.com> website or by contacting the Study Abroad Office at (815) 753-0700 or [niuabroad@niu.edu](mailto:niuabroad@niu.edu).



**\$200 APPLICATION FEE/DEPOSIT:** A \$200 application fee/deposit is required of all applicants. The \$200 is broken down into \$100 for the non-refundable application fee and \$100 for a program deposit. Both the application fee and the deposit will be applied to the total balance of the program cost. The \$100 deposit is refundable only if the participant withdraws prior to the withdrawal deadline indicated on the program materials or for medical reasons verified by a physician if the withdrawal takes place after the withdrawal deadline.

The \$200 application fee/deposit will be charged to NIU students' NIU Bursar's account. (Checks and money orders cannot be accepted from NIU students.) Non-NIU students must submit a check or money order in the amount of \$200. More detailed instructions regarding the application fee/deposit can be found on the seminar application website.

**IMPORTANT** – All applications will be categorized as “Pending – No Deposit” until the \$200 application fee/deposit has been received (or, in the case of non-NIU students, once a check has been received). The Study Abroad Office will not consider or process applications without the \$200 application fee/deposit. In order to reserve your place in the program you must submit the \$200 deposit within 14 days of application. After 14 days applications without a deposit will be inactivated.

<b>APPLICATION DEADLINE:</b> March 28, 2014
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**ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS:** Participants will reside in a single room in residence halls at the Université de Montréal. Breakfast and lunch will be provided daily throughout the period of residency (May 26 – May 31) along with a welcome dinner on May 25 and a farewell dinner on May 31. Dinners are not included in the program cost.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Individuals will be responsible for making their own air travel arrangements between the United States and Montreal, Canada and for purchasing their tickets from a travel agent or airline of their choice. (Travel insurance is recommended.) Participants should keep in mind that in order to arrive in Montreal in time for the official beginning of the program, they should plan to depart the United States no later than the morning or early afternoon of Sunday, May 25, 2014. **All participants are expected to be at the Université de Montréal residence hall location by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 25, 2014.**

**Important** - The Study Abroad Office advises all participants that flight reservations for this program should not be booked until:

- a. After the March 28, 2014 application deadline  
**AND**
- b. The SAO has accepted the minimum number of participants (8) needed to operate this program  
**AND**
- c. They have received direct notice from the program director that it is now a good time to book an airline reservation.

This advisory is given so that participants do not find themselves financially responsible for airline tickets should it be necessary to cancel the program. (See section entitled, **CANCELLATION OF THE PROGRAM.**)

Dr. Birberick will be at the Montreal airport to assist with the ground transportation to the university. You will be asked to provide her with your flight information so she knows when to expect you.

**LAND TRANSPORTATION:** All program-related ground transportation will be provided. This may include: buses, Montreal metro system, and taxis. (Refer to the *Tentative Daily Schedule* for specific details regarding other program-related transportation.)

**PASSPORT: --IMPORTANT--** All participants are required to possess a valid passport by April 15, 2014. Important Note: U.S. passports must be valid SIX months beyond the intended stay overseas. Individuals who do not currently possess a valid passport should apply for one immediately upon acceptance into the program. After April 15, 2014 applicants may need to request expedited services or apply in person at the Chicago Passport Agency. If applicants are not within the Chicago area, they must apply at the nearest passport agency.) Information on acquiring a U.S. passport is available at the U.S. State Department's website: [http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html). Foreign passport holders may need special visas for travel and are responsible for obtaining all necessary visas.



**VISA:** A visa is not required for U.S. citizens traveling to Canada.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IDENTITY CARD:** The International Student Identity Card is optional and can be purchased through the NIU Study Abroad Office. The International Student Identity Card also includes a limited health and accident insurance policy which is only valid outside the U.S. Students will have to pay bills at the time of treatment and will be reimbursed later.



**PASSPORT AND ISIC PHOTOS:** You may have your passport and/or ISIC photo(s) taken in the NIU Study Abroad Office. Photos are \$3.00 for the first photo and \$2.00 for each photo after that. After the first two photos, photos must be purchased in multiples of two. Photos are usually developed while you wait. Study Abroad Office hours are 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (closed over the lunch hour) and 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.



**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS/VACCINATIONS:** There are no special health requirements or immunizations associated with travel to Canada.

**NIU MAJOR MEDICAL INSURANCE:** NIU Student health insurance is required for participation in an NIU study abroad program. Participants not currently enrolled in the NIU Major Medical Insurance Plan will be enrolled by the Study Abroad Office. The NIU Major Medical Insurance Plan has a \$250 deductible clause. Students requiring medical attention will be expected to pay any related costs and then file a claim with the NIU Student Insurance Office after returning to the States.

**NIU PROGRAM COST:** The program cost pays for the following cost related services:

- 1) Single bed accommodations in university residence hall and two meals daily (breakfast and lunch) while the group is in Canada
- 2) Welcome and farewell dinners
- 2) Program-related land transportation in Canada
- 4) Lectures by Université de Montréal faculty experts
- 5) Admission fees to cultural and historical sites visited as part of the daily schedule
- 6) NIU undergraduate credit
- 8) NIU major medical insurance

**PROGRAM COST: \$1,900**

All prices quoted are subject to change. The information contained in the program documents and forms is presented in good faith and is believed to be correct as of the date presented. Northern Illinois University reserves the right to amend, modify, revise, or delete any information appearing in these documents, including but not limited to the cost of the program.

Non-NIU students should consult with their home institutions regarding additional costs that may apply to study abroad. Non-NIU students are responsible for any study abroad charges imposed by their home institution.

**ADDITIONAL COSTS TO PARTICIPANTS:**

- Airfare
- Most dinners
- Cost of acquiring a passport (approximately \$130, including two passport pictures).
- Passport size photos.
- Additional costs associated with obtaining a visa for non-U.S. passport holders.
- \$40 Undergraduate application fee for non-NIU undergraduate students.
- Independent travel and visa costs associated with independent travel.
- Expenses for free-time pursuits and purchases of a personal nature.

**Students will not be expected to purchase books for this study abroad course experience.**

**FINANCIAL AID:** As a participant in a study abroad program through NIU, applicants may be eligible for: Pell Grant, SEOG, Perkins Loan, PLUS Loan, Subsidized or Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, MAP Award or your privately awarded scholarship with consent of awarding organization. Please contact Pamela Rosenberg, International Programs Business Manager, Williston Hall 407, (815) 753-9530, [prosenberg@niu.edu](mailto:prosenberg@niu.edu) for more information.

**PROVOST'S TRAVEL GRANT FOR STUDY ABROAD TRAVEL GRANTS:** University Honors students participating in the "Discover Montreal, Canada" study abroad program are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 travel grant to cover costs associated with airfare or the program itself. Applications for the travel grants will be available in the Study Abroad Office, the University Honors Office or online at [Provost's Travel Grant for Honors Students](#).

**WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PROGRAM:** Applicants withdrawing from the program after March 28, 2014 will not be refunded the \$200 program deposit.

Applicants withdrawing from the program after this date will also be held accountable for any funds obligated to overseas vendors and agents on the applicant's behalf. This provision is in effect even if the applicant has not submitted the \$200 deposit or additional payments, and if the applicant is applying for financial aid.

If the applicant must withdraw after March 28, 2014 for medical reasons, funds obligated on their behalf to overseas vendors can only be refunded if:

- 1) The request is submitted to the Study Abroad Office in writing and accompanied by a signed statement stating that travel is not advised from a physician on the physician's letterhead; **and**
- 2) NIU is able to obtain refunds from overseas vendors and agents.

**CANCELLATION OF THE PROGRAM:** The Study Abroad Office reserves the right to cancel this program if the minimum required enrollment is not attained. If, prior to the commencement of the program, a U.S. State Department Travel Warning is issued for Canada, all applicants will be notified promptly of the warning and the possibility of cancellation of the program. If, during the course of the program, a U.S. State Department Travel Warning is issued for Canada, students will be promptly notified of the warning and the advisability of canceling the program.

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER  
OR CANCEL THIS PROGRAM AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY!**



Source: <http://www.viator.com/tours/Montreal/Montreal-City-Guided-Sightseeing-Tour/d625-3355C1>



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