

INFORMATION SHEET BBA PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND STUDENT MOBILITY

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EXPERIENCE HEC MONTRÉAL

HEC Montréal, the affiliated Business School of the Université de Montréal, is a French university offering internationally renowned management education and research in French, English and Spanish.

In HEC Montréal's modern, dynamic and wired environment, every single detail, even the architecture, has been carefully considered to make learning and growing as individuals easier for students. Committed to sustainable development on all fronts, HEC Montréal and its faculty are eager to pass on sound values to tomorrow's managers.

At HEC Montréal, students benefit from a quality education known for its pragmatic approach and relevance in today's world. Our professors love to teach, but above all, they love seeing students succeed. That's why they promote dynamic learning based on practice and exchanges: blogs, wikis and Internet-based micro-sites are a few of the many learning tools used, which also include simulations, debates, role-playing, hands-on work, case studies and oral presentations.

Coming to HEC Montréal is an opportunity to take advantage of a stimulating learning environment and to experience Montreal, one of North America's most creative and welcoming cities.

Montreal is the 6th world's best student city for international students, according to a study by the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Institute (2019).

[About HEC Montréal](#)



HEC Montréal—Campus Côte-Sainte-Catherine

HEC MONTRÉAL INTERNATIONAL

27% of the student body is made of international students and permanent residents from 155 countries. **47%** of HEC Montréal faculty professors are from overseas.

More than 500 exchange students from 141 partner institutions in 44 countries/regions enjoy HEC Montréal academic experience and Montreal cultural activities every year.

[Ashoka U's first Francophone Changemaker Campus](#)

TRIPLE CROWN

HEC Montréal's excellence in business teaching and research is recognized worldwide.

The School was the first in North America to be awarded the three most prestigious international accreditations in its field: AMBA, AACSB International and EQUIS.



EDUCATION SYSTEM

QUEBEC EDUCATION SYSTEM

In Canada, there is no integrated national system of education. Post-secondary education is the responsibility of provincial and territorial governments.

In the province of Quebec, post-secondary studies are partly done in college and in university. Students from outside Quebec will complete the BBA program in 4 years (1-year preparatory plus 3-year BBA program).

EDUCATION LEVELS	STUDENTS FROM QUEBEC (YEARS)	STUDENTS FROM OUTSIDE QUEBEC (YEARS)
Elementary	6	6
Secondary	5	6
University College	2	
University (BBA Preparatory Year)	0	1
University (BBA Program)	3	3
Undergraduate Studies – Bachelor Diploma	16 years of studies	
University (MSc Program)	2	2
Graduate Studies – Master Diploma	18 years of studies	
University (PhD Program)	4	4
Graduate Studies – Doctorate Diploma	22 years of studies	

ECTS EQUIVALENCE

HEC Montréal uses a credit-unit based system. Each academic year has a weight of 30 credits / 60 ECTS.

BBA PROGRAM	CUMULATIVE UNITS (CREDITS)	CUMULATIVE UNITS (ECTS)
Last year of University College	30	60
Preparatory year		
1st year	60	120
2nd year	90	180
3rd year (final year)	120	240



ACADEMIC INFORMATION

STUDYING IN THE BBA PROGRAM

BBA courses are offered in different and sometimes mixed formats: lectures, case studies, class discussions, simulations, seminar, etc.

The BBA is intended as a full-time program and classes are offered mainly during the day-time and week days. Class size is usually about 60 students.

WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

Each course has a weight of 3 credits (6 ECTS). Local students take 15 credits (30 ECTS) per semester; a minimum of 12 credits (24 ECTS) is required to be considered a full-time student.

A 3-credits course consists of 45 contact hours and an additional 90 hours of personal work for a total of 135 hours.

Workload for exchange students to comply with HEC Montréal regulations:

- > Minimum: 12 credits (4 courses, may include 1 language course)
- > Maximum: 18 credits (5 business courses plus 1 language course)

Note:

- > No more than 5 business courses are allowed per semester
- > No more than 1 language course is allowed per semester

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Languages of instruction at HEC Montréal are French, English and Spanish.

For business courses given in French:

- > Textbooks in English are sometimes used
- > Exams can be written in English upon the teacher's approval

Students are not required to demonstrate any language proficiency.

As indication only, refer to the recommended scores in the chart beside.

EXAMS AND TRANSCRIPTS

No retakes nor rescheduling of mid-semester or final exams allowed.

Transcripts are sent to the home institution approximately 6 weeks after the semester.

EVALUATION AND GRADING SYSTEM

Each course has its own means of evaluation.

Grading of courses and other evaluated learning activities is done by a letter system, with each letter corresponding to a numerical value according to the scale presented beside.



SPECIALIZATIONS

- > Applied Economics
- > Applied economics, Finance, and mathematics
- > Business Analysis
 - Information Technologies
- > Business Analytics
- > Business Intelligence
- > Entrepreneurship
- > Finance
- > Human Resources Management
- > International Business
- > Logistics & Operations Management
- > Management
- > Marketing
- > Professional Accounting
- > Project management
- > Sustainable development management

ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE LEVEL	RECOMMENDED SCORE
ENGLISH	
TOEFL Internet Based Test (IBT)	72—94
IELTS	5.5—6.5
FRENCH	
TFI	750—845

BBA NUMERICAL VALUE / MARK	EVALUATION
4.3 / A+	Exceptional
4.0 / A 3.7 / A-	Excellent
3.3 / B+ 3.0 / B 2.7 / B-	Very good
2.3 / C+ 2.0 / C	Good
1.7 / C- 1.3 / D+ 1.0 / D	Fair
0.0 / E	Fail

CALENDARS

[Our academic year](#) is divided into three semesters: Fall, Winter and Summer.

The Summer Semester is not open to exchange students.

EXCHANGE KEY DATES	FALL 2021	WINTER 2022
Semester Period	August 28 – December 21	January 5 – April 30
Nomination Period for Partners	March 1 – May 1	March 1 – October 1
Admission Letters	Online End of April	Online End of September
Application Period for Students	May 1 – 15	October 1 – 15
Course Registration	June 9 – 21	November 3 – 15
Orientation	August 25 – 26	January 3
BBA mid-semester exams	October 20 – 26	February 23, March 1st
BBA reading week	October 27 – November 2	March 2 – 8
BBA final exams	December 8 – 21	April 13 – 30

SCHOOL CLOSURE	
September 6, 2021	Labor Day
October 11, 2021	Thanksgiving
December 22, 2021 – January 2, 2022	Holidays
April 15 – 18, 2022	Easter

ADMISSION PROCESS

[Admission Website](#)

EXCHANGE PERIOD

Nominations may be done for one semester or one full year.

Students cannot extend their stay once arrived in Canada.

NOMINATION PERIOD

Fall semester (or full year):

March 1 – May 1, 2021

Winter semester:

March 1 – October 1, 2021

For full-year nominations starting in January or difficulties respecting our deadlines, contact us.

ONLINE NOMINATION

Partners must complete the online nomination via [HEC en ligne](#).

Partner User ID and Password: previously provided.

A nomination guideline will be sent to partners prior to the nomination period.

ADMISSION LETTERS

Upon nomination:

Students will receive a confirmation of admission and information on application by email.

Students will be able to upload their Admission letter via [HEC en ligne](#)

STUDENT APPLICATION PERIOD

Fall semester:

May 1 to May 15, 2021

Winter semester:

October 1 to October 15, 2021

STUDENT ONLINE APPLICATION

Students must complete the online application via [HEC en ligne](#).

No documents required.

User IDs and passwords are directly sent to students.

[For procedures](#)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For 1 semester (less than 6 months)

Depending on students citizenship, a [visitor visa \(temporary resident visa\)](#) or [an Electronic Travel Authorization \(eTA\)](#) is needed.

For 2 semesters (more than 6 months)

Students must apply for a [Quebec Acceptance Certificate \(CAQ\)](#) and a [Canadian Study Permit](#).

Depending on students citizenship, a [visitor visa \(temporary resident visa\)](#) or [an Electronic Travel Authorization \(eTA\)](#) is also needed.

[For more information](#)

Students must bring all their original documents.

COURSE REGISTRATION

[Registration Instructions](#)

REGISTRATION PERIOD

Fall semester:

June 9 to 21, 2021

Winter semester:

November 3 to 15, 2021

We recommend that students register as soon as the system opens since registration for courses is on a first come, first served basis.



BUSINESS COURSE OFFER

Course list for exchange students is available as of mid-May for the full academic year.

Updates are made prior to each semester.

[Course list for exchange students](#)

COURSE OUTLINES PREREQUISITES

Before registering for a course, students must make sure to meet the prerequisites.

[Refer to the course portal](#)

[Detailed syllabus](#)

BUSINESS LANGUAGE COURSES

For students wishing to improve their business language skills in French, English or Spanish, we offer:

Business French

6 levels: Novice to Advanced

Business English

4 levels: Intermediate to Expert

Business Spanish

5 levels: Beginner to Advanced

The course has a weight of 3 credits.

Only one language course per semester is allowed.

An Online Placement Test is required and must be taken during the course registration period.

MEDICAL & HEALTH INSURANCE

[HEC Montréal Health Insurance Website](#)

COMPULSORY HEC MONTRÉAL HEALTH PLAN

It is compulsory for all incoming exchange students to purchase the Sun Life Company Health Insurance Plan from HEC Montréal. The Health Insurance Plan covers prescription drugs, medical and hospital expenses. No other private health insurance plan is accepted.

Payment is required upon arrival by credit card or international bank card only (no cash accepted).

Cost*:

> \$367 CA for one semester

> \$590 CA for 2 semesters in the same academic year

**Subject to change without notice*

RECIPROCAL SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENTS

Citizen students of Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Luxemburg, Norway, Portugal, Romania and Sweden may be exempted from the compulsory HEC Montréal Health Plan by being covered by the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ).

To be eligible, students must have the nationality and residence of one of the countries listed above.

To validate their eligibility and for further information, students must refer to the [RAMQ website](#).

Prior to arrival, students must obtain the [required document](#) from their Country's Social Security.

Upon arrival, students must provide the document and follow further procedures. Once the process is completed, the compulsory premium will be waived.





ACCOMMODATION

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING— EXCLUSIVE OFFER FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

- > [Get Your Place](#)
- > [Student Flat](#)
- > [IRIE Location](#)

ASSISTANCE

- > [Housing](#) (Website)
- > [Housing for exchange students](#) (Facebook)
- > Logement@hec.ca (Email)



ORIENTATION

MANDATORY ORIENTATION

[Orientation Website](#)

Fall semester: August 25 - 26, 2021

Winter semester: January 3, 2022

Program

- > Official Welcome
- > Administrative Procedures
- > Campus Visit
- > Workshops: Arrival Information, Academic Expectations, Living in Montreal and Enjoying Winter (Winter semester only)

WELCOME ACTIVITIES

The student committee “HEChange” organizes fee-paying activities for exchange students. Although participation is on a voluntary basis, it is highly recommended.

For more information or to contact the student committee “HEChange”

[HEChange committee](#) (Facebook)

HEChange@hec.ca (Email)



LIVING EXPENSES

Average range from \$6,000 to \$7,000 CA per semester (4 months)

EXPENSES	AVERAGE COST (\$ CA)
Accommodation	3,000
Food	2,000
Local transportation	225
Personal expenses	1,000
Insurance	355
Total	6,580

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MOBILITY FAIR

During the Fall semester, HEC Montréal organizes a colorful and dynamic International Fair. We will ask your students to participate and be creative when representing their home university. Prior to the event, we will ask you to send supporting promotional material and encourage your students to actively participate.



LEARNING EXPEDITION ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DATA SCIENCE

LEAD PROGRAM

MORE THAN A COURSE, AN EXPERIENCE

LEAD is much more than a 10-days of classes and visits! By registering for this learning expedition in Montreal, you will visit one of the most vibrant ecosystems for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence on the planet.

[For more information](#)



LEARNING EXPEDITION PROGRAM

WHAT IS A LEARNING EXPEDITION

HEC Montréal can offer your students a customized short-term training programs that address the various themes of management in general, as well as the more specialized themes such as entrepreneurship, innovation and leadership sectors.

Each program consists of a series of professional development seminars in management intended for managers, executives or professionals. Two program formats are offered: open-enrolment and customized.

The program combines company visits, academic courses and conferences, simulation games and networking with our students. It is offered to undergraduate or graduate students. The costs related to the Learning Expedition vary according to the length of stay and the degree of personalization.

[For more information](#)

GUEST STUDENTS

WHAT IS A GUEST STUDENT

As our goal is to ensure that as many students as possible benefit from learning experiences abroad and become better citizens open to the world, your students are welcome to complete a semester (or year of study) at HEC Montréal, as a fee-paying guest student.

[BBA Guest students](#)

[MBA Guest students](#)

BENEFIT FROM OUR TOP EXPERTISE

- > Artificial intelligence
- > Business management and strategy
- > Circular economy
- > Corporate social responsibility
- > Data science
- > Digital transformation
- > Energy management
- > Entrepreneurship
- > Family business
- > Innovation
- > Management control and audit
- > Marketing
- > Sustainable development



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[School Website](#)
[Information for Partners
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[Security Website](#)
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LOCATED IN THE HEART OF MONTREAL

HEC Montréal is located right in the heart of Montreal, a dynamic university city that attracts top talent from around the world. Second in North America for the number of students per capita, it offers a stimulating environment for studies and research. It is also a vibrant metropolis, known worldwide for its tremendous variety of cultural activities, that will provide exchange students an exciting adventure along with an excellent educational experience.

New York, Boston, Toronto, Ottawa and other great North American cities are within a few hours.

LANGUAGES IN CANADA

Canada has two official languages: French and English. In the province of Quebec, French is the official language.

In Montreal, French and English speakers live side by side. Montreal is also a multiethnic city and therefore, multilingual.

[Montreal International](#)

MEDIA

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\(Video\)](#)

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