Pre-Arrival Webinar 102: Getting Ready for Montreal

International Students Office
Welcome to Concordia University
Our Agenda Today

- Prepare for your journey
  - Accommodations
  - Packing
  - Montreal Life

  Break (Q&A)

- Clearing Customs
- Airport Welcome Service
- Getting to Montreal
- To-do list
- Jetlag
Let’s get most out of our chat

- Chat Etiquette
  NOTE: any question specific to your situation should be sent to iso@concordia.ca
Accommodations in Montreal

- Arrange for temporary accommodations now
- Long-term housing
  - On-campus: Concordia residence
  - Off-Campus: start looking upon your arrival
Off-campus housing

- Research Montreal areas in advance
- Read p. 22-24 of the Guide on pricing and signing leases
- Attend workshops on Apartment Hunting Tips for International Students upon your arrival
Life in Montreal

- Safety
- Francophonie
- Weather
Start Packing

Remember:
- Canadian outlets are 100V/60W
- Pack prescriptions if you bring medication
- Pick clothes you wear the most
- Roll your clothing
- Adhere to airline standards
- Review what you can bring to Canada in terms of food, plants, animal related products, etc.
Start Packing

What might not be appropriate to bring?
- $10,000 or more
- Things that could be purchased here (toiletries)
- Winter items could be purchased here
Your Carry-on

- Spare change of clothes
- Immigration Documents
  - Passport
  - Offer of Admission from Concordia University
  - CAQ Approval Letter (electronic version)
  - Letter of Introduction
  - Evidence of sufficient funds for your studies in Canada
BREAK
Flight and Transit through another airport

- Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal
Clearing Customs

www.canadawelcomesyou.net/prohibited.html
Getting your Study Permit

- First Canadian airport (port of entry) your Study Permit is issued
- Check your Study Permit for:
  - Correct spelling of your biographical info
  - Whether it indicates if you are allowed to work off-campus

Make sure you do not leave the Canadian Immigration Office without your Study Permit in hand!
Accueil Plus-pronounced [akœj plys]
from August 10th until September 8th 2016

- Sign-up for this service – offers you streamlined procedures with the Canada Border Services Agency – Get your Study Permit printed faster!

- Advance registration is required – http://www.accueilplus.ca

- Visit the Accueil Plus information booth located in the international arrival hall – follow the signs
Getting to Montreal downtown

- To get downtown: 747 Bus or Taxi
747 Bus
Getting Around Montreal

- Metro, Buses (discounted prices on Opus cards)
- Bixi
Montreal Metro

Concordia Loyola Campus
Concordia Sir George William Campus
Shuttle Bus
Visit ISO (H-653)

- Attend WISE
- Open your immigration file
- Learn about Permanent Code
Who We Are
Jetlag

- Flight fatigue as a result of travel across time zones
  - Symptoms
  - Dealing with jetlag