



# Student Affairs and Services in Canada

International Study Visit in cooperation with  
the Canadian Association of College & University Student Services (CACUSS)

June 5 - 11, 2025

## PROGRAMME

*Last Update: Feb 24, 2025 / subject to change*

### Thursday, June 5, 2025

AM *Departure in Europe*

PM *Arrival in Montréal, transit to city, check-in to hotel and adjust*

20:00 *Informal Group dinner*

### Friday, June 6, 2025 – MONTREAL

9:00 Welcome of the European colleagues, introduction and expectations, orientation in the study visit and in the conference programme (moderated by DSW)

#### 10:00-17:00 **Campus Tours in Montréal**

The campus tour includes visits to different higher education institutions, that are representative of the student services system in Québec. The tour will allow for insights into student services facilities and for an exchange with student services staff in areas such as management of residence halls, student well-being and mental health, counselling services, social and cultural affairs, and international student support. The tour includes a lunch break on the way.

**Visit of [Dawson College](#)**, English-langue CEGEP

- Max Jones, Director of Student Services

What is a cégep, anyway? It's an acronym from the French term Collège d'enseignement general et professionnel, which means General and professional teaching college. In the Canadian province of Québec, this is a public school that provides the first level of post-secondary education. All of the pre-university and technical programs leading to a Diplôme d'études collégiales (DEC or Diploma of College Studies), are recognized by a sanctioned diploma issued by the Ministry of Higher Education. Attestations of college studies (AEC) are issued by cégeps.



Visit of [McGill University](#), large English-speaking research-intensive university (U15)

- Cara Piperni, Senior Director of Student Services
- Cindy Mancuso, Associate Dean of Students
- Lina Di Genova, Senior Director, Student Life and Learning

McGill University is one of Canada's best-known institutions of higher learning and one of the leading universities in the world. International students from more than 150 countries make up nearly 30% of McGill's student body (40,000 students) – the highest proportion of any Canadian research university.

Visit of [Université du Québec à Montréal \(UQAM\)](#)

- Jasmin Roy, Director of Services for Study Success and Student Life

UQAM is a largest (35,000 students) public French-language university in the province of Québec established in 1969 by the Quebec government.

19:00 Evening dinner in small groups or free time

### **Saturday, June 7, 2025 – MONTREAL**

*Free time / visit of the city of Montréal*

### **Sunday, June 8, 2024**

*AM flight to Halifax*

*PM arrival in Halifax, airport transfer, check-in to hotel, check-in to the conference*

[CACUSS Annual Conference](#)

*18:00-21:00 Attend the **Opening Reception** at the Canadian Museum of Immigration*

### **Monday, June 9, 2024 (Pentecost Monday) - HALIFAX**

Participate in the keynote, plenaries and workshops of the **annual conference of the [Canadian Association of College & University Student Services \(CACUSS\)](#)**, the biggest event in Canadian student services with approx. 800 participants in 80 sessions per day.

Venue: Halifax Convention Centre, 1650 Argyle Street, Halifax (Nova Scotia)

**Conference Theme “Keeping the wind in our sails, cultivating joy in our purpose”**

More information and full programme on the [conference website](#).



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## **Tuesday, June 10, 2024 – HALIFAX**

10:00-17:00 **Campus Tour in Halifax**

Visit of [Nova Scotia Community College, Ivany Campus](#)

- Kristen Sutherland, Director of Student Services
- Taralee Hammond, Association Vice-President of Student Affairs

NSCC offers applied learning opportunities across 14 campuses in the province of Nova Scotia. The Ivany Campus is opening a brand new residence in 2025.

Visit of [Dalhousie University](#) (large U15 public research institution)

- Heather Doyle, Director of Research, Assessment & Planning, Student Affairs

With campuses in the vibrant oceanside city of Halifax and an Agricultural Campus in the town of Truro, Dalhousie welcomes 21,000 students from across the country and more than 115 countries around the world. It is Nova Scotia's leading research-intensive university, with 13 faculties that expand understanding through teaching excellence and a drive for discovery resulting in more than \$210 million in external research funding each year.

Visit of [St. Mary's University](#) (small Catholic institution)

- Tom Brophy, Associate Vice-President Student Affairs and Services

A small, Catholic public and primarily undergraduate university—known for international collaborations, entrepreneurship and research. St. Mary's offer programs in Arts, Science, Business and Graduate studies to more than 5,990 students from over 117 countries.

The campus tour includes a lunch on the way.

19:00 Informal Group Dinner

## **Wednesday, June 11, 2024 – HALIFAX**

9:00 **Lessons-learned, evaluation and follow-up**

- Evaluation of the study visit
- Transfer of knowledge and adaptation to local needs in Europe
- Follow-up and possible further projects between ECStA and CACUSS

PM Departure to Europe / change flights in Montréal, Boston or New York City

## **Thursday, June 12, 2025**

AM Arrival in Europe