



Good Luck on Exams & Happy Holidays

Congratulations on making it through the semester!

Here at ISS we want to wish everyone the best of luck with your upcoming final exams. We know that this time of year is extremely stressful, so here are [some tips from McGill Counseling Services](#) about studying for exams!

Please note: International Student Services will be closed for the holidays from December 24th, 2018 through January 1st, 2019 (inclusive).

We will see you in the new year!
[International Student Services](#)



McGill Winter Break Clubs

Staying in Montreal over Winter Break?

Come to McGill's Winter Break Club Social!

Meet fellow students who will be here over the holiday break and who - like you - want to enjoy the season and all it has to offer!

Light (free!) food & refreshments will be served. Find out about the fun events in and around Montreal over winter break.

Gingerbread House Contest and Prizes!

REGISTRATION is FREE but Required

Graduate Students:

Newman Center (3484 Peel), December 19th, 2018, 5pm - 7pm

[Register here](#)

Undergraduate Students:

Newman Center (3484 Peel), December 20th, 5pm - 7pm

[Register here](#)

#ImmigrationTipTime

Travelling over the holidays?

Here are some tips that we have for you, to ensure smooth travels!



- Make sure your immigration documents are valid for the duration of your trip and return to Canada.
- If your study permit has expired (out of status) and you have applied to restore your status, please contact our office if you plan to travel over the holiday break.
- Pack your health card/proof of health insurance.
- If you applied to extend your study permit before the expiry date and are waiting for your document in Canada, you are advised not to travel outside of Canada to maintain your [implied status](#).
- **If you travel from Canada to a land border specifically for an immigration document (ex. post grad work permit), make sure to go during [flagpoling hours](#).**

International Health Insurance (IHI):

Remember that when travelling to your home country (country of your origin) for the winter holidays, [IHI is limited](#). Have your own insurance back home or seek advise from ISS on travel insurance alternatives. IHI card is available 24/7 on Minerva – in case it will be needed.



TRV Updates

In order to return to Canada and continue your studies, you must have a valid study permit and a valid electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) or Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) unless you are exempt from either requirement. For more, please see [IRCC's webpage](#).

If you have obtained your new study permit after applying to extend it from within Canada and require a TRV, you will have to apply for your TRV separately either before you leave Canada or from your home country before you return to Canada. [More information](#).

If you require an eTA, please verify the validity of your eTA by using the [IRCC status tool](#).

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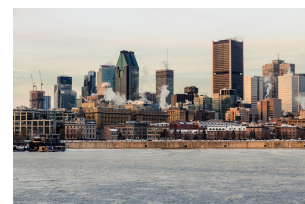
Need to see an advisor?

You can see an advisor at our next drop-in on December 14th 9:30am - 11:30am and 1pm - 3pm or book an appointment by calling 514 398 7992.

NEW: Mac Students are not limited to the scheduled immigration advising at MAC. You can [call](#) or [email](#) ISS directly to schedule a phone call or Skype appointment with an advisor during downtown drop-in hours.



COMING EVENTS



Improve your academic writing in English!

Spaces are still available to register for Winter 2019 3-credit academic writing courses for undergraduate students who speak English as a second or additional language: CESL 400 and CESL 500.

[Find out more](#)

A placement test is required to see which course is right for you. See the [schedule](#) and register for a placement test.

Montreal As Seen By...

Join a lunch series with known and influential Montrealers on living in Montreal and being a Montreal!

Free Montreal-style bagels and cream cheese

Brian Myles, Director, Le Devoir

Tuesday, December 4th, 2018

11:45 - 1pm, 3438 McTavish, Room 100



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