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Welcome to the ISS newsletter!

A Note from our Director

It's the beginning of another academic year, and we here at ISS have been working hard to make sure that the transition period has been smooth for all of our international students - returning and new! This semester we have a full schedule of events, workshops, and webinars for international students, and we look forward to having you participate throughout the year.

Returning students, you will find us in a new location this year: we are still in the Brown Building, now on the 5th floor in the East wing.

The ISS Newsletter will keep you up to date on everything happening for International students. As always, if you have any suggestions on how we can make the newsletter better, please don't hesitate to <u>let us know!</u>

Best wishes for the academic year ahead! We're glad you're here.

Pauline L'Ecuyer, Director

International Student Services & MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program

International Student Orientation...continues!



You may have come by the Meet & Greet Lounge and met some cool new people; maybe you caught us at the Discover McGill Services Fair or Academic Expectations Day; maybe you didn't.

Either way, maybe you still have questions...? Maybe you'd still like to meet some other international students to share your experiences with...

It's not too late!

Frosh may be over, and classes have started, but International Student Orientation lives on.

Sept. 6, 7, 8, 12, 14 & 15 9am-4pm	Get your number! A Social Insurance Number (SIN) is a 9-digit number that you need to work and get paid in Canada. Visit Service Canada's special booth here at McGill to get yours more easily than ever.
5:30-6:30pm or	Attend an Orientation Info-Session Join us for a short presentation customized specifically for you as an international student. Learn about Immigration, Health Insurance, Montreal, and post-orientation activities - followed by Q&A.
Downtown, Lower Field	A Hallowed Tradition Celebrate your arrival in Montreal with the city's diplomatic community and fellow McGillians!

McGill International Students Services staff cordially invites NEW International Students to its 32nd annual Reception for New International Students.

This is event is open to NEW (2017) INTERNATIONAL undergraduate, graduate, exchange and visiting students.

Registration has just opened by email invitation only. Space is limited, so sign up for your spot ASAP.

Sept. 9, 10, 16 and/or 17

Sink your teeth into your new city!

Little Italy, Mile End, Chinatown & Old Port, Atwater Market Each Bitesize MTL excursion will give you you a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the flavor of an iconic Montreal neighborhood for a day, topped off by enjoying some quintessential local snacks in great company.

Sign up for one or take a bite out of all of them! Follow us on Facebook to be the first to see this year's full menu of options as soon as it is published...

Buddy Up!

Sept. 19 Ballroom, New Residence Hall

If you have signed up for the International Buddy program and been paired, grab your Buddy and join us on the evening of Sept. 19 for a special Buddy event.

Food, games, mingling...Registration is free but required. Details will be communicated in September, so Save the Date!



Immigration Updates

Attention new or returning without implied status students:

Please be aware that if you have not obtained the necessary temporary immigration documents (CAQ, Study Permit, or a Co-Op), you cannot begin either your studies or a co-op internship/practicum on September 5th, 2017. For any questions, **seek immediate assistance** <u>from ISS</u>.

ALL NEW & RETURNING students:

Don't forget to send a scanned copy of your new or renewed CAQ and Study Permit to the <u>McGill Legal</u>
<u>Documents Office</u>.

Health Insurance

Make sure you are covered!

Activate your International Health Insurance coverage on Minerva TODAY. Then visit Service Point (Downtown) or Student Services (Mac) to pick up your health insurance card.

Know your rights!

Take some time to familiarize yourself with the health insurance benefits. More questions? Sign up for the Health Insurance webinar...



Upcoming Workshops

- McGill's International Health Insurance Plan Thursday, September 28 (3:30-4:30pm, webinar online)
- Finding Jobs in Canada Monday, October 16 (2:30-4pm, Brown 5001)
- Finding Jobs in Canada Tuesday, November 21 (10:30am-12pm, Brown 5001)
- Academic Culture in Canada, Winter 101, and more...! Dates to be confirmed soon.
 - Follow us on Facebook to know as soon as new workshops are scheduled.

What's up with MISN!

Get Involved! Join a Club!



McGill International Student Network (MISN) is a student-run organization that aims to create an unforgettable global experience for the largest international student body at McGill University through a variety of events, trips and services. Keep an eye out for events on Facebook and the MISN website to see what's going on.

Want to be part of a Language Exchange?
Consider Lingo Buddies



If you are looking for students from the same country or region as you, check out the Student Society of McGill University's (SSMU) official club listing. With over 200 clubs, finding where you fit best is easy! Full Club Listing.





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