

# THE AMERICAS

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## Where can you go?

### Argentina

Torcuato di Tella,  
School of Business



### Brazil

EAESP: São Paulo & Rio  
(Management)



### Chile



- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (Management)
- Universidad de Chile (Mining and Materials Engineering)

### Mexico



- Tecnológico de Monterrey
- Universidad de las Americas, Puebla
- Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

### Canada



- University of Toronto
- University of British Columbia

### Barbados

University of the West Indies  
(Cave Hill Campus)



### Jamaica

University of the West Indies  
(Mona Campus)



### Trinidad and Tobago

University of the West Indies  
(St. Augustine Campus)



### The United States of America



- College of William and Mary
- Univ. Alaska, Fairbanks
- University of California (Engineering, Law, Management excluded)
- University of Connecticut
- University of Miami (Engineering)
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Virginia (Law and MGMT excluded)

## Semester Dates: When would you go?

### ARGENTINA + CHILE

First Semester: March - July  
Second Semester: August - December

### CANADA, MEXICO, UNITED STATES (Except Univ. California), WEST INDIES

First Semester: August - December  
Second Semester: January - May

### BRAZIL

Semester 1: January to June  
Semester 2: July to December

# Things to Consider

**Language of Instruction**

**CANADA, U.S.A. WEST INDIES:**  
Classes are taught primarily in English at all partner institutions located in these countries.

**Proof of English Proficiency**  
McGill students are exempt from having to prove English Proficiency as part of their exchange application.

**BRAZIL:**  
EAESP offers classes taught in English (though Portuguese is the primary language). Should you wish to take classes in Portuguese, you will have to demonstrate proficiency.

**ARGENTINA, CHILE, MEXICO:**  
Classes are taught primarily in Spanish at all partner institutions located in these countries. Please note that students wishing to go on exchange to Argentina or Chile will have to demonstrate proficiency in Spanish in order to be admissible. While some host institutions in Mexico offer courses taught in English, please be advised that – if you don't speak Spanish – course offerings may be quite limited. Always consult the host's course catalogue!

**Proving Spanish and/or Portuguese Proficiency**  
Demonstrating proficiency in either language could come in the form of:

- Completion of intermediate level-studies in the relevant language in a college setting.
- You graduated from a secondary or post-secondary institution where the language of instruction was Spanish or Portuguese.
- A letter from a McGill professor capable of assessing your level of proficiency in the relevant language.

*(Note: Individual institutions may have additional requirements)*

**Host Application:**  
✓ **What to prepare**  
✓ **App Process**  
✓ **Before you go**

**Interested in University of California?...**  
Your nomination from McGill is not campus specific; which campus you are placed at is decided by the University of California . When applying to the host, you will be given the opportunity to list your preferred campuses. The Exchange Office at California – not McGill – decides where you will be placed.

**The Host Application: The Americas** I've accepted my nomination to a partner school located in the Americas; are there any supporting documents that I should prepare well in advance?

**Documents to Prepare in Advance: The Americas**

- A Valid Passport
  - Most exchange partners in this region will request a scanned copy of your passport *before* reviewing your application. Your passport **must** be valid for at least six months after your scheduled return. If your passport is expiring soon, think about renewing it.
- Reference Letter
  - Many of our partners in this region will ask that you submit one or more letters of reference (from a McGill professor) as part of your application. Asking a professor to write a reference letter for you can be daunting, so start thinking about who you might ask!
- Proof of language Proficiency (*see above*)
- Banking Statements/Financial Documents
  - U.S. schools will often ask that applicants provide evidence that they will be able to support themselves financially throughout their stay.

**I've been accepted, what must I do before departure?**

**Apply for any relevant immigration documents.**

- For countries in this region, your citizenship can greatly impact whether or not you will need to apply for a study permit and/or what type of study permit you should be applying for.
- If you are unsure about whether you will require immigration documents to study in the Americas, contact the Embassy/Consulate of the country that you will be travelling to. Do not take the advice of a friend, as their circumstances may be very different..

**Make sure that you have the appropriate health and travel insurance**

- Your host school will advise you on matter after you've been accepted.

