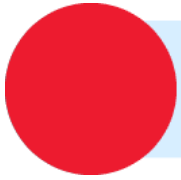




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Academic life

How easy was it to figure out your course selection at your host university?

- Super simple!
- Relatively straightforward
- Pretty difficult to navigate
- It was complicated and frustrating

What did the process look like? Was it easy to register in your preferred classes?

The instructions were sent by email and relatively easy to follow. Balancing the differing course credits was tough, for example knowing which courses to take based on their equivalency to McGill courses.

Were your courses as academically rigorous as your McGill courses?

- Yes, they were as rigorous as my McGill courses
- They were similarly rigorous to my McGill courses
- No, they weren't as rigorous as my McGill courses

We'd love to know more about the academic level of your courses compared to McGill. Please explain your answer to the previous question using examples, ex: assessments, readings, labs.

Many courses had optional labs for practice questions, which helped you better understand the material. There were very few assignments and mostly just weekly readings instead that were discussed in class. The midterms were similar to the McGill approach, although final exams are

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actually optional, depending on if you fail or want to improve your grade.

How did the teaching quality at your host university compare to what you're used to at McGill?

- It was better!
- Pretty similar
- It was much worse

Tell us about it! How did it differ from the teaching quality at McGill? What can other students expect from their profs and course work?

The professors were better at translating material to students and were able to explain difficult concepts in simple ways. Most professors had prior professional experience which allowed them to use many real life examples to illustrate concepts.

What were the main evaluation methods in your courses?

1-2 assignments, group project and 1-2 midterms

How would you describe the evaluation and grading methods at your host university? Please select as many adjectives as applies!

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Unfair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transparent | <input type="checkbox"/> Complicated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Easy to understand | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult to understand |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Similar methods to McGill | <input type="checkbox"/> Different methods from McGill |

Is there anything else you'd like to share about the academic experience at your host university?

The pressure to do well was not even comparable to McGill. Their grading is much more relaxed, with far fewer exams than McGill having failing averages, most assessments had averages above 70-75%.

Student Life

Were you satisfied by the welcome and orientation services provided to you by your host university?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Very satisfied, everything was clear | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Pretty satisfied |
| <input type="radio"/> I was able to figure things out, but it took some time | <input type="radio"/> Pretty confusing |
| <input type="radio"/> Very confusing, I was lost | |

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What is the best resource that helped you find your way at your host university?

The incoming exchange student department was extremely useful in emailing pertinent information and responding to questions quickly.

What was the campus environment like at your host university? Please describe your experience on campus with regards to safety, social opportunities, accessibility, etc.

Very similar to McGill and Desautels specifically. The university had a much smaller campus than McGill but all the business classes are in a single building so navigating around was super easy. The campus was extremely safe at all times of day, it is in a pretty quiet suburb in Lisbon.

Where did you live? Was it easy to find housing? Did you receive any support from your host university?

I lived near the campus, a little outside of the main downtown Lisbon area. Housing was easy to find based on the recommended services and websites given by the host university. The main issue is doing your own research to find which area you want to live in based on utilities, nightlife, etc.

What advice would you share with students travelling to your host university? Briefly give up to 3 tips!

Do not worry about the language difficulty! Although it may be hard to learn or understand the language, there are simple ways to overcome this difficulty, by using Google Translate or taking a language class. You can still easily find your way by only knowing English.

Try to become friends with local Portuguese students. It is easy to be in your own bubble of exchange students but getting to meet locals will open tons of doors for you.

Use the student resources and professors for help if you ever need, they are very approachable and available.

What advice would you share with students who will live in your host city? Briefly give up to 3 tips!

Enjoy the nightlife and dining scenery. There are tons of amazing restaurants and bars all over the city that each provide a unique experience, be sure to explore as many as you can.

Walk or scooter everywhere. Save money on Uber and other vehicles by either walking, using the readily accessible scooters like Lime, or even the amazing metro system that is simple and diverse.

Explore as much as the city as you can. Lisbon is a massive city with so much to offer. Get out there and go to all corners of the city for different experiences.

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