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Exchange Programs for Music Students

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TOPICS

- Music-Specific Exchange
- Exchange open to all students (not faculty-specific)
- Independent Study Away (ISA)
- Enriched Educational Opportunities (EEO)
Bursaries

Why do an Exchange Program?

- Study with a world-renowned teacher at another music conservatory; acquire music pedagogy from a different approach.
- Gain insight into the regional music scene
- Develop a **network** of professional and personal contacts
- Learn a new language or improve your language skills
- Build global awareness – cross-cultural skills and communication
- Develop skills to deal with change
- Gain independence and confidence
- Check out overseas graduate programs



How to Choose a Host University



- Programs / Courses – compatible with your major or minor? Electives?
- Cost of Living / Financial Aid Eligibility
- Language Requirements / Semester Start & End Dates
- Culture & Climate
- Accessibility to other activities you plan to pursue while you are overseas
- Visa / Resident Permit Requirements

Finances & Insurance

- Pay tuition to McGill or to the host school?
- Student association fees and other miscellaneous school fees
- Grants/awards
 - *May still be eligible for McGill in-course awards (e.g. renewable Schulich, Student Excellence Award –must obtain final letter grade for scholarship consideration.)*
- Textbooks, learning materials
- Airfare, accommodation, food, medical insurance
- Visa application fees and time
- Sightseeing
- Personal spending
- Travel and Health Insurances Coverage



Mobility Bursary for Exchange Programs

- are approved for an exchange semester(s) abroad (where you study at one of McGill's partner universities while earning credits and paying tuition to McGill)
- demonstrate financial need according to the guidelines Only applicable for official exchange programs.
- If approved, between \$750 and \$1500 per month of exchange, credited to student fee account.
- When to apply: March 1 to 29, 2024 for Fall 2025 or 2025/26 full-year exchange
 Aug 8 to Sep 9, 2024 for Winter 2025 exchange only
- How to apply: Minerva > Financial Aid/Awards > Financial Aid Menu > Apply for McGill Financial Aid > Mobility for Exchanges Financial Aid

<https://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/special-funding/mobility-exchanges>

Course Selection

- Exchange students can take up to an equivalent of 15 McGill credits (or 30 ECTS) in a semester at the host university
- European Schools: 2 ECTS = 1 McGill credit
- 13 lecture hours = 1 McGill credit
- Typical courses: Practical Instruction/Private Lessons (MUIN), Ensembles (MUEN), Performance Projects (MUPG), Music History (MUHL)
- Electives (e.g. Language courses, Computer Science, East Asian studies)
- Should complete all practical exams, required theory and musicianship at McGill

Study Abroad Options

OFFICIAL EXCHANGES	INDEPENDENT STUDY AWAY (ISA)
<p>Official partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music Schools*• General Exchange (open to students from all faculties) <p>*must provide taped video audition + Minerva Exchange application.</p>	<p>Study in a university which is not an official exchange partner with McGill.</p> <p>*should provide taped video audition and letter of reference from practical instruction teacher with online application if plan to take performance classes.</p>
<p>A flat tuition rate is paid to McGill (equivalent of 30 credits for a full-year exchange, or 15 credits for one-term exchange)</p>	<p>Tuition is paid directly to the host university.</p>
<p>Minimum 3.0 CGPA</p>	<p>Minimum 2.70 CGPA</p>
<p>Three-Step Nomination Process (Faculty, Service Point and the host institution).</p> <p>May apply for Mobility Bursary</p>	<p>Two-Step Nomination Process (Faculty and the host institution)</p> <p>Cannot apply for Mobility Bursary</p>
<p>Can apply for regular academic year only (Fall 2024 and/or Winter 2025)</p>	<p>Can apply every semester: Fall, Winter and Summer</p>

Music Exchange Partner



The Sibelius Academy (Helsinki, Finland)

Application period: January 15 to March 1, 2024

Fall semester: August 21 to December 20, 2024

Spring semester: January 7 to May 31, 2025

Language of instruction: English & Finnish

<https://www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad/go-abroad/steps/destinations/sibelius-academy>

Music Exchange Partner



The Royal Conservatory of the Hague (Hague, the Netherlands)

Application period: January 1 to March 1, 2024

Semester 1: September 1, 2024 to January 31, 2025

Semester 2: February 2 to July 31, 2025

Language of instruction: English & Dutch

<https://www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad/go-abroad/steps/destinations/royal-conservatoire>

Music Exchange Partner



Norwegian Academy of Music (Oslo, Norway)

Application period: January 1 to March 1, 2024

Autumn semester: August 21 to December 10, 2024

Spring semester: January 1 to June 14, 2025

Language of instruction: English & Norwegian

<https://www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad/go-abroad/steps/destinations/norwegian-academy-music>

Music Exchange Partner



Royal Northern College of Music (Manchester, UK)

Application period: January 15 to March 31, 2024

Autumn term: September 16 to December 9, 2024

Spring term: January 6 to March 23, 2025

Language of instruction: English

<https://www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad/go-abroad/steps/destinations/rncm>

Music Exchange Partner



Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University (Brisbane, Australia)

Application period: variable by trimester (see website)

Trimester 1: March 4 to June 15, 2024

Trimester 2: July 15 to October 26, 2024

Trimester 3: October 28, 2024 to February 22, 2025

Language of instruction: English

<https://www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad/go-abroad/steps/destinations/queensland-conservatorium>

Music Exchange Partner



Central Conservatory of Music (Beijing, China)

Application period: January 15 – May 15, 2024

Autumn semester: early September to late January

Spring semester: early February to late July

Language of instruction: English & Chinese

Music Exchange Partner (NEW)



Hochschule für Music und Theater Rostock (Rostock, Germany)

Application period: January 15 – April 15, 2024

Winter semester: October 7, 2024 to January 31, 2025

Summer semester: April 2 to July 2, 2025

Language of instruction: English & German
(preferable to have B1 German Level / Intermediate German Language)

Music-Specific Exchange Partners

- Most European music conservatories have one exchange application deadline, usually between March and April.
- Recommend applicants to apply for a full-year exchange with the Music-Specific exchange partners; possible to apply for fall term only.
- If you are interested in going for exchange with one of the European Music-Specific exchange partners for the winter term only, contact studentaffairs.music@mcgill.ca to look into possibility to submit a winter exchange application before Jan 15th deadline.

Note: Winter exchange application normally opens after mid-April; will require special permission from Service Point to submit winter exchange application prior.

General Exchange Partners

- Open to students from all faculties.
- Selection by lottery; administered by Service Point.
- General exchange programs which music students attended:
 - University of Edinburg, Scotland (music history, electives)
 - University of Groningen, the Netherlands (music history, theory, etc.)
 - Keio University, Japan (Computer Science as electives)
 - Dublin Trinity College, Ireland (music history, modal/tonal counterpoint, etc.)
 - Free University of Berlin, Germany (literature, German history, German language, etc.)
 - Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University (Russian history, literature, Russian language, etc.)

Exchange Program - Conditions

- Be registered in a full-time degree program.
- Should have completed at least one year of full-time studies at McGill before you begin the exchange program.
- Usually during the third or fourth (final) year of program.
- McGill CGPA must remain above 3.0 until the start of your exchange program.
- May select up to four schools in an exchange application. Preferable to apply for a full-year exchange, i.e. both fall and winter semesters.
- Submit an Exchange application via MINERVA **between now and January 15, 2024 for fall or full year exchange; Winter 2025 exchange application dates (TBA)**
- Student Menu > Student Records Menu > Exchange/Study Away Menu > Request for Exchange
- \$154.50 non-refundable application fee
- No late application will be accepted!
- Mobility Bursary (Note: US Loans – eligibility to receive funding while on exchange)
- Three-Step Nomination process (by Faculty, Service Point and the host institution)
 - *Certain host university may require you to send a taped video audition for review.
- Faculty decisions are made by early February; Service Point confirms Student's nomination between early and mid-Feb; once you accept the nomination on Minerva, you must apply for admission directly with the host university before their application deadline.

<https://www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad/go-abroad/steps>

Independent Study Away (ISA) - Conditions

- Be registered in a full-time degree program.
- Should have completed at least one year of full-time studies at McGill before the term away.
- Usually during the third or fourth (final) year of program.
- McGill CGPA must remain above 2.70 until the start of your term away.
- **Pay tuition fees directly to host institution.**
- Separate application directly with host institution.
- Two-Step Nomination process (by faculty and the host institution)
- NO MOBILITY BURSARY.
- May apply for any semester.
- Submit a Study Away application (Student Menu > Student Records Menu > Exchange/Study Away Menu > Request for Study Away) via MINERVA with the application period:
 - Dec 15, 2023 – Apr 1, 2024 for Summer 2024**
 - Dec 5, 2023 – Apr 1, 2024 for Fall 2024 or full year**
 - Oct 1 – Dec 15, 2024 for Winter 2025**
- No late application will be accepted!



<https://www.mcgill.ca/music/resources/undergraduate/learning-abroad>

Once you have accepted the exchange/independent study away nomination...

- Contact the International Office of the host institution to follow up on the second part of the application procedures.
- Submit the exchange/study away application directly with the host institution before their deadline.
- Host institution may require you to submit a taped video audition, a learning agreement, proof of language proficiency, transcripts, copy of passport, etc.
- Confirm the courses on your learning agreement with advisors from McGill and the host institution before you register for courses.
- Course Equivalency Database; Minerva's Course Approval & Transfer Credit Form
- Have a valid passport – valid for the duration of your study abroad activity AND for at least 6 months after the completion of your exchange/study away program
- Check visa/study permit requirements (apply as early as possible)
- Health and Travel insurance
- Secure sufficient funds to cover expenses
- Verify with Student Aid Provider (if any) whether you can receive subsidy for study away program.
- Apply for Mobility Bursary (only for approved exchange programs)
- Attend Pre-Departure Webinar host by McGill Abroad
- Complete a Travel Registry (so McGill can reach you in case of emergency)

Other Useful Websites

Learning Abroad Info for Music Students

<https://www.mcgill.ca/music/undergraduates/learning-abroad>

How to Apply

<https://www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad/mcgill-students-going-abroad/global-learning-opportunities/8-steps-going-exchange>

Course Equivalency Database – transfer credit assessment (elective courses, mostly non-music)

<https://www.mcgill.ca/transfercrredit/course-equivalency>

Enriched Educational Opportunities (EEO) Bursaries

- Non-Credit activities approved by Schulich School of Music deemed relevant to student's field of studies and professional aspiration.
- All-year-round applications, most popular funding opportunities for summer workshops, such as Domaine Forget, Encore Chamber Music Institute, Orford Music Academy, miscellaneous music workshops and conferences.
- Require endorsement letter from Music Student Affairs
- Apply through Scholarships & Student Aid

<https://www.mcgill.ca/music/resources/competitions-awards/undergraduate-eeo>

