

# LIFE IN MONTREAL

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I love being in a city with such a large and visible LGBTQ+ community! It really makes me feel welcome in Montreal.





Many McGill students move to Montreal for the first time to attend university. If you are one of them, or you just want to learn something new about the city you already live in, check out this section for a brief guide to life in Montreal!

# Neighbourhood Guide

HAVE YOU STAYED WITHIN THE MCGILL BUBBLE? YOU DON'T NEED TO! THE CITY IS RANKED AS ONE OF THE BEST CITIES FOR STUDENTS TO LIVE AND STUDY IN. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES MONTREAL HAS TO OFFER. EXPLORE THE DIFFERENT NEIGHBORHOODS OF THE CITY, WHETHER IT IS TRYING THE BAGELS OF ST-VIAEUR IN THE MILE-END, HAVING A PICNIC AT PARC LA FONTAINE IN THE PLATEAU, OR VISITING THE OLD FRENCH COLONIAL ARCHITECTURE OF THE VIEUX-PORT, THERE IS SO MUCH TO VISIT. HERE IS A SHORT GUIDE OF WHAT NEIGHBORHOODS TO VISIT DURING YOUR TIME IN MONTREAL.

## MILTON-PARC

[miltonpark.org](http://miltonpark.org)

**Area: Rue University to St. Laurence, Sherbrooke to Des Pins**

Milton-Parc is a great place to live if you are a student at McGill. It is very close to campus, downtown, and the Montreal nightlife. In this neighborhood, there are many local grocery stores, cafes, restaurants, and boutiques. Rent in the area can be quite expensive given that many students wish to live here. If you are interested in living in Milton-Parc, consider joining the Milton Park Citizens' Committee ([ccmp-mpcc.com](http://ccmp-mpcc.com)) or volunteering in the neighborhood! Most McGillians will stay in Montreal for their undergraduate degree, so think about giving back to the area while you are here. For more information on Milton-Parc and the history of the neighbourhood, check out page 86.

## PLATEAU MONT-ROYAL

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**Area: Rue St. Laurent to Papineau, Sherbrooke to Mont-Royal**

This neighborhood is a young and student-friendly borough that is filled with casual cafes, parks, theaters, bars, and clubs. Similar to Milton-Parc, there are many students living here and this is reflected in the prices of rent. If you want a little separation between your student and social life, bus lines, bike lanes, and the metro make it easy to make it on campus. You will be easily entertained in this neighborhood, with contemporary galleries, theatres, and parks nearby.

## NOTRE-DAME-DE-GRÂCE (NDG)

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**Area: West of Campus**

Notre-Dame-de-Grace is just west of campus and offers a direct commute via the 24 bus line. Also referred to as NDG, it is a fairly anglophone community but is a multicultural residential neighborhood that offers independent shops, restaurants, and take out spots. It has decent rent prices and many families live in the neighborhood. If you are looking for a place that

is easy going and where you can enjoy going to parks and cafes, NDG may be for you. If you want to explore, check out the Saint Joseph's observatory. It is Canada's largest church and the tallest building in Montreal!

## LE SUD-OUEST

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**Area: Saint-Henri, Griffintown, Little Burgundy**  
Le Sud-Ouest centres on the Lachine Canal and consists of great parks and a popular cycling path. It is known for having great food and drink spots including the Atwater Market where you can find gourmet food shops. If you wish to go to nice restaurants, artisan cafes, and bars, head to Notre-Dame Street West. Unfortunately, like many other areas of the city, le Sud-Ouest is facing greater gentrification. As a student, you can live in this neighborhood through the McGill residence Solin Hall and visit shows at Theatre Corona. If you are a fan of music and its history, check the Musée des Ondes Emile Berliner!

## MILE END/OUTREMONT

[montreal.ca/outremont](http://montreal.ca/outremont)

**Area: North of the Plateau to Van Horne (East of Parc is the Mile-End, while west is Outremont)**

These two neighborhoods comprise a great diversity of young professionals and 2LGBTQIA+ communities, as well as being the centre of Montreal's Hasidic Jewish population. It is a vibrant community but also is impacted by gentrification and rent hikes. There are many local businesses and landmarks in the area, such as St. Viaeur and Fairmount for old-school bagels, Cafe Olimpico, and Montreal's staple bookshop, Drawn and Quarterly. While it is a bit farther from campus, living further away can help separate your academic life from your home life. It will allow you to see a different part of the city altogether.

### TIP:

If you wish to visit more of the city, try heading to a cafe or library in a neighborhood you have not gone to before. Montreal has great cafes, restaurants, and libraries where you can study so there are many options for you. If you have not done so yet, check out the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, a great library location if you want to study outside of McGill's libraries.

## PARC EX

[bit.ly/3xja7H7](http://bit.ly/3xja7H7)

**Boundaries: Between the Outremont railway and Highway 40**

L'Université de Montreal recently built a new campus in the southern borders of this neighbourhood, which has brought an increased amount of students into this historically working class and immigrant community. This means

that working class and migrant families are being pushed out of Parc-Ex, which for many decades has offered affordable rent prices. Parc-Ex is home to the Jean-Talon market which is open year-round and a great location to support local businesses!

### OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS

[bit.ly/3mf1R4B](http://bit.ly/3mf1R4B)

Montreal has a total of 19 boroughs and each has their own particular character. You can find a neighborhood that fits your own lifestyle, budget, and preferences. Other areas that are worth visiting that were not mentioned above are The Village, Villeray, Cote-des-Neiges, Rosemont, Verdun, and Hochelaga-Maison. A good rule of thumb to remember is that if you go farther east into the city, it will tend to be more Francophone, while the West Island will tend to be more Anglophone.

Also, make the best out of your time in Montreal! This city is world-class, and while it can be easy to get caught up with your academic life, you also live in a great city. Remember to take a break from your studies once in a while and explore all the great locations, whether it be the Old Port or Downtown. Montreal has an urban geography that differs greatly from most cities in the world so make the most of it!

### WHAT IS GENTRIFICATION?

Gentrification is the process of changing the character of a neighborhood to cater for more affluent residents and businesses. It often sees communities of colour and/or working class families being pushed out of their neighborhoods as they are priced out of the area. Gentrification leads to greater class divisions in society, as well as housing insecurity. For further information on gentrification, specifically in the context of the Parc Ex neighbourhood, visit [antievictionmontreal.org/en/](http://antievictionmontreal.org/en/).

## Getting Around

### PUBLIC TRANSIT

[stm.info/en](http://stm.info/en)

The Société de transport de Montréal (STM) is the public transport agency which operates transit buses and the metro across Montreal. There are four metro lines: Blue, Yellow, Orange, and Green. The Orange and Green lines run through downtown and are usually the busiest but are also the closest to campus. Each metro station will have machines where you can use cash or card to buy tickets.

### FARES:

\$3.50: A one-way ticket for the metro or bus (for the bus you will need exact change)

\$5.75: A night pass with unlimited use from 6:00pm to 5:00 a.m. (first use must be before midnight).

\$56.50: Cost of a monthly full-time student pass for those of all age groups. You can buy this pass through Minerva. More information is available at [bit.ly/3ayVNBq](http://bit.ly/3ayVNBq).

\* To get to Montreal from the yellow line, you need to buy a specific ticket. More information can be found at [bit.ly/3tvUp9q](http://bit.ly/3tvUp9q).

### RUN TIMES

All metros open at the same time, 5:30 am, but each closes at different schedules. If you wish to see what time the last train leaves, go to the station page on the STM website ([bit.ly/3wWfB9u](http://bit.ly/3wWfB9u)). Most buses run 24/7. However, some bus numbers change after 1:00 am, as night routes differ.

We encourage you to check the STM website for the metro and bus schedules at [stm.info/en](http://stm.info/en). On the go, you can also use the Transit App ([transitapp.com/](http://transitapp.com/)).

### SAFETY

The STM'S "Between Stops" service provides women travelling alone at night with free travel on all bus lines. You can tell the driver of the bus when you would like to get off the bus and they will drop you off as close to your desired location as possible. The "Between Stops" services operates at the following times:

Starting at 7:30 pm from August 30 to April 30  
Starting at 9:00 pm from May 1 to August 29

### BIKING

[bit.ly/3tqwSJJ](http://bit.ly/3tqwSJJ)

As you may have noticed, Montreal is a very bike-friendly city with many big streets having their own lanes that are separated by concrete. While it may seem inconvenient to use a bike during the winter season, if you are willing to buy a few extra parts, then you can extend your bike use into the winter months. You can learn more about winterizing your bike by reading this handout ([bit.ly/3atTzDc](http://bit.ly/3atTzDc)) created by the Flat Bike Collective.

### FIXING YOUR BIKE

[fb.me/TheFlatBikeCollective](http://fb.me/TheFlatBikeCollective)

Don't know how to fix your bike? Reach out to the Flat Bike Collective! The Flat is free and open to everyone. Collective members will not fix your bike for you, but can teach you how to fix your bike, give you the parts that you will need, and answer questions about bike repair. If you want your bike fixed by a specialist, you can contact Bikurious on Ontario Street ([bikuriousmontreal.com/](http://bikuriousmontreal.com/)).

## OWNING A BIKE



You can get a secondhand bike on Craigslist, Kijiji, or a McGill Facebook group, but be careful of scammers that try to re-sell stolen bikes. Consider visiting a used bike shop like Recycliste (fb.me/recycliste), who can make you a custom bike from used parts. For those wanting new bikes, there are plenty of shops with a variety of price ranges. If you do choose to own a bike, make sure to invest in a good bike lock as Montreal is infamous for bike thieves.

### RENTING A BIKE

[bit.ly/3zb50do](https://bit.ly/3zb50do)

McGill offers a 10% discount for an annual BIXI membership for students. Stations are conveniently located throughout the city, including close to campus. However, you can also rent based on time periods, including the month, day, or hour. Throughout the summer, they offer free rides the last Sunday of every month. You need a credit card to rent these cruising bikes. More info is available at [bixi.com/en](https://bixi.com/en).

### CARS

Driving in Montreal can be difficult but can be practical for some occasions like day trips, large shopping missions, or moving.

### RENTING

[bit.ly/38MeJMm](https://bit.ly/38MeJMm)

There are high premiums for drivers who are under the age of 25 when renting at traditional companies. Make sure to check the link above for legal information and advice for McGill students. You can also look at a car rental membership through Communauto (montreal.communauto.com/) for short distances like day trips or bulk shopping.

### OWNING A BIKE

[agencemobiliitedurable.ca/en](https://agencemobiliitedurable.ca/en)

If you wish to own your own car then make sure to check out the parking rules and costs in your area and make sure to consider whether you really want to drive in Montreal's roads, which are infamous for construction, potholes, and icy winter conditions. Many neighbourhoods also require resident parking passes for street parking.

### CAB

In the city, the base fee for taxis is around \$4.00 plus \$1.75 per kilometer. Uber is also available in Montreal but can be expensive depending on the day and time (surges occur frequently). SSMU's Drivesafe ([drivesafe.ssmu.ca](https://drivesafe.ssmu.ca)), which operates Thursday-Saturday evenings, can also get you to your destination for free!

# Milton Parc



## NOT THE 'GHETTO'.

Milton Parc is the neighborhood that sits directly east of campus. It is home to thousands of McGill students, but many students know the neighborhood in the misnomer of "the McGill Ghetto." This label erases the long and complex history of the neighborhood and its long-term residents.

There are almost 12,000 residents in the area and a quarter of them are McGill students. Although many residents are students of McGill, we do not own this neighborhood. Students do, however, leave a huge impact on the lives of many permanent residents, so it is up to us to be courteous and respectful of the others living in the neighborhood. Here is some information on the history and activism of Milton-Parc, as well as what SSMU is doing to maintain meaningful relationships with permanent residents of the neighbourhood.

## HISTORY

In 2010, the McGill administration, the MPCC, and the SSMU created the C.A.R.E (Community Action and Relations Endeavour) agreement. The

- ★ Milton-Parc is one of the oldest neighborhoods in the city and is a landmark heritage site of Montreal. The first houses propped up in the late 18th century. Milton-Parc became an official neighborhood by the end of the 19th century.
- ★ Milton-Parc is known to have the largest concentration of cooperative housing in Canada. More than 1,500 people in the borough live in community-owned and operated housing. This network consists of 616 apartments, 148 buildings (2 commercial and 146 residential), and houses people from over 50 countries. To learn more about the history of Milton-Parc, check out this article by the
- ★ Canadian Centre for Architecture ([bit.ly/3md5jwL](https://bit.ly/3md5jwL))

## ACTIVISM AND ADVOCACY

- ★ In the 1960s and 1970s, the Milton-Parc Citizens' Committee fought against gentrification and over-development in the neighborhood. This led to the preservation of many of the buildings we still see today. This organization is still active and runs a number of campaigns to build social connections, fight gentrification, and keep the community safe and clean. Residents of Milton-Parc can learn how to become involved in this central part of their community by visiting their website at [ccmp-mpcc.com](https://ccmp-mpcc.com).

- ★ Many of the commercial buildings in the neighborhood are owned and operated by the community. When there is a business in the area that goes up for sale, the community has a chance to claim it before it can be listed on the open market.
- ★ The Yellow Door is an organization located in Milton-Parc that promotes social inclusion across age groups through a number of campaigns and programs. Students who are interested in combating social isolation, connecting with community members across generations, and being involved in meaningful social projects can apply to volunteer by visiting [yellowdoor.org/get-involved](http://yellowdoor.org/get-involved).

#### MC GILL'S ROLE

- ★ Document outlines how we can be better neighbours as well as the expectations held by and for each stakeholder group (students, administration, and citizens). You can find more information on the C.A.R.E agreement here: [bit.ly/3taasth](http://bit.ly/3taasth)

The SSMU also hires a Community Affairs Commissioner through the portfolio of VP (External Affairs). The Community Affairs Commissioner acts as a liaison

- ★ between citizen groups, the SSMU, and the McGill administration. To get in touch or volunteer, email them at [commaffairs@ssmu.ca](mailto:commaffairs@ssmu.ca).

movies for free through the McGill library.

**CONVERSATIONS:** Practice your French through simple and small conversations. This could be with your Francophone friends, with the cashier at your local grocery store or dépanneur, or at a restaurant or cafe.

**FRENCH RADIO:** If you want to learn what the Montreal accent is like, this is one of the best ways to do it. Tune in to Radio Canada 95.1 FM, Le Québec Maintenant 98.5 FM, Or CKAC Radio Circulation Montréal 730 AM.

**IMMERSION PROGRAM:** Quebec Studies at McGill offers a five week summer intensive program designed to improve your French language skills and teach you about Quebec history ([bit.ly/3NhmLMv](http://bit.ly/3NhmLMv)). However, it is not offered every summer. Explore ([englishfrench.ca/explore/](http://englishfrench.ca/explore/)) is also a summer immersion program taking place in Montreal, Quebec City, Trois-Rivieres, and many other locations across the province and Canada, but is only available to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.

**TAKE A FRENCH CLASS:** McGill classes are a great way to improve your grammar. If you are interested in taking a for-credit class on campus, check out the French Language Centre website ([bit.ly/398qvB1](http://bit.ly/398qvB1)) for information about taking your placement test and registering. SSMU often offers conversational French minicourses (see page 21) on evenings and weekends so you can practice your skills and also meet new people! Community centres in Montreal also offer classes ([bit.ly/3MhKKJS](http://bit.ly/3MhKKJS)).

**PICK UP A COPY OF LE DÉLIT:** It is the only French language newspaper on campus. Visit them at [delitfrancais.com](http://delitfrancais.com). If you want to challenge yourself and put your French to the test, Le Délit welcomes contributors! Contact info is available on page 69.

#### FRANCOPHONE COMMUNITY EVENTS

If you are a francophone student, these events are a great way to find your community in Montreal. They are also a great opportunity for french learners to get some real-world practice while enjoying art and culture!

#### CHANSON FRANCOPHONE

2022-2023

[bit.ly/3QGZo0W](http://bit.ly/3QGZo0W)

A series of exciting francophone concerts and shows presented at the Place Des Arts.

## The French Language in Montreal

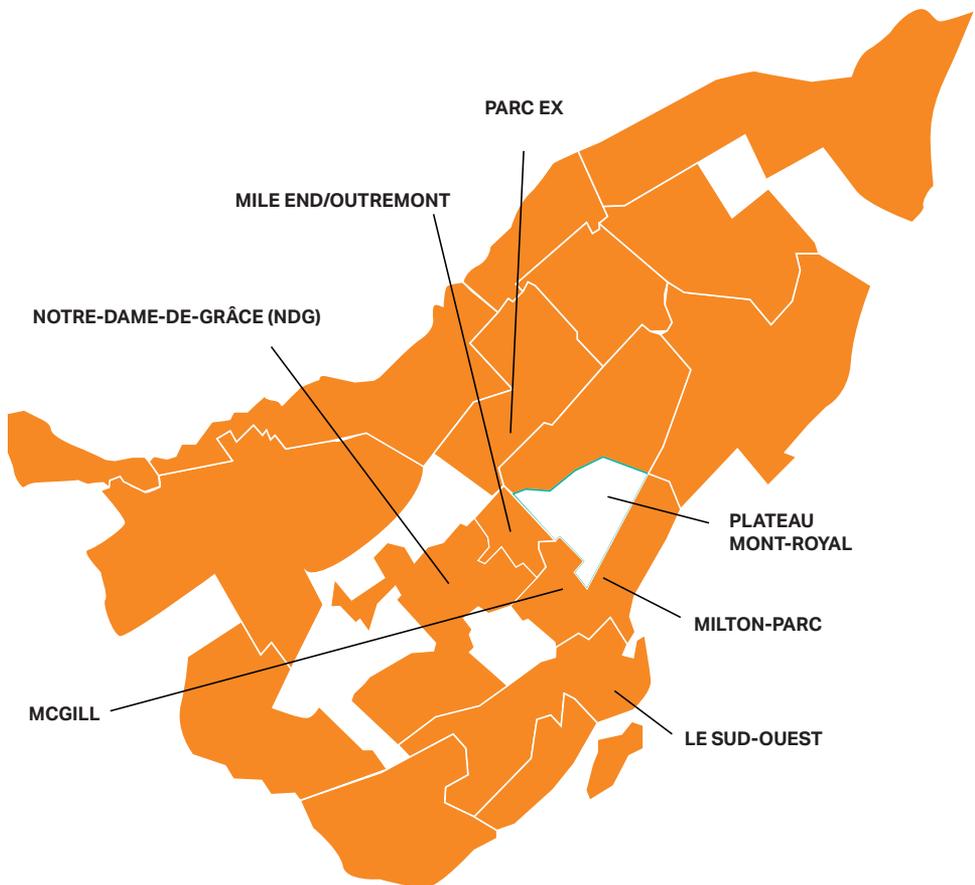


LEARNING FRENCH CAN BE VERY USEFUL IN MONTREAL WHILE MOST AREAS NEAR OR AROUND CAMPUS ARE GOING TO BE PRIMARILY ANGLOPHONE, MONTREAL AS A WHOLE IS STILL VERY MUCH A FRANCOPHONE CITY. THERE ARE MANY RESOURCES THAT MCGILL STUDENTS CAN USE TO LEARN FRENCH NO MATTER THEIR SKILL LEVEL. PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT, SO KEEP SPEAKING IT WHEREVER YOU CAN AND EVENTUALLY YOUR ACCENT AND MASTERY OF THE LANGUAGE WILL GET BETTER.

#### TIPS ON LEARNING FRENCH

**MEDIA:** One great way to learn French is to hear it through shows on streaming services, social media, and through television. Putting subtitles on French shows is a great way to learn how the language is spoken by native speakers. Check out page 39 for info on how to access shows and

# Neighbourhood Map



# Metro Map



## SALON DU LIVRE DE MONTREAL

November 23-27, 2022

[salondulivredeMontreal.com/](http://salondulivredeMontreal.com/)

A book fair hosted annually at the Palais des congrès de Montréal.

## FRANCOS DE MONTREAL

Annually in June

[francosmontreal.com/](http://francosmontreal.com/)

An annual francophone music festival.

## FESTIVAL DE LA POESIE DE MONTREAL

Summer 2023

[festivaldelapoesiedemontreal.com](http://festivaldelapoesiedemontreal.com)

An opportunity for Quebecois and Franco-Canadian poets and poetry fans to gather and share their love of poetry.

reduce the price of the rent to intrigue subletters. You will need to notify your landlord before you let someone sublet your place, but they cannot reject a sublet without cause. Many leases have specific conditions for subletting, so you should also review this before taking on a subletter. Advertise in as many places as possible, with clear descriptions and photos. Many students advertise on Facebook Marketplace or within Facebook groups about housing.

### WHERE TO LOOK

You can find apartments online by looking at Craigslist, Kijiji, McGill Off-Campus Housing, or on various Facebook housing groups. There are also private housing groups for specific communities, like Chez Queer ([bit.ly/3zhE8IT](https://bit.ly/3zhE8IT)) for LGBTQ+ renters and Chez IBPOC ([bit.ly/3zbiKZQ](https://bit.ly/3zbiKZQ)) for renters who identify as Black, Indigenous, and/or people of colour. Keep an eye out for "à louer" signs and ask friends if they know of any places for rent.

# Living Off Campus



## TIPS FOR FINDING AN APARTMENT

MANY MCGILL STUDENTS DECIDE TO LIVE OFF CAMPUS DURING THEIR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE. IT IS A GREAT WAY TO HELP MAKE MONTREAL YOUR HOME AND IT GIVES YOU A TRUE FEEL FOR THE CITY. WHILE THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO LIVE IN MONTREAL AS A STUDENT, IT CAN POSE SOME LEGAL AND PERSONAL CHALLENGES AS WELL, LIKE RENTING AND LIVING ON YOUR OWN FOR THE FIRST TIME. FOR ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS, VISIT THE LIKEHOME WEBSITE ([LIKE-HOME.INFO](https://www.likehome.ca)). IT IS A RESOURCE MANAGED BY TWO STUDENT HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS IN MONTREAL - UTILE AND HOJO.

- ★ **Live with roommates to cut costs!** Even if you are friends, make sure to have straight to the point conversations about what you need in your home to be happy, including noise levels, cleanliness, how you will address conflict, and how you will communicate desires to socialize or be left alone.
- ★ Leases generally start on the first of the month. **Make sure to start looking for a place at least two to three months before you want your lease to start.** May 1, July 1, and September 1 are common start dates.
- ★ Montreal has some of the lowest rent of any major city in North America. **Anything above \$700 if you have roommates is considered pricey.**
- ★ **Think outside of the bubble of the Milton-Parc community!** There are plenty of lovely (and cheaper) neighborhoods to explore in Montreal. Check out page 84 for more information on what neighborhood you want to live in.
- ★ **Check the blacklist!** The Regie du logement, Quebec's rental board, also maintains a blacklist of landlords to prepare you for who to avoid! Find the list at [rdl.gouv.qc.ca](http://rdl.gouv.qc.ca). It may also be worth it to talk to friends and family in the city about a landlord or property before signing a lease to see if it has a bad reputation.

## UNDERSTANDING THE NUMBERS

[bit.ly/3mjWu3X](https://bit.ly/3mjWu3X)

In Montreal, apartments are classified by the total number of rooms in an apartment, while a bathroom is counted as a half room.

## GENERALLY SPEAKING

- ★ 1 ½: A small studio with just one main room. This includes a kitchenette and a bathroom.
- ★ 3 ½: A larger apartment that usually contains a bedroom, kitchen, living room, and a bathroom.
- ★ 4 ½: An apartment containing two bedrooms, kitchen, living room, and one washroom. Sometimes the second room in a 4 ½ is not a bedroom, but is rather an office or living room.

## SUBLETTING

[bit.ly/3MimGX0](https://bit.ly/3MimGX0)

Most Montreal leases last twelve months, so many students sublet their apartments for the summer. However, there are usually more people trying to sublet than those looking to rent short-term, so start looking for subletters early or

# Tenants' Rights

[likehome.info/actions/](https://likehome.info/actions/)

IT IS CRUCIAL TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THE LAW AND YOUR RIGHTS WHEN RENTING. MANY LANDLORDS GET AWAY WITH THINGS THAT ARE ILLEGAL BECAUSE STUDENTS DO NOT KNOW THEIR RIGHTS AS TENANTS

## YOU ARE ENTITLED TO...

**TRANSFER YOUR LEASE**, meaning that you can assign it to new tenants during the lease term.

**ASK YOUR LANDLORD TO MAKE NECESSARY REPAIRS.** The landlord is responsible for repairing defects in the apartment, and is also responsible for repairing any appliances that are included within your lease.

**TWENTY-FOUR HOURS' NOTICE IF YOUR LANDLORD NEEDS TO VISIT THE APARTMENT.**

Or, if they want to show potential new tenants your place, they are required to respect your privacy (although this does not necessarily mean twenty-four hours notice).

**BE INFORMED IN WRITING THREE TO SIX MONTHS BEFORE YOUR LANDLORD INTENDS TO RAISE YOUR RENT.** You have thirty days to respond. If you do not respond, this legally means that you have accepted the rent increase.

**NEVER BE REQUIRED TO PAY A SECURITY DEPOSIT, LAST MONTH'S RENT, KEY DEPOSIT, FINDER'S FEE, OR ANY OTHER EXTRAS.**

The only payment a landlord can ask for in advance is the first month's rent.

**KEEP PERSONAL INFORMATION LIKE YOUR BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER OF SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER PRIVATE.** However, a landlord can ask for a background check.

## RESOURCES

If you are struggling to understand the process of renting, are having problems with a landlord, want to learn more about your rights, or just want to get involved in improving the housing conditions in Montreal, here are some resources.

### RÉGIE DU LOGEMENT

[tal.gouv.qc.ca/en](https://tal.gouv.qc.ca/en)

The Régie is a specialized section of the Quebec government that oversees rental housing information and disputes. They are a great resource for understanding your legal rights, and are also the organization you would go to if you need to file any complaints against a landlord.

### MCGILL STUDENT HOUSING

[bit.ly/3atVd7Q](https://bit.ly/3atVd7Q)

This is a great resource when looking for apartments and understanding your rights. They also have an apartment listings section to help students in their search for a place to live.

### LEGAL INFORMATION CLINIC MCGILL |

[fb.me/licm.cijm/](https://fb.me/licm.cijm/)

3480 McTavish, suites 108 & 107-A  
(514) 398 - 6792

The LICM provides court accompaniment to the Régie du logement: volunteers can accompany you to court, provide moral support, and explain procedures. The LICM also offers information regarding tenant rights.

### HOUSING AND JOB RESOURCE CENTRE

[bit.ly/3tg3y5A](https://bit.ly/3tg3y5A)

Despite being located on Concordia's campus, you do not have to be a Concordia student to visit HOJO. It is a great one-stop shop for all your housing related questions. They will provide you with legal advice and assistance with paperwork. Even if you are not having immediate issues with a landlord, it can be useful to get their advice before signing anything!

### MONTREAL'S AUTONOMOUS TENANTS' UNION

[linktr.ee/slam.matu](https://linktr.ee/slam.matu) | [instagram.com/slam.matu/](https://instagram.com/slam.matu/)

Montreal's Autonomous Tenants' Union is a direct-democracy of tenants. We meet every two weeks to discuss issues in our buildings, and to coordinate actions against our landlords to resolve these issues. We encourage and help tenants to establish their own union branches in their buildings to form relationships with their neighbours and to discuss solutions to common issues.

Students facing issues with their landlords or looking to join the union can contact us through [slam.matu@protonmail.com](mailto:slam.matu@protonmail.com); or visit the 3516 Parc community building Tuesday - Thursday 3pm-7pm.

### REGISTRE DES LOYERS CITOYENS

[monloyer.quebec/](https://monloyer.quebec/)

This is a French-language website where individuals can anonymously indicate what they currently pay in rent and see what others have paid in an effort to combat illegal rent increases in Quebec

# Arts, Culture & Events



Montreal is a vibrant and artistic city that offers a lot in terms of music, dance, film, performance art, comedy, theatre, and fine art. Its great cultural depth makes it a prime location for a selection of different venues and events. These are just some of the many iconic spots in the city.

## FILM



### CINEMA BANQUE SCOTIA MONTREAL

[cinplx.co/3MkkRcz](http://cinplx.co/3MkkRcz)

This theatre, conveniently located downtown, shows most mainstream movies. Tickets can be pricey – if you're set on seeing a new blockbuster in the cinema, look for promotions on Cineplex's website ([cinplx.co/3auehmn](http://cinplx.co/3auehmn)).

### CINEMA DU PARC

[cinemaduparc.com](http://cinemaduparc.com)

This cinema, conveniently located in Milton-Parc, is perfect for indie flicks, cult classics, and more. Films are typically offered in English and/or French. Films in other languages typically have French subtitles.

### CINEMA MODERNE

[cinemamoderne.com/en/](http://cinemamoderne.com/en/)

Great for hard-to-find international films. Films are typically offered in English or with English subtitles.

## MUSIC VENUES



### MTELUS

[mtelus.com/en](http://mtelus.com/en)

This venue, which is conveniently located downtown, often hosts big names in pop music. Shows this fall include Måneskin, Alan Walker, and Rainbow Kitten Surprise.

### BAR LE RITZ PDB

[fb.me/barleritzpdb](http://fb.me/barleritzpdb)

If you like indie music or nostalgic themed dance parties, Bar Le Ritz is the place to go!

### THEATRE CORONA

[theatrecorona.ca](http://theatrecorona.ca)

A premier concert venue located in the Sud-Ouest. This fall, you can catch acts like Calum Scott, Gracie Abrams, and Clinton Kane at this venue.

## MUSIC FESTIVALS



### POP MONTREAL

[popmontreal.com](http://popmontreal.com)

Sept 28 - Oct 2, 2022

An annual festival featuring musical talent from around the world alongside symposium discussions, art exhibitions, film screenings, fashion shows, and fun parties.

### IGLOOFEST

[igloofest.ca](http://igloofest.ca)

Jan 19 - Feb 11, 2023

A unique electronic music festival that takes place outside in the winter. Don't be surprised to see the crowd decked out in snow suits as what is called the "coldest musical festival in the world".

### FRANCOS DE MONTREAL

[francosmontreal.com/](http://francosmontreal.com/)

June 2023 (exact dates tbd)

A festival that showcases the rich diversity of Francophone music, featuring a wide variety of talented francophone artists.

## THEATRE



### MAINLINE THEATRE

[mainlinetheatre.ca/](http://mainlinetheatre.ca/)

The host of fun and exciting independent theatre productions.

### INFINITHEATRE

[infinitheatre.com/](http://infinitheatre.com/)

This venue shows unique theatrical productions in English.

### CENTAUR THEATRE

[centaurtheatre.com/](http://centaurtheatre.com/)

This theatre features large-scale English language productions.

### SEGAL CENTRE

[segalcentre.org/](http://segalcentre.org/)

Considered the heart of English theatre in Montreal, this venue hosts exciting original and touring shows.

## ART GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS



### GALERIE D'ART INUIT IMAGES BORÉALES

[imagesboreales.com](http://imagesboreales.com)

4 rue St-Paul Est

Founded in 2010, the Galerie Images Boreales is proud to represent nearly 200 of Canada's most established Inuit artists. It works with young emerging artists by giving them a promising future by helping them in their career development. Head to the Old Port to visit!

## DAHPNE

[daphne.art](http://daphne.art)

### 5842 St Hubert St

Daphne is a relatively new non-profit Indigenous artist-run centre committed to serving the needs of emerging, mid-career, and established Indigenous artists through exhibitions and associated programming, workshops, residencies and curatorial initiatives.

## MUSÉE DES BEAUX-ARTS

[mbam.qc.ca/en/](http://mbam.qc.ca/en/)

Here you will find Montreal's most extensive art collection. Visitors under 20 years old are free and visitors ages 21 to 30 get in for \$16. Annual memberships for individuals under 30 cost \$35, meaning that the card is paid off in 3 visits.

## ARTICULE

[articule.org/](http://articule.org/)

An open-access artist-run centre. Visit to see contemporary art and exciting exhibitions.

## LA GUILDE

[laquilde.com](http://laquilde.com)

A gallery featuring Inuit art, First Nations art, and Fine Crafts, including permanent and rotating exhibits.

## MCCORD MUSEUM

[musee-mccord.qc.ca/](http://musee-mccord.qc.ca/)

A museum that celebrates past and present life in Montreal through exhibitions that focus on history, people, and communities.

Looking for an off-campus job? While this will certainly be easier if you are bilingual, there are still options for English speakers. Check out these resources for a few leads.

**NOTE:** The passing of Bill 96 ([bit.ly/3Ore0zU](http://bit.ly/3Ore0zU)) may significantly limit opportunities for anglophone individuals looking for work off-campus. This situation is developing rapidly and the SSMU is currently unable to know that the exact impacts will be on McGill's student community. Keep an eye out on the SSMU External Affairs Facebook page ([fb.me/ssmuea/](https://fb.me/ssmuea/)) for SSMU's efforts to address this situation.

## CAPS: MYFUTURE

[Caps.myfuture.mcgill.ca](http://Caps.myfuture.mcgill.ca)

MyFuture is a one-stop-shop for career-related events and job postings for McGill students. You can sign up for events like panels and workshops on myFuture. Jobs, internships, and volunteer opportunities are also listed here.

## FACULTIES AND JOB AFFAIRS

CaPS provides a comprehensive listing of upcoming career fairs at [mcgill.ca/caps/students/services/careerfairs](http://mcgill.ca/caps/students/services/careerfairs).

You can also contact your individual faculty to see if they will be hosting a career fair.

The faculties of Engineering and Management both have job fairs and career workshops throughout the year, featuring some very renowned companies.

The Arts and Science faculties also have grad and career fairs in the fall.

The Arts Internship Office helps place students in exciting positions over the summer ([mcgill.ca/arts-internships/](http://mcgill.ca/arts-internships/)).

## FACEBOOK GROUPS

There are groups on Facebook that only those with a McGill email can access. One of these is Jobs & Internships ([bit.ly/3GPR0Yn](http://bit.ly/3GPR0Yn)), a group devoted to posting job opportunities (from one-offs to full-time positions) from all over. Check frequently to find a position that works well for you.

## WEBSITES

These websites are great places to keep track of job availability in Montreal and find jobs specific to your field or skill set!

[ca.indeed.com/](http://ca.indeed.com/)

[jobbank.gc.ca/home](http://jobbank.gc.ca/home)

[young-canada-works.canada.ca](http://young-canada-works.canada.ca)