

## Typical questions about Montreal



Here are typical questions about Montreal...and the answers!

**Why choose Montreal to study?**

Montreal is the second largest city in Canada pop 3.5 million with a uniquely bilingual city --everyone speaks English and French. It has large English population with 4 English school boards, 4 cegeps (community colleges), 2 world class English language universities --- please see our web site as well at [www.seiq.com](http://www.seiq.com).

**Isn't it French in Montreal?**

Not in your school. You will be in an English homestay, in an English school, all your courses are English (math, physics, history, English, biology, gym class etc...all in English, your classmates will be English. However, the city is English and French. In high school to help you, you may take one French course.

**What if I more French?**

Well, you have two options, either we can place you in an English school and you have a French host family... or we can also place you in a French school.

**How is high school in Montreal different?**

Actually, high school in Montreal is the same as in other provinces: we offer high academic standards and government accredited programs.

The differences? we have 4 terms instead of semesters so students and parents receive 4 report cards and high school finishes in grade 11.

### What is the school system?

High school grade 7-11, CEGEP grade 12-1st year Univ (like community college) ,  
University Bachelor 3 years

### What is CEGEP?

It is like community college. It was designed to make it easier for students to make the leap to University. Cegep is bigger than a high school, yet smaller than a University with classes the same size as high school. As a result, students develop independence, maturity yet get the attention from a teacher a freshman in another university system would not get.

### Where are the high schools?

We have high schools near the city, in the suburbs, and one further North in the Laurentians.

### How different is a Term system from a Semester system?

Montreal area school year (the province as a whole) is based on a Term system not Semesters. Roughly speaking 2 Terms = 1 semester.

Example:	Term 1	Aug 30 - Oct 27
	Term 2	Oct 28 - Jan 12
	Term 3	Jan 13 - March 17
	Term 4	March 18 - June 8 (after June 8 sec 3-5 have final exams)

Student has 4 terms he also has 4 report cards—one for each term, final report card being avg of all 4 terms. Term dates vary from school to school but generally very similar.

### Isn't it cold in Montreal?

Next question. OK, I'll answer it.  
Montreal has four seasons. Temperate climate. The weather is like New York city.

### How far are you from the U.S. and New York?

It is 45 minutes drive to the U.S. border, Boston 4-hour drive, New York city a little over a 6-hour drive

### How far are you from the Ottawa and Quebec City?

It is about a 2 hour drive and a 4 hour drive. Niagara Falls 8 hours