

# Concordia University, Canada

Exchange semester	Autumn semester 2025
Study level	Graduate (Master)
Home faculty at GU	Faculty of Education
Studies at GU	International Master's Programme in Educational Research

## Studies

The biggest difference was the teaching style and course structure. At Concordia University, classes were more discussion-based and interactive, with continuous assessment and participation playing a larger role, whereas at GU, assessment relies more on written assignments.

## Arrival, orientation and housing

My arrival was smooth, and the university provided clear guidance for international students. I received support from the international office, which helped me settle in quickly and adjust to the new environment.

## Finances

Living costs in Montreal were slightly higher than in Gothenburg, especially for housing and groceries.

## Life in a new country/culture

The exchange experience was enriching beyond academics. I had the opportunity to explore a new culture and meet students from around the world. I visited several iconic places in Canada, including Old Montreal, Niagara Falls, the CN Tower in Toronto, and other cities, which broadened my perspective both personally and professionally.

## Overall exchange experience

Overall, my exchange experience was highly rewarding. Academically, it challenged me in new ways, and socially, it allowed me to build a global network and gain valuable life experiences. I would highly recommend an exchange semester to other students.