




RETOUR D'EXPÉRIENCE

Sydney, Canada



UNIVERSITÉ DE
MONTPELLIER

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MANAGEMENT



Overall, my experience abroad was very positive. I quickly felt comfortable and in my place because the environment matched my personality very well. I am someone rather reserved and very interested in sports, so I appreciated the calm atmosphere and the strong sports culture on campus.

If I could go back in time, I would definitely choose the same university again for these reasons. However, I think the experience could have been more difficult for someone who is very outgoing or looking for a very lively city life, because the university was quite isolated and not always very dynamic outside of campus activities.



Practical informations

You only need an eTA (Electronic Travel Authorization) to fly to Canada, which is very easy to obtain online.

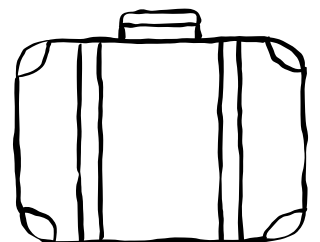
There is no need for a visa or any other permit for a one-semester exchange as a French student.



I flew from Toulouse to Sydney with Air Canada, with a stopover in Montréal. I booked my flight ticket in late October for a departure on January 1st. Be careful, as some flights can be disrupted by the weather since Canada can be very snowy during winter.

You should definitely bring warm clothes because winters in Canada can be very cold. However, unless you plan to do outdoor snow activities, I do not think snow boots are absolutely necessary. The campus is usually well cleared of snow, so if you mainly stay on campus, regular sneakers are generally enough.

One thing to keep in mind is that heavy snow can sometimes block activities for several days, so bringing something to keep yourself entertained can be a very good idea. For example, we brought a PS5 with us and we definitely did not regret it during snowy periods when there was not much to do outside.



We lived directly on campus and it was very convenient. I would clearly recommend living there rather than in the city. Living in town usually means having to take the bus every day, which is not always practical, especially during winter.

On campus, everything was very close: we were only two minutes away from the gym, the sports facilities, and the classrooms. It made daily life much easier and allowed us to fully enjoy campus activities and student life.

I found my accommodation directly through the university's website. The process was simple and practical because the university provides housing options for exchange students on campus.

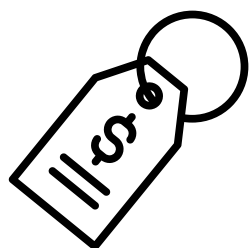
I would recommend applying as early as possible to have more choices and to make sure you get accommodation close to the university facilities.



For accommodation on campus, you should plan a budget between approximately **€1,400** and **€2,300** for the semester, depending on the type of housing you choose.

There were several options available: shared bedrooms, apartments shared with several students, or larger flats for up to five people with an integrated kitchen and common living spaces. The price mainly depended on the level of comfort and privacy you wanted. I had to go to the building named « Harris Hall » to collect the keys for my apartment.

One important thing to know is that bedsheets, blankets, and pillows were not provided by the university, so you should plan to bring some or buy them once you arrive.



Courses selection

MRKT-3304-0 : Business to Business Marketing ★★★★★

Subject extremely interesting because it covered topics that I felt we had never really studied during our degree in France. It gave me a new perspective on marketing, especially regarding relationships and strategies between companies.

The professor was particularly engaging, dynamic, and friendly, which made the classes very enjoyable to attend. The teaching style kept students involved and made the subject much more interesting.

However, the workload was quite significant compared to some other courses. The evaluation included three multiple-choice exams and three group projects, so it required regular work throughout the semester. Despite that, I would absolutely recommend this course because it was both enriching and motivating.

ECON-1101-20 : Principles of Microeconomics ★★★★★

The professor was excellent: very passionate about what he was teaching and always willing to help students. He was also very flexible and regularly adapted both the course content and the evaluation methods to avoid penalizing students as much as possible.

The class covered fairly classic economics concepts such as monopolies, oligopolies, supply and demand, and market structures. Even though I had already studied most of these concepts before, I still found the course engaging thanks to the professor's teaching style and explanations.

The evaluation was based on two large multiple-choice exams lasting two hours each. Because of this, the workload during the semester was relatively light. However, I would still recommend studying regularly and not waiting until the last moment before the exams, since the course materials consisted of very long PowerPoint presentations with many graphs and detailed explanations.

MGMT-1601-13 : Introduction to Business ★☆☆☆☆

The content was basic and I personally did not learn anything new from it. The teaching approach also felt quite childish at times, with the professor often treating students in a very infantilizing way and regularly showing cartoons or overly simplistic material during class. Overall, it was a disappointing experience and the least interesting course of my semester abroad.

Courses selection

MGMT-2604-14 : Organizational Behaviour I

I have mixed feelings about this course. The subject itself did not particularly interest me, so I sometimes found it difficult to stay fully engaged during the classes.

However, the professor was kind, interesting, and made real efforts to create a good learning atmosphere.

Even though the topic was not really aligned with my personal interests, the course was still well organized and pleasant to attend thanks to the professor's attitude and teaching style. I think students who are more interested in management and workplace dynamics would probably enjoy it more than I did.

MRKT-2303-0 : Integrated Marketing Communication

This was a fairly interesting marketing course, although I found it a bit too general at times. I sometimes had the feeling that the class focused more on giving an overview of the subject rather than going deeply into specific concepts. That being said, the teaching method was quite original and interesting.

The professor was very open to the use of AI tools, as long as they were used in a supervised and responsible way, which made the course feel modern and practical.

The class was also based more on practical assignments and applications than on pure theory, which I appreciated. Overall, even if the content could have been more in-depth, I still think the course was engaging and worth taking for students interested in marketing.

Notes

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Classes lasted from January until early April. Overall, the workload was lighter than at Montpellier Management, except for the Business to Business Marketing course, which required much more regular work and involvement. In general, all the professors were friendly and approachable. One thing that really stood out to me was how attentive they were to students' needs, which felt very different from France and seemed to be part of the local academic culture.

For example, before submitting a group assignment, professors would often invite every group to schedule a meeting with them to make sure the instructions were fully understood and to help students if needed. They were very supportive, available, and genuinely willing to help students succeed.

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by cooking for yourself
- Plan many travels and visit : Toronto,
the Niagaral Falls, etc.
- Be open to meet new people and
make the most of your experience !

