



Exchange in Concordia University, Canada

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My First Week in Montreal

I arrived Montreal one week before school day started to adapt to the environment, and weather was the hardest part for me. It was extremely cold that the temperature was around -10 to -20 Degree Celsius whereas room temperature was kept at 25 Degree Celsius.

I lived with a homestay family, which was very far away from downtown. I had a room in the basement by myself. My housemates were local Canadian landlords and other renters from all different places round the world, French, Brazil, Peru, Holland and Koera, etc. What a mix of cultures in a house!

My Classes in Concordia University

When I first came to classes, my classmates did not realize I was an exchange student. I took up my courage to introduce myself, and most of them were very nice and willing to offer help.

I took four courses, two of which were challenging to me. Most courses did not include any tutorial session, and students were required to be very self-disciplined to study by themselves.

Unexpected Things

It was my first time to celebrate New Year Eve in a foreign country. The atmosphere there was absolutely fantastic, not a bit worse than that in Hong Kong.

Since the Quebec province government planned to increase the tuition fee of Universities, many students went on a strike against the proposal, and some classes were therefore cancelled.

Canadians have dinner early like around 6pm. After the meal, they had plenty of time to gather with family members such as watching movie together.

My First Times

Hockey Game: Concordia University vs McGill University. The hockey game was very exciting especially when two players smash into each others.

Skiing: My landlord took me to a ski field. They helped me hire a tutor to teach me how to ski. I had so much fun in it.

End of My Exchange

After the final examination, I spent about a month on traveling around US and Canada with my friends. We planned our routes and visited many cities, which made a perfect ending of my exchange semester. In addition, I have now become more confident, more adventurous, and more independent.

