

# Eastern Canada



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## Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Summer Session • June 12-21, 2012

Course Name:

### Eastern Canada: Its Environment & People

Course Numbers: **GRY 470**

Credit hours: **2** (undergraduate)

#### Course Overview:

This course will examine 450 years of French civilization in North America. Through field tours in Montréal, Québec City and Québec Province, students will examine topics such as urbanization, urban structure, planning, historical development of trade and community, tourism, and physical geography.

The class will research, collect and analyze geographical field data using a variety of techniques, including census data, quantitative survey research data, and qualitative methods such as behavioral geographic studies and participant observation. Students will employ mixed methodologies to understand the environment, the people and how the two interact in Eastern Canada.

We will visit the region's most significant natural, archeological, historical, architectural and cultural sites, as well as residential neighborhoods and commercial centers. Walking tours of Montréal and Québec City will allow students to experience these vibrant urban environments "at street level," thereby gaining a broad understanding of French-Canadian culture and how it differs from our own.

#### Estimated Cost: **\$1,297**

**Includes:** ground transportation, lodging, breakfasts, field trip expenses, Study Away student fee. Separated costs not available.

**Excludes:** MSU tuition for 2 hours of undergraduate credit; passport fees; airfare, lunches & dinners, misc. personal expenses.

**Nonrefundable deposit due with Application by Mon., March 26, 2012:**  
**\$195** (will be billed to your student account)

**Balance due Mon., May 7, 2012: \$1,102**

#### Voucher Eligibility & Financial Aid

If you entered MSU as a freshman in 2009 or 2010, you may use the **Study Away \$500 voucher**. Students who receive financial aid through MSU may apply that aid to the program, if eligible. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at **836-5262** for more information.

Informational Meeting:

**3 p.m., Tues., March 6, 2012**  
**Temple Hall #326**

Pre-travel Class Meeting:

**3 p.m., Tues., May 8, 2012**  
**Temple Hall #326**

Arrive in Montréal, Canada:

**Tues., June 12, 2012**

Depart Québec City:

**Thurs., June 21, 2012**

#### Interested in going?

Contact either of the Program Directors for more information:

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## Course Objectives:

Participants should expect to gain a better understanding of:

- French Canada's history, culture and physical environment
- The urban structure of Montréal and Québec City, how their form and function differ from other North American cities, and features that make them more livable
- Concepts of regional differences and cultural adaptations
- The roots of Québec separatism sentiments
- The role tourism plays as an economic activity in modern metropolitan settings
- Interconnections of humans to their environment

This course satisfies the week-long, off-campus field trip requirement for Geography majors. Planning, Environmental Sciences & Policy, Sociology, Anthropology, Art, French Language, History, Political Science and other majors also are welcome to participate in this research-centered, cultural immersion program.

## Course Schedule & Itinerary:

**3 PM Tues., May 8, 2012** - Pre-travel Class Meeting at Temple Hall #326

**Tues., June 12** - Travel to Montréal; meet at McGill University residence hall; brief group orientation meeting

**Wed., June 13** - Mont Royal walk; visit McCord Museum of Canadian History, Montréal Museum of Fine Arts, Eglise Saint Andrew & Saint Paul; Cathedrale Marie-Reine du Monde, Square Dorchester, Windsor Station, Place Ville-Marie underground shopping complex, Plateau Mont Royal, and Quartier Latin to view typical French-Canadian architecture. Meeting for next day.

**Thurs., June 14** - Students break into small groups, collect assigned data, present data, and discuss strengths and weaknesses of different methodologies.

**Fri., June 15** - Visit Old Montréal - Basilique Notre-Dame de Montréal, Montreal Museum of Archeology and History, Centre d'Histoire de Montréal, Bonsecour Market, the Clock Tower and lookout on St. Lawrence River, Rue St.Paul, Marguerite Bourgeoys Museum, Notre-Dame de Bon-Secours Chapel, Place Jacques Cartier, Place Vauquelin, Montreal City Hall and Old Court House, and Chateau Ramezay Museum. Optional visit to Chinatown.

**Sat., June 16** - Students meet in groups to collect, present and discuss assigned data.

**Sun, June 17** - Travel from Montréal to Québec City by "Le Chemin du Roi" (King's Road), established in 1737. In addition to its considerable historical interest, the route offers magnificent views of the St. Lawrence River.

Along the way, students will discover some of the region's greatest cultural riches: charming villages, churches, museums, historic homes, arts and crafts, local produce, etc. Arrive in Québec City (University Laval residence halls) late afternoon; class meeting; possible bus trip to old Québec downtown for dinner.

**Mon., June 18** - Visit Discovery Pavilion of the Plains of Abraham, Fortifications of Québec national historic site (guided tour), Rue St.Louis (Old Quebec), Place d'Armes, Rue du Tresor open-air gallery, Notre Dame de Québec Basilica, Urban Life Interpretation Centre, Musée de l'Amérique Française, Rue du Fort, Chateau Frontenac, Terrasse Dufferin boardwalk, Basse-Ville (Lower Town) via the escalier casse-cou stairway or the funicular railway, Petit Champlain neighborhood to see two of the oldest buildings in Québec (Place de Paris and Place-Royale), Place Royale Interpretation Centre, Musée de la Civilisation. Take ferry to Lévis, on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River. Return to Québec City. Class meeting.

**Tues., June 19** - Students meet in groups to collect, present and discuss assigned data.

**Wed., June 20** - Free day in Québec City - Visit the Ile d'Orleans and Montmorency Falls, La Citadelle, Artillery Park Heritage Site, or L'Ilot des Palais historical and archeological site.

**Thurs., June 21** - Final class meeting; return to Springfield.

## Course Credit & Requirements:

Students who successfully complete this course will earn 2 hours of undergraduate credit. The course will be graded pass/fail. Students will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- **Field Activities** - While in Montréal and Québec City, one major field exercise and several mini field assignments will be conducted. Prior to each field trip, students will be given a task that must be completed and handed in the following day. The nature of each assignment will vary according to the topic of the field trip. A total of three mini field trip assignments (at least one of which will be a group assignment), plus one major field activity, must be completed by each student.
- **Presentation** - While in Montréal and Québec City, each student is expected to give a short presentation of a relevant geographical or cultural experience.
- **Paper** - Each student will submit a 5-page paper relating their presentation to the wider topic of French Canada and, in particular, Montréal and Québec City.
- **Journal** - On the last day of the study tour, each student must turn in a detailed journal relating to all the field trips. The journal should not just list the events of the day and the places visited, but also include the student's

reflections on how the topics that were studied relate to the concept of 450 years of French civilization in North America.

• **Active Participation** - Students are expected to complete all assigned readings for each class period and actively participate in class discussions.

**Required text** - Students will read handouts provided by the Program Directors. A guide book for Québec is strongly recommended.

## Application & Payment Procedures:

Missouri State University students who are approved by the Program Directors may apply. Instructions are included on program application. A **non-refundable deposit of \$195** will be billed to your student account upon application. The balance of the program cost (**\$1,102**) will be billed to your account on **May 7, 2012**.

The published program cost is based on rates in effect on the publication date of this flyer and may be subject to change. **Program participants agree to a potential increase of up to 10% in the program fee if costs increase before or during travel.**

## Cancellation & Refund Policies:

- Students who withdraw prior to **Fri., May 4, 2012** will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$195 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after **May 4, 2012** for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$195 deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after **May 4, 2012**, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.
- Once the program has started, students withdrawing receive no refund under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Directors and to Elizabeth Strong at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. **Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.**
- Any plans by a participant not to travel with the group must also be submitted in writing to the Program Directors and the Study Away Office.
- The program will be cancelled if enrollment is fewer than 15 participants. In this event, students will receive a full refund.