

# IP Academic Bulletin for Canada: 2015-16

## Introduction

The IP Academic Bulletin (also known as "IP Bulletin" or "Bulletin") is the International Programs (IP) "catalog" and provides academic information about the program in Canada.

The Bulletin must read in conjunction with the two publications listed below.

- [Academic Planning, Crediting and Reporting](#). This publication contains information on academic planning, how courses get credited to your degree, and the academic reporting process including when to expect your academic report at the end of your year abroad.
- [Academic Policies](#). This publication contains academic policies which will be applied to all IP participants. Topics include but are not limited to CSU Registration, Enrollment Requirements, Attendance, Examinations, Assignment of Grades, Grading Symbols, Credit/No Credit Option and Course Withdrawals.

To access the above publications, refer to the IP website under "Study Abroad", and "Academic Program Information" or click on either of the document names above which are linked to our website.

To access general information about your program and study center, refer to the IP website under "[Programs](#)" and click on the specific program to which you have been accepted.

## Academic Program

The International Programs in Canada is affiliated with Concordia University in Montreal.

Many Canadian universities are similar to the British university model in that undergraduate students enroll in a program of study that is relatively fixed and highly focused within a particular area. Most degree programs take three years to complete. CSU students will enroll in courses within the approved field of study in which they are placed.

IP students are required to take a minimum of 15 units each semester, even though Concordia University's minimum requirement is less than 15 units.

All students, regardless of institution that they are attending or the curriculum they are following, are required to take a French language course in the first semester.

A minimum of three courses must be within the approved area of study in which they were accepted. The remaining units may be electives.

Students may choose semester courses in combination with year-long courses as follows:

- Fall term courses which run from September to December (indicated as /2 courses) for 3 credits.
- Year-long year courses which run from September to April (indicated as /3 courses) for 6 credits total (3 credits per semester).
- Winter term courses which run from January to May (indicated as /4 courses) for 3 credits.

Below is an example of a schedule for a student who is not majoring or minoring in French language.

<b>Semester 1: Fall Semester</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Semester 2: Spring Semester</b>	<b>Units</b>
French Language	3-6	Concentration classes	12
Concentration classes	9	Electives	<u>3</u>
Electives	<u>3-0</u>	Minimum units required <u>each semester</u> :	15
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Any exceptions to the above schedule (e.g., taking more than one elective course in a given semester, taking more than 18 units) or any exception to academic policy must be approved by the Office of International Programs. To request an exception, email the Office of International Programs at: [<IPacademics@calstate.edu>](mailto:IPacademics@calstate.edu).

### Course Levels

At Concordia University, 200 level courses are generally considered first year or introductory courses (although not limited to first year students). Typically, these courses are considered lower division, although some may be upper division, depending on course content. 300 level courses are second and third year courses and have prerequisites, which are usually 200 level courses. These courses are normally considered upper division with some exceptions. 400 level courses are usually third year, honours or graduate level courses. Some of the courses require the Professor's approval in order to take them, but in general, if the student has the prerequisites, he or she can register for them. Courses at the 400 level are considered upper division although some may be graduate level courses, depending on course content.

### Unit Conversion Guidelines

For every credit earned at the Concordia University, an IP student earns one CSU semester unit. To convert the value of CSU semester units into CSU quarter units, multiply the CSU semester units by 1.5.

### Assessment and Grading

The grading system at Concordia University is comparable to the grading scale used at the CSU as follows:

Canadian Grade	CSU Grade
A+, A	A
A-	A-
B+	B+
B	B
B-	B-
C+	C+
C	C
C-	C-
D+	D+
D	D
D-	D-
E, F	F

### University Offerings

A wide variety of academic subjects is available, and prospective students should consult the web pages of the University when choosing courses. To find course descriptions for undergraduate courses, go to <<http://registrar.concordia.ca/calendar/>> and view the Undergraduate Calendar.

Admission to courses is subject to availability, approval of the host university and department prerequisites. Students will be required to meet prerequisites for courses (if applicable) and must be prepared to submit verification of completion of prerequisites when requested by the Concordia International Office.

As is the case with any CSU catalog, not all of the courses listed are offered every semester so students should be flexible with their selection of courses and course schedule.

If you have any questions regarding courses or registration, please contact Christine Archer at [christine.archer@concordia.ca](mailto:christine.archer@concordia.ca).