INTERNATIONAL THEMATIC CLUSTERS IN ENGINEERING  
POLYTECHNIQUE MONTRÉAL

Founded in 1873, Polytechnique Montréal, Technological University, is one of Canada’s largest engineering education and research institutions, and ranks first in Québec in terms of the scope of its research activities. Polytechnique has agreements with over 200 institutions all over the world, and international students account for more than one-quarter of Polytechnique’s student body. Polytechnique offers courses and programs in the following engineering specialties:

- Aerospace*
- Biomedical
- Chemical
- Civil
- Computer
- Electrical
- Geological
- Industrial
- Mechanical
- Mining
- Physics
- Software

* Courses offered in aerospace engineering are highly competitive and many restrictions apply.

Admission to the International Thematic Clusters program is for the Fall term only (August to December).

Affiliated to Université de Montréal and to HEC Montréal, Polytechnique is centrally located on the northern slope of Mount Royal, in an exceptional natural setting. Multicultural, cosmopolitan and bilingual, Montréal is ranked in the top 5 best international student cities in 2018.

Admission Criteria

- Registered in a recognized engineering degree program in one of Polytechnique Montréal partner institutions where the language of instruction is not French;
- Minimum academic average: 2.5/4;
- Registered in the penultimate or last year of said engineering degree program, in a discipline that is related to one of the thematic clusters as described in the International Thematic Clusters in Engineering brochure;
- Be officially nominated as a candidate by your university/institution’s International Relations and/or Exchange Program Coordinators.

Although no official English language proficiency certificate is required, students must have attained a competency sufficient to succeed in university level engineering courses and assignments in English. Recommended levels: IELTS (academic training), 6.5 (no portion of test results below 5.5) / TOEFL (paper based): 575 (minimum of 4.5 on the written portion) / TOEFL (Internet based): 90 (minimum of 20 on the written portion).

For detailed information: https://www.polymtl.ca/etudiants-internationaux/en/international-thematic-clusters-engineering

Quotas

Confirm the number of spots offered with the International Relation’s Office.

Important Dates

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<td>January 15 to March 15</td>
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<td>Late August to late December (including final exams)</td>
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Courses Selection

The International Thematic Clusters program description outlines which courses you may select. You are not permitted to select courses which are not a part of your chosen Thematic Cluster.

For detailed information: http://bit.ly/ClustersPolymtl

Immigration Documents

The Quebec Acceptance Certificate (CAQ) and the Study Permit are mandatory for a 6-month exchange study period or more and facultative for a 6-month exchange study period or less.

Students coming from certain countries, to be authorized to set foot on the Canadian soil, also need a temporary resident visa. Visa-exempt foreign nationals who fly to Canada need an Electronic Travel Authorization.

For detailed information on immigration documents, consult: polymtl.ca/etudiants-internationaux/en/preparing-your-stay

Costs

Tuition Fees
Polytechnique waives tuition fees for short term exchange students in accordance with its exchange agreements with partner institutions. Exchange students shall continue to pay fees to their home institution.

For a sample budget, including cost of living, insurance and accommodation, visit: polymtl.ca/future/finances

Health Insurance
It is mandatory for all international students to subscribe to Polytechnique’s health insurance plan. Students coming from certain countries are entitled to claim exemption from this plan: polymtl.ca/etudiants-internationaux/en/preparing-your-stay/3-health-insurance

Accommodation
On-campus accommodation is available but can’t be guaranteed. Off-campus housing is available, affordable and is typically shared apartment housing. Online workshops and resources are offered prior to the start of each semester to assist students in their search for accommodations.

Support upon your Arrival

Accueil Plus Program
Accueil Plus provides quality reception services to all international students who pass through the Montréal-Trudeau Airport between the beginning of August and the beginning of September: accueilplus.ca

Orientation Sessions
Mandatory orientation sessions are held each term, a few days before the start of the classes. The schedule for Orientation activities can be found on the official website of La rentree: polymtl.ca/rentree/en

Student Life
Student life at Polytechnique is exciting! There are numerous student associations, as well as undergraduate and graduate committees, clubs, and technical societies you can join depending on your personal interests.

For detailed information about student life: polymtl.ca/vie-etudiante

Other Exchange Opportunities

Research Internship or Final Project
Exchange students can pursue a research internship in one of Polytechnique laboratories for a maximum of 6 credits per term. Students who wish to come for a full time research internship should not apply to the exchange program and must follow a distinct procedure and be able to obtain a work permit.

polymtl.ca/stagiaires-recherche-internationaux

French-language exchange programs (one or two terms)
An official assessment of French skills is not required. However, students wishing to study at Polytechnique are advised to have at least intermediate-level skills, equivalent to 785/990 in the Test de Français International (TFI), or Niveau B2 (Level B2) in the Common European Framework of Reference for Language (CEFRL) system.

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