

10 Reasons to Choose DeGroot as your International Exchange

Reason 1: Location – Hamilton, a safe and cosmopolitan city



McMaster University's DeGroot School of Business is located in the city of Hamilton, on the shores of Lake Ontario. Just 45 minutes west of Toronto, Hamilton



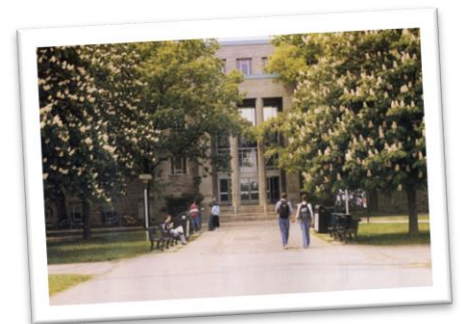
offers many of the benefits of a large metropolitan centre, with a lower cost of living – an important feature for students!

Often known for its "Steeltown" image, Hamilton is much more than just industry. It is small enough that students feel a sense of belonging to the community, yet large enough to provide all the amenities of a larger city such as concert halls and theaters, restaurants to suit any tastes, a fun night life, reliable public transit, and a wide variety of entertainment and sports facilities.

For more information on the city of Hamilton please visit <http://www.myhamilton.ca/myhamilton/CityandGovernment/>

Reason 2: McMaster's reputable exchange program, with personalized attention and services for international students

McMaster boasts a reputable, well-established exchange program. McMaster's International Student Services (ISS) is open daily to support the individual needs of the school's international scholars. With the aim of making each student's stay as comfortable and beneficial as possible, the ISS offers a variety of services and programming throughout the academic year. More information on these services can be found at <http://oisa.mcmaster.ca/>.



Also the DeGroot School of Business provides students with additional support specific to their studies within the business program.

Reason 3: Tourism – Lots to see and do!

Hamilton Tourism

Tourism is booming in Hamilton and the surrounding area! Within the city itself are numerous wildlife areas, parks, miles of waterfront trails, and the world famous Royal Botanical Gardens.



<http://www.rbg.ca/>

For the sports fans, Hamilton is home to AHL champions the Hamilton Bulldogs hockey team, and CFL football team the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.



<http://www.ticats.ca/>



<http://www.hamiltonbulldogs.com/>



And from the city's fine dining to its recently renovated art gallery (<http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/>), Hamilton is alive with culture. For more information on what to do in Hamilton please visit <http://www.tourismhamilton.com/>

What to do Outside of Hamilton

In addition to the attractions located within Hamilton, the city is less than a one-hour drive from Niagara Falls and Toronto. Additionally, Montreal, Ottawa, Buffalo and Detroit are only short distances away. Below are links to tourism guides for Canada and some its fine cities.

- Canada Tourism: <http://www.canadatourism.ca/>
- Toronto Tourism: <http://www.torontotourism.com/visitor>
- Niagara Falls Tourism: <http://www.niagarafallstourism.com/>
- Ottawa Tourism: <http://www.ottawatourism.ca/>
- Quebec Tourism: <http://www.bonjourquebec.com/qc-en/accueil0.html>

Getting Around Hamilton and the Surrounding Cities

Not sure how to get around Hamilton and the surrounding area? Below are relevant public transit website links:

- GO Transit: <http://www.gotransit.com/>

- Hamilton Public Transit (The HSR): <http://www.myhamilton.ca/myhamilton/CityandGovernment/CityServices/transit/>
- Via Rail: <http://www.viarail.ca/>
- Greyhound Bus Service: <http://www.greyhound.ca/>
- Couch Canada Bus Service: www.coachcanada.com

Reason 4: AACSB accreditation

The DeGroot School of Business is proud of its prestigious AACSB International accreditation. AACSB International – the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International – accreditation is your assurance that McMaster University and the DeGroot School of Business meet the most strict standards of business education excellence. Only 15% of the world’s business schools have achieved this honor, and the DeGroot School of Business is proud to be part of this elite group representing the world’s best business schools.



For more information on DeGroot and AACSB International please visit <http://www.degroot.mcmaster.ca/about/aacsb.aspx>

Reason 5: DeGroot faculty - Best in class



Members of the DeGroot faculty have studied extensively both nationally and internationally. The DeGroot educational team is recruited for their teaching skills and experience, as well as their dedication to providing an innovative, student-focused learning environment. To learn more about the DeGroot faculty and research currently underway at the business school please visit <http://www.degroot.mcmaster.ca/faculty/index.aspx> or

DeGroot’s [Faculty Expert Guide](#).

Reason 6: An international learning environment

The DeGroot School of Business provides an international learning environment: 42% of the school's faculty is from outside of Canada, which helps to broaden the scope of experience of DeGroot's professors and lecturers. Also 10% of the DeGroot student body is comprised of international students.



Reason 7: Extensive academic offerings

At the DeGroot School of Business you will find a variety of courses and areas of specialization to choose from. For undergraduate and MBA candidates courses are offered in the following fields:

- Accounting and Financial Management Services
- Finance
- eBusiness
- Strategic Business Valuation
- Strategic Marketing
- Health Services Management (HSM)
- Operations Management

To gain more information on the types of courses offered at DeGroot please visit our academic calendars:

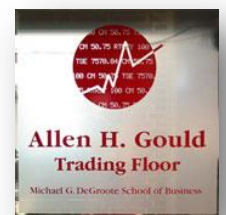
[Undergraduate Academic Calendar](#)

[MBA Academic Calendar](#)

Reason 8: Innovative learning features

DeGroot boasts a number of innovative features intended to improve the learning environment for its students. These include:

- *The Allen H. Gould Trading Floor* – One of the first such facilities in North America, and one of only a handful in the world, the trading floor is a state-of-



the-art educational tool that enables you to experience the relationships and interactions of the financial markets. The Floor is comprised of 21 computer terminals; plus three Trans-Lux display boards delivering real-time data from all Canadian exchanges, the Chicago Board of Trade and the New York Stock Exchange.

Website: <http://gtf.mcmaster.ca/>

- *McMaster eBusiness Research Centre* – Website: <http://merc.mcmaster.ca/>



- *AIC Institute for Strategic Business Studies* – The AIC Institute includes an endowed Chair in Investment and Portfolio Management, two industry professorships, an MBA program with specific focus on strategic business studies, and a proposed certificate program on business valuation in continuing education for industry professionals. Website: <http://aic.degroote.mcmaster.ca/index.html>

Reason 9: Experience the one-of-a-kind “DeGroote Canadian Welcome!”

To welcome you to McMaster Professor Malik and the BizX team host a DeGroote Canadian Welcome for all exchange students. Complete with cake and Canadian souvenirs, this is always a memorable evening, a fun introduction to DeGroote and McMaster University, and a great way for you to meet other international students.



Reason 10: McMaster’s diverse extra-curricular activities



As a DeGroote student you will have the opportunity to partake in McMaster University’s exciting mix of extra-curricular activities. McMaster has a club to suit every interest, including academic, athletic/recreational, cultural, religious and social issues clubs. All on-campus clubs are managed by McMaster’s Students Union, and more information can be found at <http://www-msu.mcmaster.ca/clubs/>.

McMaster also offers an assortment of athletic opportunities for students within its state of the art [David Braley Athletic Centre](#). In addition to watching McMaster’s high caliber varsity

athletes, there are also [intramural sports teams](http://www.athrec.mcmaster.ca/) for students to play on, including volleyball, football, soccer and ultimate Frisbee. McMaster also boasts indoor and outdoor rock climbing facilities, an Olympic size pool, a new fitness centre, an indoor track, and affordable instructional classes in martial arts and dance. All information about athletics and recreation can be found at <http://www.athrec.mcmaster.ca/>.

