Montreal, Canada
Freshman Business Scholars Seminar
June 15-19, 2008

Program Description: This experiential international program is being offered in conjunction with the spring quarter Cultural Competency freshman business scholars course. Students will spend 5 days in Montreal, Canada, exploring the world's second largest French speaking city. The itinerary will include an academic component, presentations on the cultural make-up and history of French Canada, experiential exercises geared towards exploring the multiculturalism of the city, and cultural sightseeing.

Trip objectives: To foster students' ability to appreciate, investigate and understand a cultural background different from their own by facilitating opportunities to observe, discover and interact with people of different cultures. We hope thereby to help students begin to develop tolerance, understanding and respect for a variety of cultures, domestic and international.

Course Credit: Global Skills: Cultural Competence offered spring quarter for 3 ug. cr.

Open to: CoB freshman business scholars

Academic lectures will be conducted at Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM)
www.uqam.ca
UQAM is a public, French-language university. Located in the heart of downtown Montreal with direct subway access, UQAM typifies the urban university as an integral part of the community. Its 40,000 students, staff, and faculty enjoy an extensive, modern campus with a number of buildings on two neighboring, interconnected sites.

Living Accommodations: McGill University student residence
www.mcgill.ca/residences/summer

The rooms are set up as study bedrooms, equipped with a small refrigerator. Each room is provided with fresh linen, towels and soap. Daily housekeeping service is not provided. Linen and towel changes are available for a nominal fee. The restrooms and showers are shared and are located a few steps away from each room. Note that rooms are not air-conditioned.

Transportation: CoB will purchase group airfare from Cincinnati to Montreal. Students are responsible for paying their own transportation costs within Montreal.

Travel Documents: 1) Passport - Download the passport application from www.travel.state.gov/download_applications.html. (Allow 12-14 weeks for delivery.)
2) International Student ID: $22 available from UC International, 3134 One Edwards.

Grants: You can apply for a UC international programs grant, so long as you have not received a UC International grant in the previous 12 months. University Honors may also have some funding.

Note: The program fee is subject to change if airfares rise above $350 per ticket.

Montreal is the world's second-largest French-speaking city and Canada's second largest city with a population of 3 million. It is a major port and center for finance, business and transportation. Given its prime location - only 37 miles (60 km) from the U.S. border - Montréal is an increasingly important hub of North American trade. Montreal is a bilingual city, and although its French influence is the focus of much controversy within Canada, it's this very multicultural flavor that's attractive to visitors. Montreal is renowned for its vibrant nightlife, love of sports, world-class museums, orchestras, shopping and year-round festivals. It is easy to get most everywhere on the metro and by foot.

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Tentative Montreal Itinerary
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Sunday, June 15

AM	Flight to Montreal, Canada
1:00	Arrive Montreal. Catch taxis to McGill Residences. Check in to rooms.
PM	Walking tour of Vieux Montreal, Latin Quarter, downtown area, Notre Dame Basilica.
	Dinner in Old Montreal –Place Cartier

Monday, June 16

10:00-1:00	Guided Walking Tour of Multicultural Montreal: An overview of life in the various districts of Montreal. Successive waves of immigrants have contributed to the make-up of the city. Discover the distinctive lifestyles of different ethnic groups and learn how they have contributed to the architecture, gastronomy, economy and culture of Montreal. The tour includes Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Chinese and Jewish neighborhoods.
	Jean-Talon Market, Little Italy www.marchespublics-mtl.com/en-ca Buy lunch items at the market
Lunch	Metro to Mont Royal, bus #11 to Parc Mont Royal for picnic lunch
	Walk back to McGill residences
4:00-6:00	Free Time
6:00	Chinatown: Dinner at Roy Van Restaurant
Evening	Movie – Canadian film at Cinema Du Parc

Tuesday, June 17

9:00-10:30	University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM) Montreal: a French enclave in an Anglophone nation: historical perspective. Canadian – US cultural issues, French-Canadian issues, and the changes wrought by new waves of immigrants (social, economic, educational and political).

10:30 am.	Tour of UQAM with local students Informal discussion with UQAM students about student life in Montreal, similarities and differences between the US and Canadian institutions.
Lunch	La Banquise Poutine, typical French Canadian cuisine
PM	BioDome and Olympic Tower www.biodome.qc.ca
Dinner	Italian Rest.

Wednesday, June 18

10:00-11:00	Cultural Development government office Presenter: Marie-Claire Dumas
	Montreal Museum of Archaeology and History www.pacmuseum.qc.ca 15 minute interactive movie on the history of Montreal 350 Place Royale, Old Montreal
Lunch	café in Old Montreal
PM	Saint Joseph's Oratory www.saint-joseph.org
5:00-7:00	Free time
7:00 pm	Walk to dinner. Indian or Greek cuisine
9:00 pm	Franco Folies concert: free outdoor music festival

Thursday, June 19

8:30 am	Supermarket exercise, Walk to grocery store on Du Parc
10:00-noon	Free time to visit another museum on own.
Noon -	Debrief trip over lunch. Highlights and learnings.
5:00 pm	Flight to Cincinnati