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## PARKING ISSUES IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Concordia students should be aware of the parking enforcement is in effect around campus, and should pay attention to where they park.

Parking enforcement for the City of Edmonton have shared the following statistics for parking violations.

### Violation Statistics for March 2022

- ♦ **March 1-18, 2022 - 17 patrols, 19 tickets issued, 84 vehicles chalked**
- ♦ **March 21-Apr 1, 2022 - 14 patrols, 42 tickets issued, 142 vehicles chalked**

As a result of the notable increase in violations, parking Enforcement have set up additional patrols for this area.

Please park responsibly.



# 2022



## Spring & Summer Funding for Alberta Students

For more information, see "Student Registration Status Policy" 4.6 in the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar.

### Apply Early!

**Undergraduate Programs** *Arts/Science/Education/Management*

SPRING SEMESTER

**Spring Term 1**

May 2 - May 20, 2022

SPRING SEMESTER

**Spring Term 2**

May 24 - June 10, 2022

**Full Time = 4.5 credits or more over one or both terms**

Use 2022-2023 funding application

SUMMER SEMESTER

**Summer Term 1**

July 18 - Aug 5, 2022

SUMMER SEMESTER

**Summer Term 2**

Aug 8 - Aug 26, 2022

**Full Time = 4.5 credits or more over one or both terms**

**A full time student loan** helps you pay for tuition, fees, books and living expenses. Apply online at [studentaid.alberta.ca](https://studentaid.alberta.ca)

**A part-time student loan** helps you pay for tuition, fees and books only. Visit [studentaid.alberta.ca](https://studentaid.alberta.ca) to download the paper application

**Have questions about student loans and grants?** Visit our website to book your online appointment or email us at [fnaid@concordia.ab.ca](mailto:fnaid@concordia.ab.ca)

[concordia.ab.ca/financial-aid](https://concordia.ab.ca/financial-aid)



## **TIPS TO IDENTIFY AN EMPLOYMENT SCAMS IN CANADA:**

### **1. The employer is offering you money for nothing**

- Employers will not give you money before you start working. Be wary if they offer you money before you meet them, especially if they are asking for the money back in gift cards, cryptocurrency, etc.
- Often the money that they send you (through a cheque etc.) will not be accepted by the bank, so the money you send them will be your own.

### **2. The employer is asking you for money**

- Employment scams may say that the money is for the uniform, needed equipment, or other reasons. In Canada, you do not need to pay money to be hired for a job. As soon as an 'employer' asks you for money, be wary.

### **3. The employer is using pressure tactics**

- The 'employer' may try to discourage you from contacting your bank or the authorities through time limits and other means. They may also threaten to retract the job offer in order to pressure you to send them the money.

### **4. The employer is not being professional**

- If the employer is texting you, responding to emails all day (even past 5 pm and on weekends), and/or being too friendly - be wary. Employers will use email or phone calls (not texting) to communicate and are very busy. They will not have the time to keep in contact with every applicant all day!
- Legitimate employers will not ask you for your personal information (address, SIN number, banking information, Alberta Student Number, relationship status, etc.) in your job application or before you sign a contract. When you receive a legitimate job, you may need to provide personal information in order to be paid, but you will typically fill out those Government of Canada forms on your first day of work.
- If you are unsure, contact Career Services.

### **What can I do to minimize the chance of being targeted for an employment scam?**

- If you have a 'gut' feeling that something isn't right - trust it! It is better to be safe than sorry.
- Do not include your address on your resume and cover letter (eg. "Edmonton, Alberta" instead), nor other sensitive information such as your SIN, Alberta Student ID, Passport Number, etc.
- If you have been targeted by a scam in the past, if possible change your phone number and email address.
- Do your research. Does the employer have a LinkedIn account? Is the job posting on the official company website? If not, be cautious.

### **When in doubt - Ask for help!**

Contact Career Services if you are unsure about a job posting or employment offer before you send money/giftcards/ personal information to the 'employer'.

Book an Appointment:: [Career Services website](#)

Email: [careerservices@concordia.ab.ca](mailto:careerservices@concordia.ab.ca)

### **Resources to learn more about preventing employment scams:**

Edmonton Police Services <https://www.edmontonpolice.ca/CrimePrevention/PersonalFamilySafety/Frauds/OnlineScams/EmploymentScams>

Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (888-495 8501) <http://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>





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X-MGT 51

# Renewable and Sustainable Energy Management

Gain valuable and in-demand skills to succeed  
in the field of Energy Management

**Saturdays, April 23 - June 11, 2022**

Click here: [X-MGT 51](#)

For more information and to register, visit  
<https://tinyurl.com/CUE-X-MGT-51>





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**X-MUE 01**

# Classical Music Appreciation



April 26 - June 28, 2022 | Tuesdays 7:00 - 9:30 pm

For more information and to register visit

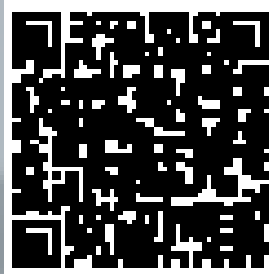
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**X-MUE 03**

# Introduction to Popular Music



April 28 - June 30, 2022 | Thursdays 7:00 - 9:30 pm

For more information and to register visit

[tinyurl.com/CUE-X-MUE-03](https://tinyurl.com/CUE-X-MUE-03)

[X-MUE 03](#)

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# *Spring Into Your Career*

**MAY 4 - 11**

DATE	DAY	SESSIONS	LOCATION
4	W	Rapid Resume Reviews	9:00AM - 11:00AM Virtual
		<u>How to Make the Most of Your Summer</u>	2:00PM-4:00PM Student Success Centre
5	TH	<u>Level Up Your Job Application</u>	12:00PM-1:00PM HAC-HA208
		<u>Preparing to Apply to Grad School</u>	12:00PM-1:00PM HAC-HA208
6	F	<u>How to Prepare for Interviews (Professional and Graduate School)</u>	12:00PM-1:00PM HAC-HA208
9	M	<u>Careers After CUE: Alumni Panel</u>	4:00PM-5:30PM HAC-HA208
10	T	Rapid Resume Reviews	9:00AM - 11:00AM Virtual
11	W		2:00PM-4:00PM Student Success Centre

Registration Required

Register Now



The tax-filing deadline for most individuals is **April 30, 2022**.

File your income tax and benefit return as soon as you can. Doing so will allow you to:

- ✓ receive any refund faster (if applicable)
- ✓ avoid interruptions to your benefit and credit payments
- ✓ seek help if you need it

## Domestic Students

Get ready to do your taxes! What you need to know. Visit [canada.ca/taxes-get-ready](https://canada.ca/taxes-get-ready)

**Did you know?** Students may get up to \$443 per year in GST/HST credit payments once they turn 19 if they file their taxes.

**A few ways to do your taxes:**

- Use Certified Software products to make filing easy, and some are free! Go to [canada.ca/netfile](https://canada.ca/netfile)
- You may be able to get free help from a volunteer at a **FREE TAX CLINIC**.
  - Free tax filing support for Edmontonians <https://tax.e4calberta.org/>
  - The Bissell Centre <https://bissellcentre.org/programs/individual/taxes/>
  - Go to [canada.ca/get-tax-help](https://canada.ca/get-tax-help)
- File on paper: Download a tax package at [canada.ca/taxes-general-package](https://canada.ca/taxes-general-package)

General Tax Enquiries: 1-800-959-8281

Tax Benefit Enquiries: 1-800-387-1193





# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The tax-filing deadline for most individuals is **April 30, 2022**.

## Did you know?

1. International students cannot submit their first tax filing in Canada online. They must submit on paper.
2. International students who are residents of Canada may be considered for the Canada Child Tax Benefit in their 19<sup>th</sup> month of residency. They must hold a valid Study Permit.
3. Free Tax filing help is available for low-income international students who have simple situations. Visit the CRA website or call 211 to ask about Community Volunteer Income Tax Program offices in your local area.

## Important links from the Canada Revenue Agency:

1. International Students: <https://www.canada.ca/taxes-international-students>
2. Learn About Your Taxes: <https://www.canada.ca/understanding-taxes>
3. Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – FREE TAX CLINIC <https://www.canada.ca/taxes-help>
4. My Account: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/e-services/e-services-individuals/account-individuals.html>

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## Fraud/Scams

Have you been scammed? Have you experienced theft? Call the police and Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre for help: <https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>





# Financial Aid and Awards

## Need Student Aid for the Spring or Summer term?

- Domestic students can apply for full-time or part-time government student aid (student loans/grants) for the spring and/or summer terms.
- The definition of full-time enrolment for the Spring and Summer terms has changed. Be sure to use the correct funding application.
- It can take AB Student Aid up to 4-6 weeks to process a student loan application. If interested, **apply**

**now!** Contact a financial aid advisor if you have questions, or need help applying.

Email: [finaid@concordia.ab.ca](mailto:finaid@concordia.ab.ca)

Book a Google Meet online advising appointment with a financial aid advisor [here](#)



## External Scholarship Opportunity!

### **\$3000 AWSN Scholarship** **Application Deadline: June 30, 2022**

Are you a minority student who is continuing full time undergraduate studies entering your third or fourth year of an undergraduate program in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (a gender minority in a traditionally male/female dominated program-for example a young woman studying engineering or a young man studying nursing) at an Alberta university, college or technical institute? Have you demonstrated STEM leadership in the academic or community setting or, have a career gap of two years or more and re-engaging into a STEM program in Alberta to learn more or upgrade skills?

If the answer to both questions above is a resounding YES then we invite you to apply for the AWSN scholarship

Visit the [AWSN website](#) for more information and application details.

*This is an external scholarship opportunity and is not administered by Concordia University of Edmonton.*

CONTACT US Email: [finaid@concordia.ab.ca](mailto:finaid@concordia.ab.ca)

Visit [financialaid.concordia.ab.ca](http://financialaid.concordia.ab.ca) to book a Google Meet virtual advising appointment

# Machine Learning & AI Bootcamp

RoboGarden is an easy-to-understand game-based platform that teaches students to learn how to code through taking part in active learning. RoboGarden was based on a philosophy called “Learn to earn”, which means helping students to develop the digital skills needed for the growing digital economy, today and in the future. RoboGarden delivers bootcamps with real-world scenarios and applications, and uses their educational platform developed by experts and delivered online, to get the learners prepared for the future.

The Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence Bootcamp has been designed for those who have interest in programming, data analysis, and developing for automation. Without having any prior programming experience, students will learn programming skills that will allow them to get into the world of machine learning, artificial intelligence, and data analytics. Upon completion, students will be able to use data sources to make informed decisions that yield real improvements in growth, efficiency, and cost savings across all industry sectors.

**This 450-hour bootcamp is a full-time online program with live instructor sessions that only needs a computer and a good internet connection.**



**450 hrs**

The upcoming full-time Machine Learning & AI Bootcamp will start on **May 23, 2022.**



**Full-time**

**11 Weeks**



**Tuition fees**

**\$5,495**

[cuedmonton.robogarden.ca](https://cuedmonton.robogarden.ca)

## Here's what you will learn after completing this bootcamp:

- Learn more about data science and machine learning
- Develop programs using Python programming language
- Learn more about classification, regression, and clustering models
- Learn more about artificial neural networks and deep learning
- Get some sales tips and learn how to market your business
- Complete a Capstone Project at the end of the course



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MAY 28, 2022



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