UQAC
École de langue française
et de culture québécoise
Université du Québec à Chicoutimi

Spring and Summer programs

General information

Placement test and levels

At the outset of the program, an oral and written classification test will be administered to determine each student's level of French proficiency. Each student will join a class that reflects his/her level. If a student wishes to change classes however, they can make a request no later than Thursday of the first week. After this date, requests will not be accepted. The educational team will evaluate the requests and students will be informed of their decision the next day.

Courses

Daily class attendance is mandatory and active participation is strongly encouraged. In order to foster a consistent and intensive language learning experience and to ensure that no student is held back in their learning, each person registered in this 45-hour course must commit to being present in class. Any student who has accumulated more than six hours of missed class, without a legitimate reason, will automatically fail the course. **Students are forbidden from using electronic devices in class.**

Departure before the end of the program

Should you leave before the end of the program, please note that it will not be possible for you to write any scheduled exam in advance of your classmates before your departure. Consequently, you absence from the exam will be taken into account for your final marks. **The final exam is always on the Friday of the last week of the program**.

What to bring?

We recommend that you bring the following items with you.

- clothes for different occasions (outdoor and sightseeing activities, costume parties, etc.);
- toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.);
- warm sweaters, a windbreaker, a raincoat;
- hiking boots and sneakers for the gymnasium;
- long-sleeved shirt;
- your bicycle;
- a swimsuit, a bathing cap, suntan lotion;
- a dictionary, pens and paper;
- your musical instrument (optional);
- your smile!

You are also welcome to bring any other items.

Meals for student in family

All meals are included during the 5-week program. A student staying with a host family shares on average 14 meals per week with the family. For the other meals, the École de langue gives students a meal card that includes 5 lunches and 2 dinners per week at the UQAC cafeteria.

Meals for student in residence

Students living in residence on campus also receive a card for 7 meals. For the other meals, students must prepare their own or dine out. The École de langue gives students staying in residence a weekly allowance to cover meal costs.

Please note that dishes and cookware are not provided in the apartment's kitchen. In exchange for a deposit, the cafeteria will lend you one large and one small plate, a bowl, a mug, a glass and eating utensils.

Daily transportation

Some host families live close to the university, and thus students can easily walk to and from classes. The École de langue offers transportation for students staying with host families who reside far from UQAC. This service is offered to UQAC in the morning and back home in the evening after classes or activities.

Internet access

On campus

Wireless Internet access is free throughout the different buildings at UQAC.

In a host family

We cannot guarantee that all host families will have a high-speed Internet connection. We recommend that, before your departure, you look into arranging your own Internet service for the time you will be in Chicoutimi.

In residence

Cable Internet is available in the rooms. You must bring your own cable to connect to the university's network.

Long distance calls

Any long distance calls you make should be billed to your own telephone number or call collect. May we suggest that you use a calling card.

Personal expenses

Most of the time, expenses not included in the cost of a Key in Hand program are: your personal expenses, the purchase of the optional excursion package offered by the *École*, as well as transportation costs between the *École* and your permanent place of residence.

Your personal expenses are your own responsability. You should anticipate spending an additional $ 600 to $ 700 CAN on personal expenses. This amount could vary, depending on the amount of activities in which you participate.

For your convenience, the Caisse Populaire Desjardins operates a Personal-Touch Banking Machine on campus (Interac, Plus, Cyrus Systems).

How to get your mail

You may have your mail forwarded to the *École de langue.* All money transfers should be sent by money-order or certified cheque. Do not send cash through the mail.

Make sure that you leave the following address with your family and friends (if you are married, please indicate your birth name).

''Your name''
École de langue de l'UQAC
555, boulevard de l'Université
Chicoutimi (Québec) G7H 2B1
CANADA

Student visa

Since programs offered during spring and summer sessions are short-stay programs for 3 or 5 weeks, you do not need to get either a student visa or the Acceptance Certificate of the Government of Québec (CAQ) to attend those programs. However, please note that for all programs of more than 6 months of duration, both of these official documents are necessary. However, should a non-Canadian student attend 2 or more programs-thereby staying for a period of more than 6 months-immigration documents would then be needed.

Health services and medical coverage

There are no health services offered at UQAC. If you need to consult a health professional, you must use the public or private health system.

If you need to consult a health professional, you can use the health info (info-santé) service by dialling 8-1-1. A health professional will answer your questions and direct you to other services as necessary. When calling from UQAC, you must first dial 9 followed by 8-1-1.

This service is available in French and English.

The ELFCQ cannot be responsible for accompanying a student or assisting with transportation to a health care institution.

For any emergency situation that arises on the UQAC campus, you must inform the university security service in room P1-4260 or by phone at extension 5015.

For all absences, the ELFCQ must be informed by email at sdelfcq@uqac.ca or by phone at 418 545-5301.

For non-Canadian students, complete medical coverage is includes in the registration fees paid to the École de langue.

Canadian money

You should have some Canadian money for your first few days in Chicoutimi before going to the bank to exchange your money. It is always possible to obtain some Canadian dollars at any international airport (Montreal, Toronto, New York, etc.).

Staff members

The staff members will be pleased to assist you at any time throughout your stay. During the first few days you will be introduced to all staff members. Do not hesitate to contact them.

Office hours

Office hours for the *École* are the following: from Monday to Thursday: 8:30 AM to 12:00 AM and 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM, and from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM on Friday.