

# 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 legitimate reason, will automatically fail the course.

## 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, your 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 of 14-16 meals per week with the family. For the other meals, the École de langue gives students a meal card.

## Meals for student in residence

Students living in residence also receive a card for 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 (10\$), 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, the students can easily walk to and from classes. The École de langue offers STS bus card to every students. The bus card takes you everywhere in the city <https://sts.saguenay.ca/>

## Internet access

### On campus

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

### In a host family

Wifi

### In residence

Wifi

## 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 responsibility. 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.

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 is a health services offered at UQAC. It is located at the Pavillon Sportif of UQAC.

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 or 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 P1-1010 or by phone at extension 5015.

For all absences, the ELFCQ must be informed by email [elfcq@uqac.ca](mailto:elfcq@uqac.ca) or by phone at 418-545-5036.

For non-Canadian students, complete medical coverage is included 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.

