

# SALEM STATE COLLEGE FRENCH SUMMER PROGRAM IN QUÉBEC, CANADA

**PROGRAM DATES: JULY 5 – AUGUST 8, 2009**

**APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW!**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2009**

## Who can participate?

Open to undergraduate and graduate students aged 18 or older who want to learn the French language and to discover French-speaking Canada by immersing themselves in a Francophone culture.

## Where will the program take place?

Language and culture classes are taught by French-speaking Canadian instructors at the **Université Laval**, the oldest French-speaking university in North America, located in the suburbs of Québec City. **Québec City** is the capital of the Canadian province of Québec, a predominantly French-speaking region located just north of New England. Québec City has been described as the most “European” of North American cities, with the charm of the old town fortifications and the grandiose Château Frontenac that dominates the skyline. Québec City is an 8-hour drive from Boston (also accessible by rail, bus, or air) and is 2-hours north of Montréal. So close to us, and yet culturally and linguistically very French, Québec is the perfect site for a foreign immersion experience without the complications or expense of transatlantic travel!

## What courses can I take?

Laval offers undergraduate **French language** courses for non-native speakers of French at three levels: elementary, intermediate and advanced. Advanced courses may include the study of Québécois literature and culture. Participants may transfer up to 6 credits of French back through Salem State: FRE101-102, FRE201-202, or 6 credits at the 200- or 300-level, depending on placement. An online placement test is given prior to the start of the program and determines the level at which students start their summer courses.

## Where would I live?

Participants typically live in a dorm room on the **Laval campus**. Students who live on campus can use the dorm kitchen or dine at any of the campus cafeterias or cafés, paying for whatever meals they have there as they go. There is no meal plan for on-campus students. (Accommodations with a host family in Québec City are also available. Ask about this option if you are interested.)

## How much does it cost?

Total cost for tuition, room, insurance and fees is approximately **\$2,500 US**. *Approximate required program costs in Canadian dollars:*

Laval Application Fee	\$ 30
Tuition & fees (6 credits)	\$2,605
Insurance (required)	\$124
Lodging (dorm)	\$438
Total Required Costs	\$ 3,197 CAN
	in US dollars (11/08) \$ 2,516 USD

Students should budget additional money for SSC fee (\$150), meals (appx. \$600), books (appx. \$100), transportation to/from Québec, and spending money for shopping and excursions.

## How do I get there?

Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from Québec, though most usually drive or get rides from other students who are driving there. Students who wish to drive may make arrangements for on-campus parking when they arrive and can purchase a campus parking sticker (appx. \$30). Assistance will be provided in making travel arrangements and carpooling.

## What cultural/recreational activities will be offered?

Prof. Blood provides an **orientation** for SSC students prior to departure and often accompanies the group for the first weekend, giving tours of the university and the social and cultural highlights of the city of Québec. During the program, Laval organizes a series of **excursions** to museums and cultural sites in the area, and the program also coincides with Québec’s **Festival d’Eté**, with ongoing concerts and cultural events in the city. Students may also be interested in organized **sports** on campus, such as soccer, basketball, swimming or tennis. There are also **social activities** on campus (in French), such as chorus, cooking classes, and movie nights. Québec also has several theaters, in addition to great restaurants, cafés, cinemas, clubs, and boutiques!

## Who do I contact for more information?

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