



J. William Fulbright College
of Arts and Sciences
University of Arkansas
**French in Chicoutimi,
Québec, Canada**
July 1 - August 3, 2007

Program Description:

A wonderful and affordable full immersion program awaits students of French at the École de Langue Française et de Culture Québécoise (ELFCQ). Located in the heart of the town of Chicoutimi, Québec, ELFCQ allows students the chance to improve language and conversation skills in a region where 96% of its inhabitants are French-speaking. Additionally, a culture component of the program gives students insight into Québécois life. The town of Chicoutimi is widely known for its natural beauty, with rivers, lakes, and mountains all around it. Students have the opportunity to explore the area with fellow students from ELFCQ, the majority of whom are Canadian, but who may also be from numerous countries around the world.

Course Offerings:

Students will take a language placement test upon arrival at ELFCQ. The test will determine the level of classes in which to enroll. Students will enroll for 6 hours of language and 1 hour of culture credit. The level of placement will determine the particular classes for which credit will be granted. Courses are typically grammar and conversation based.

Faculty:

Qualified ELFCQ instructors will teach students. This affords students the opportunity to learn from native speakers.

Accommodations:

Students will stay with host families in Chicoutimi. Homestay is one of the best ways to immerse in a language. It also provides students the opportunity to learn more about Québécois culture. Students will be assigned a host family upon arrival in Chicoutimi. It is possible that another student will also be living in the house. The family will provide breakfast and dinner (lunch will be provided at ELFCQ). Students housed close to the school should plan to walk each day. Those that live farther out will be able to catch a bus provided by the school that will stop in the family's neighborhood.

Past excursions have included a weekend in Québec City, whale watching, a hiking adventure, and entry to see a locally renowned outdoor play/performance, called a spectacle. Excursions may vary from year to year but should be similar in duration and variety.

Estimated Program Fee: \$2,200.00 (to be confirmed by November 2006)

The program fee includes orientation, tuition and instructional costs at ELFCQ, Canadian health insurance, housing, three meals daily (except during excursions), any daily transportation provided by ELFCQ and field trips.

It does not include round-trip airfare, bus fare, additional local transportation, books, passport fees, and personal expenses.

Travel:

Students should make their own arrangements to arrive in Chicoutimi. It is possible to fly directly into Chicoutimi by landing at Bagotville Airport (airport code YBG). Students may also wish to fly into Montreal or Québec City and take a bus to Chicoutimi. It is approximately a 6 hour ride from Montreal and a 3 hour ride from Québec City, and buses leave for Chicoutimi from both cities several times a day. Students can also drive to Chicoutimi. The program ends on August 3 and students may depart any time that day.

Financial Aid:

Financial aid and scholarships are available to University of Arkansas students. Contact the UA Office of Study Abroad for details or go to <http://studyabroad.uark.edu/274.htm>.

Eligibility:

Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.6 with an equivalent of two semesters of college French. One academic recommendation from a faculty member or academic advisor is required. Students must have completed FREN 1013.

Deadlines:

The application deadline is March 1, 2007. Applications will be considered after this date on a space available basis. A deposit of \$300 is required upon acceptance into the program.

Further Information:

For further details about the program, please contact either the Office of Study Abroad (studyabroad@uark.edu) or Dr. Hope Christiansen, Foreign Languages, Kimpel Hall 425, (479)575-2951 or hopec@uark.edu. Applications should be requested from the Office of Study Abroad, Fulbright Institute, 722 W. Maple, Fayetteville, AR 72701, (479)575-7582 or <http://studyabroad@uark.edu>

For information about ELFCQ, go to <http://elf.uqac.ca>