

Western University's French Immersion School offers the Destination Clic program at its campus in Rimouski, a hub for education and culture in the magnificent Lower St. Lawrence region. Destination Clic is a three-week program that gives students the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of French while participating in a range of workshops and sociocultural activities in a 100-per-cent francophone environment.



French Enrichment
Rimouski, Quebec Campus

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French First Language Program, Western University

With 85 years of French Immersion experience in Quebec, Western University is pleased to offer a summer bursary program for enrichment in **French as a first language** for students in Grades 8 and 9 residing outside of Quebec. Our goal in all of our programming is to provide an enriching, safe, fun and quality experience for all participants. The **Destination Clic** program in Rimouski, Quebec, is financed by Heritage Canada. The Bursary funding covers tuition, room and board, workshops and the majority of sociocultural activities. The use of French at all times is mandatory. For more information on the bursary program, please consult the following website: <http://www.destinationclic.ca/>

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply, you must meet the following criteria:

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (those studying in Canada on a student visa are not eligible);
- have your permanent residence outside of Quebec;
- be enrolled in a French-language school (French as a first language), in Grade 8 or 9;
- have been a full-time student for at least one semester during the current school year.

Note: Students who speak French as a first language but do not attend a French-language school may also apply, but further documentation or assessment may be required to ensure that they have the required level of fluency.

Bursary and Costs

The Destination Clic bursary is worth \$2,000 and covers the cost of the course, food, instructional materials, and accommodation, as well as part of your travel costs if you are going to a location outside of your home province or territory. It is paid directly to the host institution in the recipient's name, and you will receive a tax receipt for it, as it does count as taxable income.

Bursary recipients will still need to cover some of their costs. Aside from personal spending money (for snacks or souvenirs, etc.) there are two major costs that the participant has to cover: a registration fee and travel expenses.

Each bursary recipient will have to pay a non-refundable registration fee (\$275) to the host institution in order to confirm his or her participation in the program. The registration fee is payable only when you confirm your participation in the program.

Participants also have to pay most of their travel expenses. However, if you are going to a location outside of your home province or territory, you may be eligible for an allowance at the end of the program that will cover part of the costs of travelling to and from the host institution. **This allowance is only granted if you complete the program.**

There is also an optional excursion to Quebec City scheduled for the second weekend, at a cost of \$150.

Placement Test

All participants will be required to take an online pre-test in order to determine proficiency level and be assigned to the right group. A post-test will be administered at the end of the course to assess progress.

Schedule

A typical day consists of a minimum of three hours of class time, two hours of workshops, and sociocultural activities. Your full participation is expected and any absences must be approved by the Director. Workshops may include, but are not limited to: communication, improvisation, arts, discovery of the region, Quebecois music/culture, etc. During the weekends there will be guided tours of the lower St. Lawrence and Gaspésie regions as well as an optional excursion to Quebec City.

Accommodations

Students will be housed in either single or double occupancy rooms in the student residences at the Cegep in Rimouski. Each student will be provided with a single bed (bed linens and a pillow are provided), a work station, and a closet. Telephone and Wi-Fi are also included. Girls and boys will be accommodated on separate floors and a Western University staff member will occupy a room on each floor. Students can include the name of their preferred room-mate on their application form, but a double room is not guaranteed.

Meals

All meals will be served in the school cafeteria. Healthy, balanced meals will be offered daily. **If you have any food allergies or other dietary restrictions, you must notify Western University at the time of registration (and provide us with a medical note prior to your arrival) so that special arrangements with the cafeteria can be made.**

Safety

There is a 9:30 pm curfew in place each weekday night. This hour may be extended on weekends during special events. Western staff will be onsite at all times to enforce the curfew and the Cegep security regularly patrols the residence floors.

Arrival and Departure

If travelling by car, please arrange to arrive on July 2, between noon and 8pm at the Cegep Residences located at: 320, rue Saint-Louis, Rimouski G5L 5R5.

The program will end with the closing ceremonies on Friday, July 21. We recommend that you plan your departure for later that evening or by noon on Saturday, July 22.

Rimouski can be reached by train (Via Rail) or bus (Orleans Express). We will meet you at the station and drive you to the Cegep as long as you have notified us of your day and time of arrival.

If you are flying into Quebec City, we will be on hand to meet you between the hours of **noon and 6pm ONLY on Sunday, July 2**. A bus will leave for the Cegep shortly after 6pm and the expected time of arrival in Rimouski will be 10pm. For your departure flight, please make a reservation no earlier than **2pm on Saturday, July 22**. The bus to the airport will leave at approximately 9am from Rimouski on the departure day.

Our teachers and workshop leaders will ensure your safety over the course of the program, from the moment of your arrival until your departure.

Once you have registered for the program, Western University will request your travel itinerary:

- Method of transportation;
- Date and time of arrival;
- Contact information where parents can be reached at all times.

Climate

The average temperature, at this time of the year, varies between 18°C and 24°C. We recommend bringing clothing appropriate to a maritime climate (rain gear, sweaters, etc.)

What to Bring

- Photo identification such as a student card
- Provincial Health Card
- A binder, paper, pens and pencils
- A French dictionary and a verb book (Bescherelle)
- Cellphone or phone card(s) for long-distance calls
- Sports clothes/shoes
- Swimsuit
- Toiletries (towels, shampoo, toothpaste, soap, etc.)
- Spending money for snacks, souvenirs (including loonies for the Laundromat)

Code of Conduct

In order for you to make the most of this experience, it is essential that all participants are aware of the rules and regulations we feel are essential to helping you enrich your French language skills. Please note the following regulations:

- Speak French at all times and in all locations. We will be asking you to sign a pledge to this effect.
- Attend all classes, workshops, activities and excursions.
- Be on time at all times, including meals in the cafeteria.
- Adhere to established curfews.
- Be respectful to all teachers, leaders, classmates as well as all others you will meet.

All Western University Policy and Regulations are outlined in the University's academic calendar on the web:

<http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/>

Every student attending the program is expected to comply with the provisions of the [Code of Student Conduct](#). Sanctions for non-compliance range from a warning or reprimand to expulsion from the School.

Health Insurance

Students must bring their health insurance card with them. Students are usually covered by their province's health insurance. Should a medical consultation be necessary during your stay, there may be fees to pay. It is important to verify reimbursement and compensation policies before leaving your home province. It is recommended that you make provision for additional funds.

Program Agreement

I am aware of the risks associated with attendance at this program and any activities I may undertake there. I agree to assume all risks arising out of those activities, including the risk of personal injury and I will not hold Western University, the French Immersion School or its representatives responsible for any claims or damages, including personal injury arising out of those activities.

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