

UQAM – « Explore » French Immersion Program

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The schedule of the Explore program at UQAM can be found on the following website:
<https://www.myexplore.ca/en/calendar/>.

Transportation

Travelling by plane:

From Montreal Pierre-Elliot Trudeau International Airport to downtown Bus Central Station

- Once at Montreal International Airport Pierre-Elliot Trudeau, the candidate heads to the information desk and looks for the sign “Express Bus 747”. The Express Bus is in service between the airport and Montreal downtown 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week. The bus brings all passengers to the downtown Bus Central Station, BERRI-UQAM metro station.
- The “Express Bus 747” round trip costs about \$ 20 CAD (taxes included).
- At the airport, tickets are sold through vending machines on the arrival level.
- Taking a taxi from Montreal Pierre-Elliot Trudeau International Airport to downtown costs about \$ 45 CAD.
- The “Express Bus 747” schedule can be found on the following website:
<http://www.stm.info/en/info/networks/bus/shuttle/line-747-east>.
- A map of Montreal can also be found on this website: www.mtl.org/en/plan/visitor-information.

Travelling by train:

From Via Rail Central Station to UQAM

- From the Via Rail Central Station, the candidate can take the metro at BONAVENTURE station (Orange Line). Website: www.stm.info/en.
- Taking the Orange Line – the participant has to follow the MONTMORENCY direction. The cost of a metro ticket is \$3.⁵⁰. Website: www.stm.info/en/info/fares.
- Getting off at BERRI-UQAM metro station, four (4) stops from BONAVENTURE, the candidate has to follow the direction as described below to reach the residence halls.

Lodging/Residences

STAYING AT UQAM RESIDENCE HALLS (note 1)

Residence: Résidences universitaires Saint-Urbain (RS)

Address: 2100 St. Urbain Street, Montreal, PQ, H2X 4E1
Eight (8) blocks, from the Central Bus Station –
Two (2) blocks from Saint Laurent Blvd.
Telephone: 514-987-7747
Map: <http://carte.uqam.ca/pavillon-rs>

From the Central Bus Station to the Résidences universitaires Saint-Urbain (RS) halls - 2100 St.Urbain Street.

By foot:

- The "Express Bus 747" drive ends at the Central Bus Station.
- Then the candidate heads to the exit on Berri Street and walk up (north) towards the corner of Ontario Street.
- Once there, the candidate makes a left and keeps walking west on Ontario Street until he/she gets to St. Urbain Street. Once the participant reaches St. Urbain St., he/she must turn right and walk up to the residences. The residences are about eight (8) blocks away (about a 20-minute walk) from the Central Bus Station. Should the candidate have a lot of luggage, a taxi ride is about \$15 CAD and is recommended.

By metro/subway:

- From the Central Bus Station, the candidate has to take the metro/subway at the Berri-UQAM station (accessible from the Central Bus Station).
- Once on site, the participant must take the Green Line, direction Angrignon, get off at Place-des-Arts station, and take the exit leading to Jeanne Mance Street.
- Once outside, the candidate has to cross De Maisonneuve Blvd., turn on his/her right, and walk one (1) block. On the corner of Saint Urbain Street, he/she will turn to his/her left (north) up to the residences.

OR

Residence: Résidences universitaires René-Lévesque (RL)

Address: 303 René-Lévesque East Blvd. Montreal, PQ, H2X 3Y3
Two (2) blocks, from the Central Bus Station –
One (1) block from Ste. Catherine Street
Telephone: 514-987-6669
Map: <http://carte.uqam.ca/pavillon-rl>

From the Central Bus Station to the Résidences universitaires René-Lévesque (RL) halls - 303 René-Lévesque East Blvd.

By foot:

- The "Express Bus 747" drive ends at the Central Bus Station.
- Then the candidate heads to the exit on Berri Street and walk down (south) towards the corner of De Maisonneuve Blvd.
- Once there, the candidate keeps walking straight ahead on Berri Street until he/she gets to René Lévesque Blvd. Once the participant reaches René Lévesque Blvd., he/she must turn right up to Sanguinet Street. The residences are at this very corner. They are about two (2) blocks away (about a 15-minute walk) from the Central Bus Station. Should the candidate have a lot of luggage, a taxi ride is about \$10 CAD and is recommended.

(Note 1) Rooms are assigned to students in the Résidences universitaires Saint-Urbain (RS) or in the Résidences universitaires René-Lévesque (RL) randomly. Changes of residence or accommodation will not be authorised.

- The rooms have been reserved for the following period: from the day before the program begins officially (Monday in most cases) from 4 PM, to the day after the end date of the program (Friday in most cases) at noon (12 PM).
- Every unit includes a fridge, a stove and a bathroom. Bed linen and towels are provided and changed once a week.
- The weather in Montreal fluctuates in June; participants may want to bring some light as warm clothing.
- We recommend to the candidates not to bring any valuables as they might not have a safe deposit box at hand.
- Wi-Fi and internet cable services are available.

Additional nights at the residence halls

- Should participants wish to reserve extra nights for accommodation at the UQAM residences, before or after the dates covered by the Explore program, they must make their own request contacting the Résidences universitaires Saint-Ubain (RS) or René-Lévesque (RL) at the following address: uqamres@netrevolution.com.
- All candidates must mention they are subsidized (or unsubsidized) Explore participants and that they are referred by the UQAM Explore program Coordinator.

Food allowance

- **All subsidized participants receive \$ 600 CAD as a food allowance** for the entire program (**no food allowance is provided to the unsubsidized participants**). Said amount will be handed personally by cheque within the second week of the program. All participants must make sure to have an active bank account with a major Canadian bank as they will have to deposit the cheque in order to cash it.
- Students will be able to buy food and cook in the residences. There is a big supermarket at the Complexe Desjardins mall (corner of René-Lévesque Blvd. and St. Urbain Street). Several corner shops can also be found on Ste. Catherine Street. Basic kitchen utensils, such as crockery, plates and so forth are available in all apartment kitchens. "Eating well made easy" website found at www.soscuisine.com/?sos_r=CA-QC may help participants to cook creatively and healthy. In addition, basic cleaning products are available at the front desk of UQAM residence hall (e.g. bucket, rags and so on).

Transportation during the program

- **Bus/metro tickets are not included either in the subsidized and unsubsidized program.** For all transportations during the stay in Montreal, participants have to buy their own tickets from automatic fare vending machine and fare collectors in the various metro stations.
- The other option would be to purchase an Opus card available at Berri-UQAM metro station. For information: www.stm.info/en/info/fares.

First day: Get-together

- On the first day at UQAM premises, all participants first meet the whole team responsible for the Explore program on the UQAM campus. The exact location will be e-mailed to everyone approximately two (2) weeks before the program starts. To consult UQAM campus map: www.carte.uqam.ca.
- After lunch, at 1 PM, all students get in class to meet their classmates and teacher.

The program

- After the placement test done online, students will be grouped according to their level; the average size class is 15 persons.
- Participants will have approximately 75 hours of teaching class, 50 hours of workshops, and 25 hours of cultural activities.

- The language workshops take place at UQAM premises, whereas the cultural activities are organized all over the city.
- A detailed program will be hand out on the first day.
- All the instructional material is provided.

Explore program certification

- Although there **is no credit granted** to the Explore program (for subsidized as for UNSUBSIDIZED participants), all participants receive a certificate of participation and evaluation at the end of this program. **It belongs to participants to check out with their home university as to whether it will or not acknowledge the UQAM Explore program. If so, a credit equivalence may apply.**

Registration to extracurricular activities (\$ CAD)

Extracurricular activities

Last but not least, "My Portfolio" portal gives the opportunity to choose extracurricular activities in which participants may want to take part. Here are these activities:

- UQAM Sports Centre – \$26 CAD (\$29.89 CAD taxes included)

Week-end outings* to:

- Quebec City (Included in the UQAM Explore program)
- Parc national des îles-de-Boucherville \$40 CAD (\$45.99 CAD taxes included)
- "Espace pour la vie" Excursion \$25 CAD (\$28.74 CAD taxes included)
- Speed-Boat Tour | Panorama Cruise \$46 CAD (\$52.89 CAD taxes included)

To know more about the above extracurricular activities*, participants can visit the following webpage: www.langues.immersion.uqam.ca/en/optional-activities.html.

* Extracurricular activities are subject to change.

To add an (or more) activity/activities to their agenda, participants (**subsidized participants exclusively***) have to click on "My Portfolio" on the left hand-side of the screen (penultimate item in the green section). Once on "My Portfolio" section, participants must enter their participant ID and password, as indicated below, and follow the procedures.

Participant ID and password are directly submitted to the participant by e-mail once the registration fees payment is processed. Participants who do not receive it must contact us by e-mail at explore@uqam.ca.

E.g. Participant ID: NCCORO2345

Password: 12345000

* **Unsubsidized participants who would like to add extracurricular activities to their agenda** are invited to contact the Non-Credit Language Courses administration team by phone (514-987-3000, ext. 5621) or by e-mail (infoete@uqam.ca).

Should you have any further queries, please contact us

by e-mail: explore@uqam.ca

by phone: **514-987-3000, ext. 6109**

UQAM EXPLORE TEAM BUSINESS HOURS: Monday to Friday, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Eastern time.

We look forward to meeting you at UQAM this summer!

The UQAM Explore program team

Danielle Paquette, Coordinator and Explore program Director

UQAM Non-Credit Language Courses