

Université Laval must-know information!

Application: The application form that you must fill out is the “Not for Credit” form. This does not mean that you will not get credit for your classes in Canada.

Arrival: When you arrive at the airport, there should be a shuttle bus (la navette) that runs between 12:30-8:30 each day. If it is not there, you can take a taxi for around 20 Canadian dollars. You want to be driven to Université Laval, Pavillon LaCerte. When you arrive at the Pavillon, you are given your housing information and you pay for your deposit and housing (something around 530 dollars) You can also rent a refrigerator for your room at this time (\$60 for the 5 weeks).

Be sure to know some travel vocab for when you land at the airport (suitcase, ticket, customs, boarding pass, etc).

They have the same electric current and the same outlets there.

Placement Test: There are three parts. The first part is primarily grammar tenses. It is an online, multiple-choice test. Be sure to check your email prior to going, because a link will most likely be sent to you to take the test before you arrive. Based on your score on this first part, the second part of the test is an oral exam. You and another student will meet with a professor who will interview you in French. The final part of the exam is a handwritten essay based on a subject given to you. It is highly recommended that you DO NOT prepare/use outside materials in advance for these tests. If you do, you could be placed in a higher class and be bumped down to the class you are supposed to be in during the first days of classes.

Placement Levels: Élémentaire (blue), Intermédiaire (red), Avancé and Supérieur (yellow). All levels have sublevels of A, B, C, D and E. Depending on your level, you are given a colored bracelet. This helps professors/counselors know your level when speaking to/with you.

Residence: There are two residence halls: Pavillon LaCerte - an all-girls dorm- and Pavillon Alphonse-Marie-Parent. You will find mostly francophones living in the residences. There are kitchens in the basements of each residence hall where you can cook. You can rent a refrigerator on the day of your arrival to keep things fresh in your room. There are also meal tickets you can buy that can be used at Pavillon Desjardins, close to the residence halls. They are open on weekends.

At school there are mostly anglophones, so the best thing is for you to go off by yourself in order to be forced to speak French. Remember, in shops, to always greet shopkeepers with Bonjour Monsieur or Bonjour Madame. Also, keep in mind that the Quebecois appreciate you trying to speak French vs. switching to English. Although most speak English as well, they appreciate the effort of you speaking French!

Food: Food is more expensive in Canada because much of it is imported. The grocery store is within walking distance. It is connected to the mall.

Excursions: Offered on weekends. They are led by the *animateurs*. You don't have to do them. You must pay for them yourself.

School: The teachers are very friendly and excited to be there. Classes are from 8am-noon each day. Don't go to class expecting to just sit and listen. The teachers give a tremendous effort to help you learn and grow with your French, so participate! They love you to try and make mistakes rather than being shy. Also, since the program is only 5 weeks, be sure to stay on top of your homework/class assignments. Deadlines can come up quite fast.