

Canada



STUDY ABROAD AT

Université Laval

California State University, Sacramento Study Abroad Program

Université Laval is the oldest French-language university in North America. It is an institution of international repute and high academic standards, and has an annual budget exceeding 700 million dollars. The Faculté des sciences de l'administration (Business Administration Faculty) is accredited by AACSB and by the prestigious EQUIS (European Quality Improvement System) due to its mission to have internationally-oriented and innovative curriculum as well as maintenance of dynamic partnerships with the business world. The French language program at Université Laval is one of the best in the world.

The university has about 38,000 students and 2,400 teaching staff members. The campus covers an area of 1.2 sq. km and has over 30 buildings all linked by a network of pedestrian tunnels. There are four residence halls with 2,300 rooms. Laval offers many services to students, including a Student Union with a cafeteria, a campus pub, a bookstore, a bank, and a travel agency. Laval has one of the largest sports complexes in Canada. The university ranks among the thirteen top research universities in Canada. The Université library contains more than 4 million library documents. For the student who wants to get involved with clubs and student associations, there are about 200 from which to choose. The campus has wireless internet access.

Quebec City, the capital of the province of Quebec, located on the St. Lawrence River, has a charming Old Quebec quarter and is a UNESCO World Heritage site. In 2008, Quebec City celebrated the 400th anniversary of its founding by Samuel de Champlain. There are many places to visit: the Plains of Abraham, the ramparts, the Parc Aquarium, the Baie de Beauport for water sports, the Capital Observatory, the botanical gardens at Université Laval, the Super Labyrinth, the Chateau Frontenac, and many museums and parks. In the winter, visit the ice hotel. There is quite a variety of local products to purchase while shopping, and there are numerous venues for all types of sports. The nearby Canyon Sainte-Anne is quite spectacular and well worth a visit. Although Quebec is bilingual, most of the people in Quebec speak French for the most part, giving students a wonderful opportunity to practice the French language skills they are acquiring in the classroom. More information on the city can be found at: www.quebecregion.com/e/.

COURSE OFFERINGS

The Language School at Université Laval offers intensive French language classes. The classes offered in the fifteen-week sessions are open to our students on exchange. (The shorter-term courses cannot be taken on exchange.) French language courses are offered at beginner, intermediate, intermediate-advanced, advanced, and superior levels in the fall or winter (spring). French courses include oral and written language, phonetics, oral expression, oral comprehension, and various courses related to civilization and literature offered as electives. An up-to-date list of these classes can be found at: www.elul.ulaval.ca. In the fall, the advanced and superior level courses are offered by the Department of Modern Languages, Linguistics, and Translation, and information on the classes can be found at: www.lli.ulaval.ca. All students except those at the very beginning level of French will be required to take a placement test at the Laval Language School. The excellent Faculté des sciences de l'administration (Business Administration Faculty) offers about 16 courses in English at the undergraduate level. The course offerings can be found at: <http://www5.fsa.ulaval.ca/sgc/formation/baalaval/courshorarireetinscriptionbaalaval/coursbaaanglais>.

Business students participating in this program will take 4 business classes in English and one French language class at Laval's Language School. Classes in general are worth 3 credits each.

Students who have sufficient French language skills (advanced level) may take classes in a great variety of disciplines alongside the students of Quebec. It is to be noted that all students participating in this program will be required to take at least one French language course per semester.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have **upper division standing with a declared major** or **classified graduate standing** at this university by the time of departure, **good academic records**, and a **2.75** cumulative grade point average or better for undergraduates and a **3.0** or better for graduate-level students at the time of the application deadline. Applicants who want to take courses in French in their field of study must have completed a **minimum of two years of college French or the equivalent**. For this option an even higher level of French language is recommended. There is no French language pre-requisite for applicants who want to study French full-time at the Laval Language School from the beginning level. There is also no French language pre-requisite for those business majors who want to take business classes in English at Laval. The applicant also should be prepared to accept the challenge of study in a country with an educational system different from our own. All applicants should check to ensure that they are on track for meeting the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR). Applications will be accepted for **one semester** or **one academic year**. Students are required to be full-time while studying in Quebec and, thus, take the equivalent of 15 units during each semester for undergraduates and 12 units per semester for graduates.

CALENDAR

Fall: late August to mid-December

Winter (or Spring): early January to late April

Exams are held in December and May. See the examination dates listed in the Laval course catalogue for more information. It is recommended that students participate in Orientation Week, which takes place usually during the last week of August for fall and during early January for winter semester.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Students accepted to the program **will pay the usual California State University, Sacramento fees, remain eligible for financial aid** (except work/study), if otherwise qualified, and receive **resident credit** just as if they were attending classes at this university. (Please note that equivalency of courses falls under the jurisdiction of the academic department.) Université Laval has agreed to waive non-resident tuition, making this a particularly attractive opportunity for participants. Students will pay for their travel to and from Quebec, room and board, books and incidentals. In addition, each student must have the required insurance during his or her stay in Canada. Expenses for a semester at Laval are estimated at the following: usual undergraduate fees - \$2,450 (graduates would pay the graduate fee), airfare - \$825, insurance - \$265 per semester, housing - \$2,000 for 4 months (about \$260 a month on campus and from \$260 to \$500 a month off campus), food - \$1,200, books - \$300, incidentals (including local transportation, clothing, entertainment) - \$1,600. Total: \$8,640. The estimated expenses for an academic year are about \$16,925. This estimate is given for planning purposes only and is subject to changes from currency fluctuation, inflation, and fee changes. Keep in mind that the costs of obtaining a passport and a student visa for Canada are not included in these estimates.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES CENTRE

Students will be assisted at Université Laval by the International Activities Centre staff. The office is located in the Faculté des sciences de l'administration in Pavillon Palasis-Prince at 2325 rue de la Terrasse. The Centre offers a "buddy" program for incoming students to be able to get to know Laval students. Buddies usually communicate with incoming students before the students arrive in Quebec and also pick them up at the airport. The Centre also offers a Welcome Orientation for new international students.

HOUSING AND MEALS

The Université Laval encourages all students to apply for a room at the university residences. The university residences offer single occupancy rooms (with basic furniture) located on campus and close to all services. The residences have communal kitchens and many planned activities. Information on the residences can be found at www.residences.ulaval.ca/choisir_les_residences/english_information.

Students wanting to live off-campus will be responsible for locating their own apartment or room. More information can be found at: www.sres.ulaval.ca/logement. Students can try consulting the Quebec City newspapers on the Web, which are Le Soleil and Le Journal de Québec.

SCHOLARSHIPS

For information on scholarships for study abroad, you should register for and attend a scholarship workshop in the Office of Global Education.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

You should consult these resources for further information:

The Office of Global Education home page: <http://www.csus.edu/oge/>

The Université Laval home page: www.ulaval.ca

The Laval Business Faculty home page: www.fsa.ulaval.ca (French) <http://english.fsa.ulaval.ca> (English)

The Laval School of Languages home page: www.elul.ulaval.ca

Laval's housing home page: www.residences.ulaval.ca/choisir_les_residences/english_information

Laval's off-campus housing home page (in French): www.sres.ulaval.ca/logement

For more information on Quebec City: www.quebecregion.com
www.lonelyplanet.com

Information for international students going to Laval (in French): www.reg.ulaval.ca/sgc/page_accueil/etranger

To obtain an application or to speak with a study abroad advisor, please call the **Office of Global Education** at **278-6686** or go to **Lassen Hall, Room 2304**. Applications, references, and transcripts should be sent to the address below. The **deadline** for materials to be received is **March 1** for our **fall** semester and **October 1** for our **spring** semester. Please note that there is an interview process for this application, also.

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