About the Program

The Frecker program is a one-semester immersion program in Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon. Offered during the fall semester, students complete a full university program of five courses (15 credit hours) in French at the 2000 level and live with a French family. The program takes place at the Francoforum, a dedicated language training center and is supervised by a Director which is appointed by the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures. All travel and accommodation arrangements are made through the Francoforum.

Admission

The prerequisite for admission is the successful completion of French 1502 with a minimum mark of 65% or through special permission granted by the Head of the Department. Selection is very competitive and both results in French courses and academic standing are taken into account.
Extra-curricular Activities

In addition to their academic courses, students are encouraged to participate in athletic and cultural activities during their stay in Saint-Pierre. The range of activities depends on what is available, but possibilities may include aerobics, volleyball, weight training, swimming, skating, singing, nature hikes, guest lectures, films, theatre, and excursions to the neighboring islands of Ile-aux-marins, Langlade or Miquelon, and visits to local points of interests such as the museum or television station.

Fees

All participants must register for a full course load (five courses) and pay the regular Memorial tuition fee. In addition to tuition, participants are asked to pay a program fee of $2,000; this covers all expenses including, travel to and from Saint-Pierre, room and board, textbooks, participation in some extra-curricular activities and excursions.

Benefits of a Three-month Stay in Saint-Pierre

Not only will you complete your requirement of living in a French milieu for your degree, but you will be immersed in a rewarding linguistic experience in a program that offers students a chance to broaden their cultural horizons and enhance their understanding of Newfoundland’s French neighbours.

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Program Courses

The Frecker program consists of the following five courses in French, which will improve students’ use of the oral and written French and towards improving their understanding of French-Speaking people. In order to derive the greatest possible benefit from the French-speaking milieu, students are encouraged to have as much social contact as possible with the people of Saint-Pierre. Students are required to use French at all times during their stay, and students who repeatedly violate this rule can be required to withdraw from the program.


French 2101. Intermediate French II. A continuation of French 2100, with further work in language skills.

French 2300. Phonetics. A practical introduction to French phonetics, including International Phonetic Alphabet, phonetic transcription and corrective pronunciation work.

French 2602. Reading Practice. Students will explore reading strategies in a variety of texts in French.

French 2900. Survey of Francophone cultures. Emphasis on oral comprehension and expression. N.B. This course is a prerequisite for 3650-3651-3652.