Virtual Frecker Program 2021 FAQ

What is the Virtual Frecker Program?
The Virtual Frecker Program is a remote-delivered, immersive French language program jointly organized by the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures at Memorial University and the Francoforum in Saint-Pierre. The Francoforum is a specialized language teaching facility owned and operated by the local Saint-Pierre government. Under normal circumstances, a Summer Frecker Program would take place at the Francoforum in Saint-Pierre. However, given the current COVID-19 pandemic constraints, we are offering a virtual format in both Spring Intersession and Summer Session 2021.

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What is the difference between the Spring Intersession Frecker Program and the Summer Frecker Program?
The main differences between the two programs are pace of course completion and length of exposure to and engagement with French language and culture.

The Spring Intersession Frecker Program is 6 weeks in duration (10 May – 23 June). Students who successfully complete this program will obtain credit for French 2300 and French 2900 as well as recognition of spending 6 weeks studying in a Francophone milieu for degree requirement purposes.

The Summer Frecker Program is 4 weeks in duration (5 – 30 July). Students who successfully complete this program will obtain credit for French 2300 and French 2900 as well as recognition of spending 4 weeks studying in a Francophone milieu for degree requirement purposes.

What is the prerequisite for this program?
The prerequisite for admission is successful completion of French 1502 with a minimum mark of 65% or permission of the Head of the Department, following written application. Selection for the program is on a competitive basis and takes into account both results in French courses and general university standing.

How can I apply?
The application for the Virtual Frecker Program will be accessible on the website of the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures from 26 March 2021.

When is the application deadline?
Applications for both the Spring and Summer programs must be received by 9 April 2021.

How much will the program cost?
The Virtual Frecker Program is a very economical, immersive French language experience. If your application is approved, you will simply need to pay the fees associated with registering for 2 courses at Memorial University during Spring Intersession or Summer Session (French 2300 & French 2900) as well as the costs associated with purchasing any required textbooks or materials to complete these courses.

What can I expect on a day-to-day basis?
A detailed schedule will be provided to students following their acceptance into the program. However, you can anticipate working with teachers based at Memorial University and at the Francoforum on a daily basis as well as partaking in weekly cultural sessions with members of the community in Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon. In order to participate in the Virtual Frecker Program, you will need to be available Monday-Friday 9am to 4pm for the duration of the program. This does not mean that you will be behind your computer screen for 7 continuous hours per day. Rather, this is the daily time frame within which our organizers are currently working to schedule your lectures, workshops, conversation classes and activities. There will certainly be breaks between sessions.

What are the technology requirements for participating in this program?
Given the virtual nature of this program, you will need daily access to a computer with a stable internet connection, a headset and microphone as well as a web camera.