Explore Summer 2020

General Information - International

Congratulations! You have chosen the University of Regina for your Spring Explore ESL program and have been accepted. In the summer University of Regina “Explore” ESL program, you will use and practice your English language skills, while discovering western Canadian culture, in Saskatchewan, an English-speaking province. You will be studying with other Canadians from eastern Canada whose first language is French so you will have an interesting opportunity to talk with them about other parts of Canada.

The cost of this 5-week ESL program (called “Explore”) for international students will be $3,810. Fees include accommodation, meals, five (5) hours/instruction each week day, textbooks and materials, gym membership, evening activities and weekend activities. Students will need to bring money for personal items, souvenirs and additional entertainment.

Visas
BE SURE to apply in time to obtain any necessary visas. You must pay a non-refundable deposit of $275 ($175 is refundable only upon written proof of denial of visa), which is applied to your Explore fees, to obtain an Acceptance Letter from the University of Regina. We will then provide you with an Acceptance Letter that will allow you to apply for any visa you may require to study in Canada. (The payment of a deposit may be waived for partner universities provided payment is being made through a signed contract with the University of Regina.)

Start of the Course
Placement tests will be conducted at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 26th with orientation activities immediately after.

Please make arrangements to arrive in Regina on or before the afternoon or evening of Thursday, June 25th.

End of the Course
Participation until the last day of the course, July 28th is expected and included in this fee. Students must leave their residence room before noon on July 29th unless other arrangements are made between
the student and Residence Services. Meals are covered until breakfast on July 29th. Student pay for their own meals starting at lunch on July 29th.

**Arrival in Regina**

You must inform us of the date and time of your arrival. There is no bus from the Regina Airport to the University of Regina, but a taxi from the Regina Airport to the Wakpa Tower Residence at the University of Regina costs approximately $20.00. Students will be at Wakpa Tower to meet you and help you to get your keys and find your room.

**Accommodation & Meals**

NOTE: Your fees cover your accommodation and meals from supper on June 25th to breakfast on July 29th. Before and after that date, you must pay for your accommodation and meals.

Each student has their own bedroom (with an individual lock) located in a campus residence which also has recreational lounges and common social areas. You will stay with other students with shared bathrooms but every student will have their own bedroom.

Upon arrival, we will assist you to check in at the Residence. You will be assigned your room & given a room key. You will have immediate access to the internet for your laptop computer as there is WIFI throughout the campus. However, your computer may be faster if you bring your own cable to connect to the network.

If you or your guests damage your room, the University of Regina has the right to require payment for the cost of repairs. You must also pay for replacement of lost metal keys (approximately $50) and plastic keys (approximately $10). Certificates for completion of Explore will not be issued until all charges are paid.

If you decide to arrive before or after the program dates, you MUST contact Residence Services at: Tel: (306) 585-5450 or by e-mail at hospitality.services@uregina.ca. You MUST book your own reservations and pay for any extra time you wish to stay. The cost of the extra time in Residence is approximately $50/night.

**Course Program**

A. **Placement Test** – The Placement Test conducted on at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 26th will be used to decide your class level. This test is mandatory for all Explore participants.

B. **Class Work** – Your attendance in classes, scheduled 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., is mandatory.
C. **Course Credit** – The University of Regina does not offer credit for Explore. However, institutions in your country will compare the content of the course to that of other immersion courses in English and may provide appropriate credit for this ESL course. **Students must apply to their own institution in their home country for credit.** If you leave before the end of the program you will not receive a Certificate of your participation.

D. **Warning and Expulsion System** – A Warning and Expulsion System will be followed in 2020.

**Sports and Leisure**
Many organized activities will be offered throughout the program. For example, we have offered trips to adjacent cities, visits to local tourist attractions, and organized participation in events that may be happening during the program. Activities are chosen each year depending upon events in and around Regina. Be sure to bring what you will need to participate in sports or activities that you like, for example your swim suit, tennis racquet, running gear, a guitar, Frisbees, roller blades, etc. Explore international students will be given access to the Fitness Centre and the swimming pool during the program at no extra cost.

We suggest that you allow a minimum of $450 for the cost of optional activities, souvenirs and entertainment. Optional activities may be organized according to students’ interests. Throughout all outings, sports activities, visits and meetings, participants are supervised by cultural assistants and/or instructors.

**Weekends**
There are no weekends off during the five week Explore program and all weekends have at least one activity planned for students.

**You must have your own medical insurance and travel insurance in case of emergency. You pay must for any medical treatment or prescriptions and be reimbursed by your insurer.**

**Bank Services**
There are three automated tellers on campus (Conexus, CIBC and Royal Bank).
Weather in Regina

Situated on the Canadian prairies, Regina experiences a dry continental climate with warm summers and cold, dry winters, prone to extremes at all times of the year. Daytime spring/summer temperatures are between 20°C and 35°C and night temperatures are between 5°C and 15°C. Be sure to bring appropriate clothing – items for hot days and cooler evenings.

For further information, contact us at:
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If you leave a message, be sure to say your name and telephone number slowly in English, so that we may return your call.