

# #SUMMER2023

## INFORMATION PACKAGE



### CONNECT PROGRAM

FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE  
VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMP

JULY 10 – JULY 28



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## Dear parents and students:

We at Université de Moncton, are pleased to welcome you as a student in our 2023 Summer French Program for grades 6, 7 and 8 named CONNECT. We are happy that you have chosen to join us this Summer. We sincerely hope that your time with us will be a memorable experience. Our staff is committed to making your immersion experience fun and rewarding.

The main objective of our program is to place the students in a virtual Francophone environment, thus offering them an excellent opportunity to expand their knowledge of both the French language and culture. **The French only rule is the most important rule of the program. Although this is especially difficult for novice students, our staff will do its very best to help you.** Students will be placed in different levels according to their proficiency as reflected by the results of the placement test which participants will be able to do online. We will contact you around May to give you login information to our online platform, as well as guidelines on how to do the examination.

We try to keep our classes small and homogeneous. The methods used by our teaching staff are “communicative”, “functional” and “experiential” in nature. We offer many opportunities for students to practise and improve their oral proficiency skills in the target language. All necessary learning material will be provided as needed. Our teachers are professionals who are experienced in creating a positive learning atmosphere and ensuring that learning French is a stimulating and interesting experience for everyone. There will be many oral exercises, debates, discussions and educational activities.

Virtual classroom activities are enhanced by various cultural, pedagogical and social activities. A communicative approach is used instead of more traditional structural methods. Such an approach promotes the integration of all four basic language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing). This approach is also used outside the classroom.

## Staff and Monitors

The monitors who will be working with you are chosen because of their expertise as well as their outstanding qualities as communicators and facilitators. They are all experienced post-secondary students with a keen interest in working with people learning a second language. During the academic year, most of them are involved in extra-academic activities on the campus; e.g., sports, campus radio, student government, coaching, etc. They are all highly skilled and you can be assured that their activities will be well planned and executed. All activities are geared towards the reinforcement, practice and discovery of French as the target language.

Our monitors and teaching staff are well experienced, dedicated, conscientious and dynamic. We are all here to make the students’ time with us enjoyable and memorable experience.

We encourage you to read this information package completely. Should you need more information, you may send an email to [connect@umoncton.ca](mailto:connect@umoncton.ca).

You will soon receive an email containing details on how to complete registration. Heads up: you'll need to fill out an online form and pay a 100\$ deposit, which will be reimbursed at the end of the program to all participants that were in attendance at least 80% of the time.

In May, you will be invited to participate in a virtual information session. At the end of this session, there will be a question/answer time.

We look forward to meeting you during this session or at the beginning of the program!

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## WHAT TO EXPECT FOR AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PROGRAM?

### THE WEEK BEFORE THE PROGRAM

On the Thursday or Friday leading up to each week of Connect activities, connection guidelines and virtual classroom links will be sent to the email address that you will have submitted to us for connection purposes.

**\*Important – access to virtual classrooms and all their functionalities will only be possible when connecting using the address that will have been submitted to us for connection purposes.** Any attempt to log into Teams and the virtual classroom using a different email address is sure to lead to technical difficulties.

## WHAT WILL MY DAYS LOOK LIKE?

### TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE

#### MONDAY TO FRIDAY

10:00 am to 11:30 am	Classroom time (including a 15-minute break at some point)
11:30 am to 1:00 pm	Lunch break
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm	Workshops and cultural activities (including a 15-minute break at some point)

\*Note – Some classes may have activities in the morning and classroom time in the afternoon on some days or for the whole week.

#### WEEKENDS

No activities are held during the weekend.

#### THEMES

Classroom activities, workshops and sociocultural activities will for the most part be planned around the themes :

- Week 1(July 10-14, 2023): Unleashing your creativity through art, music and drama
- Week 2(July 17-21, 2023): Healthy living through sports and wellness
- Week 3(July 24-28, 2023): Science and the environment: yours to discover!

## GETTING READY FOR YOUR VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

Each participant must log into their classroom using their own device or one that was supplied by the province. If two or more participants from a single household are joining us, they must login using different devices (one device per participant).

Here are a few **necessary steps** that you must go through in the days leading up to the program to ensure that you have access to all the features and functionalities of your virtual classroom. **Even if you're familiar Teams and you feel confident that you know how to operate it properly, you must follow these steps** to make guarantee that you will have access to **all** (or any) functionalities.

1. Download the free Teams application. They have [Teams for PC](#) and [Teams for Mac](#), at the end of this process a Teams icon will appear on your desktop.
2. Log into the Teams application using the email address that you've submitted to us for connection purposes. **Only the email address that was submitted to us will have the proper access to classroom functionalities.** In the Teams menu, you should see a Team called "GRP - Classe virtuelle - \*Name of you teacher\*".

If you share your computer with anyone else who uses Teams (such as public school children) or if you sometimes log onto Teams using a different address, there are a few **extra** steps:

- a. Sign out of Teams: Teams > Clic on your profile picture > Sign out.
  - b. Sign onto Teams once again: In the new screen, select the email address that was submitted to us for connection purposes and then click "continue". If your address doesn't appear, click on the link "Choose another account or sign up" and fill out your email address and password to continue.
3. Make sure you're using the **Teams application (not just your internet browser!)** to join the virtual classroom. Only by using the application will you be able to access all the virtual classroom's functionalities (such as the chat and file sharing, and more). Make sure that you **only** use the email address that was submitted to us for connection purposes to log on. (We've mentioned this a few times, but we really can't stress this enough!)
  4. **Testing.** We will be in the virtual classroom 30 minutes ahead of class each Monday to run some tests and troubleshooting. Anyone who would like to verify their access to all classroom functionalities may join us then.

## TROUBLESHOOTING IN CASE OF TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

In the past, the following 2 problems have been encountered the most frequently by participants:

- ☞ Some participants have trouble accessing the virtual classroom via the provided link.
- ☞ Some participants can't access the chatroom.

Most of the time, the causes of these problems are the same:

- 1. Participants are trying to log in using a different email address than the one that was submitted to us for connection purposes.**

For participants to benefit from all virtual classroom features, we must first add every participant's email manually to Teams AND the classroom link. Therefore, you really must login to Teams using the email address that was submitted for connection purposes.

If for any reason at any time you plan on accessing the class using a different email address (one other than the one that was submitted to us for connection purposes), please send a request for us to update the access data ([connect@umoncton.ca](mailto:connect@umoncton.ca)). If there are 2 or more program participants in your household, different email addresses must be submitted for each participant.

- 2. Participants are accessing the class through their browser rather than by logging onto the Teams app.**

Follow the detailed instructions below to make sure that you're using the Teams app (not your browser) to correctly access your class's Team and link.

To ensure that you have access to all the features and functionalities of your virtual class, please review the steps above, in the "Getting ready for your virtual class".

## WHAT ARE THE RULES?

### GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Given the specific objectives of the program, general rules have been created in order to ensure everyone's safety and well-being. Although our program is designed to be engaging, stimulating and enjoyable, it is also very serious in nature.

The rules and regulations are:

- 🔊 **If it is necessary to dismiss a student from the program for any valid reason**, their access to virtual classrooms will be revoked.
- 🔊 **Participants must keep their video camera on during activities.** Furthermore, they must be ready to turn on their microphone whenever they are asked to speak or interact.
- 🔊 **Attending class and participating in workshops is mandatory.** If a student must miss a class or activity, their family must inform their teacher and Connect program staff via email at [connect@umoncton.ca](mailto:connect@umoncton.ca). Absences are closely monitored by the program administration. **Any participant who misses more than 20% of classes and activities will be ineligible for reimbursement of their 100\$ deposit.**
- 🔊 Students who must leave the program for a valid reason before the end of the program **must** inform Connect program staff via email at [connect@umoncton.ca](mailto:connect@umoncton.ca).

These rules are based on common sense, and they are intended to keep the program interesting and to protect the students as well as the reputation of the program. Students who are recipients of a provincial bursary have been granted a privilege, and it is our shared responsibility to ensure that the taxpayer's contribution to their education is spent wisely.

Our staff is experienced and caring, we will be happy to do everything we can to make each participants' experience in our program a positive experience.

### THE FRENCH ONLY RULE

Only French is allowed during time with the Connect Program.

Positive reinforcement and a motivational approach are used throughout the three-week camp to encourage that students use the target language to the best of their ability. It is the only way to achieve positive results in an immersion setting, and to attain the program objective of increasing proficiency in the French language. We do understand that it is more difficult for beginners, but we ask the more advanced students to help the less advanced students during the activities.

Students who speak any other language but French during the program will be given three official warnings, then they will be interviewed by the project officer and they may be dismissed from the program. The French only rule applies at all times during your time with us.

**Note: This policy is strictly reinforced, dismissal from the Program may occur if the policy is not followed. However, the French only policy does not apply to emergency situations.**

## Annexe A

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