

French Language Immersion and
Canadian Studies in Quebec

"A Canadian Initiative": Dialogue and Exchange between Wisconsin and Quebec
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The project, supported by a \$6,000 grant from the UW System Institute for Global Studies, made possible collaboration with the University of Wisconsin Superior to establish an intensive three-week study abroad at the École du langage française et de culture québécoise at the Université du Québec à Chicoutimi for students from both universities and development of a partnership with Bishop's University.

The UW Oshkosh French Section of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures has been sending students to an immersion program at the École du langage française et de culture québécoise at the Université du Québec à Chicoutimi over a period of years. In partnership UW Oshkosh and UW Superior will use compressed video to orient and debrief students who will participate as a learning team in the French immersion program. Faculty members from both universities will prepare and conduct these learning experiences using learning technologies.

The French language program will include:

- ❑ immersion in a 100% francophone environment
- ❑ integration into Quebec culture via campus, town and field experiences
- ❑ lodging with francophone host families (short duration programs only)
- ❑ Academic excellence based on more than 25 years of experience at the Université du Québec à Chicoutimi.

On October 24, 2002, Dr. Yvette Guillemain-Young, Foreign Languages and Literatures Department, and Dr. William Baurecht, English Department, met with colleagues at UW Superior to discuss plans for and develop of this project.