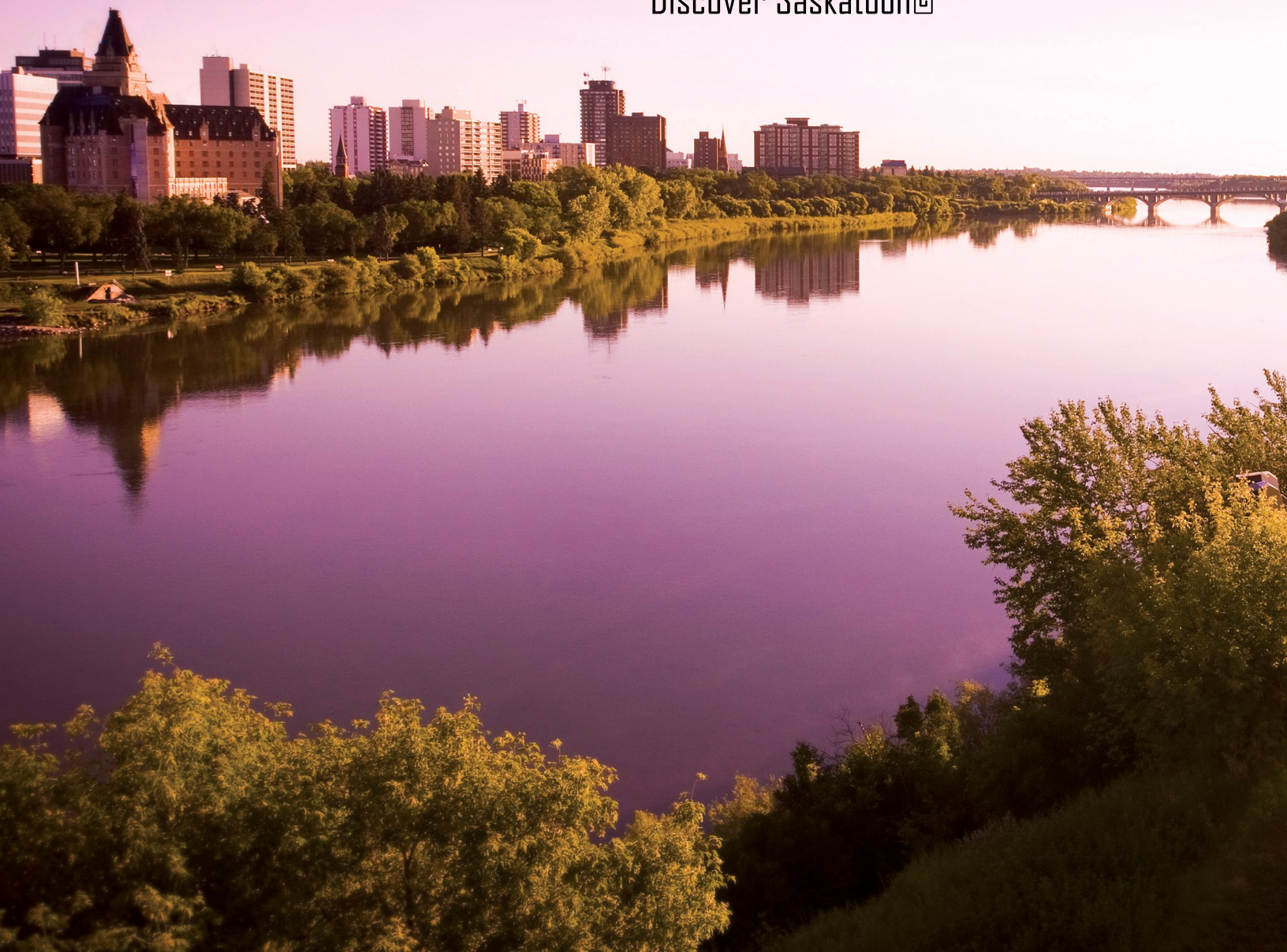


SASKATOON SASKATCHEWAN

Discover Saskatoon®



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DE LA
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WELCOME

Saskatoon is Saskatchewan's largest city with a population of 260 000. Known as the city of bridges, it is located in the centre of the province with the Saskatchewan River running through it. Temperatures vary between 25° and 30° in the summer to -25° in the winter. In Saskatchewan, people are generally very friendly and courteous, it is normal to be greeted by and make small talk with passersby.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE ABOUT
5000 FRENCH-SPEAKING PEOPLE IN
SASKATOON?



LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS

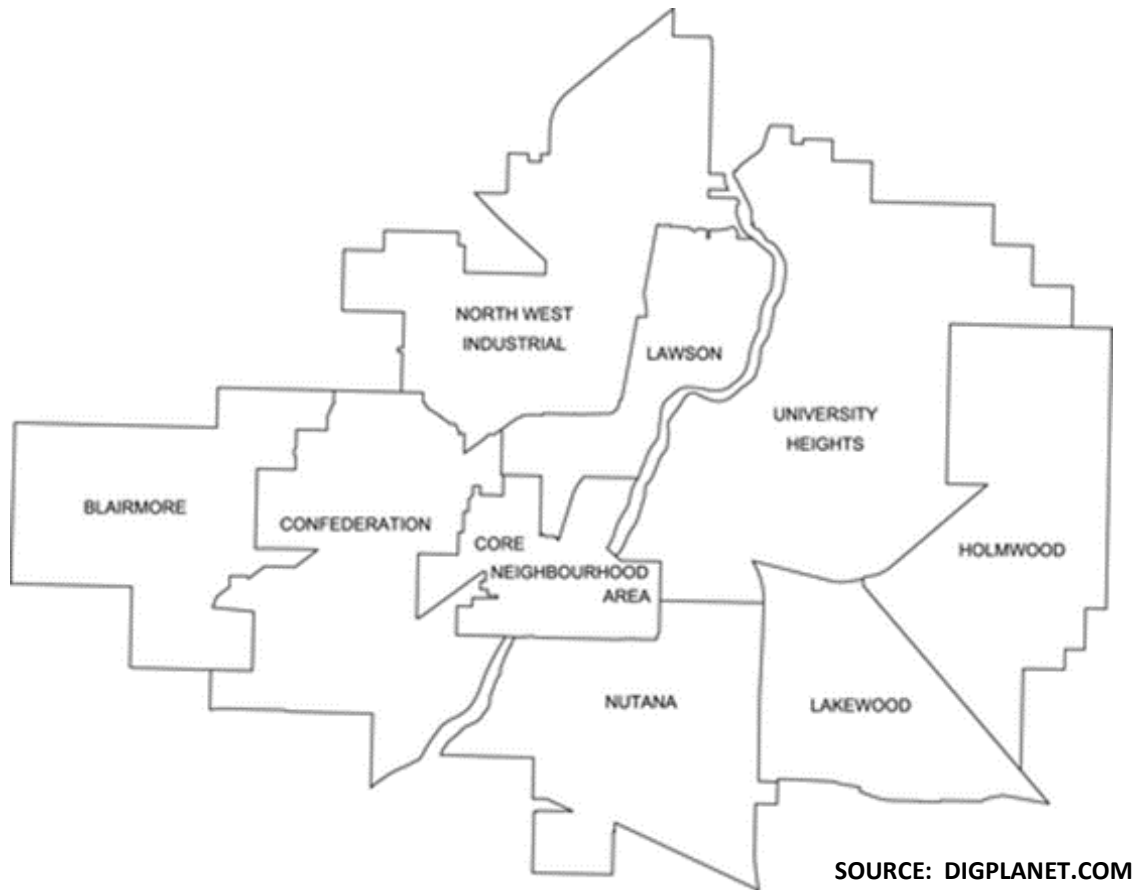
Saskatoon has many neighbourhoods, some of which are safer than others. Do not hesitate to consult your employers if you need help. They know their city: the best areas, cost of living as well as the most convenient ways to get around. They may also have contacts or connexions to help find rooms for rent.

The distance between home and work can have an impact on your overall experience with the program. Make sure you know the location of your job site before searching for living accommodations in order to avoid having to travel excessively every day.

Living with roommates or a host family during your stay could contribute positively to your overall experience, especially if you aren't familiar with the city. Additionally, it could also allow you to become more familiar your second official language.

Finding living accommodations can take anywhere from 1 to 2 weeks depending on location and budget. Many rooms and suites are rented out of private homes. We recommend that you begin your search as soon as you have been accepted into the program.





The cost of living is very high in western Canada, especially for food and accommodation. You will most likely be paying between 450\$ to 700\$ per month for a room to rent. In Saskatchewan, renters have to pay a security deposit which will either be returned to them upon departure or used to cover the last month of rent. The deposit is a guarantee which will cover the costs of any damage that may occur during your stay and is often equivalent to one month's rent.

For more information on housing and renting laws in Saskatchewan, click [HERE](#).

To help you with research...

[Kijiji](#) | [Craigslist](#) | [Easyroomate](#) | [Rentboard](#)

**Note: You can find a map that allows you to view your neighbourhood on [PADMAPPER](#).

TRANSPORTATION

Having your own vehicle is useful for exploring the region and activities outside of the city. Saskatoon is easy to navigate and parking is easily accessible. Getting around on foot or on bike is also possible. Despite the few bike paths, drivers are very cautious and courteous. (Click [HERE](#) to see the city's bike routes and bicycle bylaws.) There is also a city bus system, buses pass every half hour during the day and every hour at night until about 11pm/midnight. Bus fare is \$3 per ride and a monthly pass is \$83.

Click [HERE](#) for city bus schedules and fees.

The [GREYHOUND](#) bus system allows you to travel to other provinces.

Rideshares are a very affordable alternative way of travel, within or out of province. To explore this option, you can consult the following websites:

[SHARE YOUR RIDE](#)

[KIJIJI RIDESHARE](#)

[CARPOOLWORLD](#)

[AMIGOEXPRESS](#)

LAWS IN SASKATCHEWAN

The legal drinking age in Saskatchewan is 19. Please note that alcohol can only be bought in liquor stores and off sales.

SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH LAWS
SASKATCHEWAN LAWS ON JOBS, WORKING AND TRAINING

HEALTH INSURANCE

For Quebecois students, please note that your Quebec health card will not cover fees in other provinces. If you have to see a doctor, you will be charged, in which case there is always a possibility to be reimbursed by your health insurance provider later on. We recommend that you get complementary coverage to cover your expenses during your stay.

For students from provinces other than Quebec, your health card will cover your health expenses in Saskatchewan.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

The city of Saskatoon hosts many activities and events year round. For more information on them, visit:

TOURISM SASKATOON
THE CITY OF SASKATOON
WHAT TO DO IN SASKATOON

Need ideas?

APEX TRAMPOLINE PARK

Huge indoor trampoline park.

BATOCHÉ NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Relive the 1885 North-west rebellion!

SASKATOON FORESTRY FARM AND ZOO

Discover Canada's wildlife as well as exotic animals. While you are there, check out the gardens, visit the historical buildings and even go fishing!

THE PRAIRY LILY RIVERBOAT

Tour and discover the city on a boat!

ROCK RIDGE PAINTBALL AND LASER TAG GAMES

Gather your friends for a round of paintball or laser tag!

WANUSKEWIN HERITAGE PARK

Historical site depicting the heritage and culture of First Nations peoples from the Northern Plains

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

MAY

CINERGIE: FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL 5 days of French films originating from all around the world!

VESNA FESTIVAL Discover, see and taste Ukrainian culture!

BROADWAY ARTFEST Celebrate local artists!

SASKATCHEWAN MARATHON A marathon alongside the Saskatchewan River.

JUNE

SASKATCHEWAN JAZZ FESTIVAL The second largest music festival in western Canada with over 100 bands and musicians.



JULY

OPTIMIST CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS Celebrate Canada day with entertainment, markets, cake and fireworks!

FESTIVAL FÊTE FRANSAKSOISE Saskatchewan's Francophone festival

5K FOAM FEST Foamy fun and exercise!

SHAKESPEARE ON THE SASKATCHEWAN Discover the world of Shakespeare through plays and activities!

DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK SALE Great finds at great prices while enjoying concerts on 2nd avenue.

PION-ERA Experience the life of Saskatchewan's pioneers.

A TASTE OF SASKATCHEWAN Discover 30 of the best restaurants in the city at this culinary festival!

NESS CREEK MUSIC FESTIVAL Four days of music and camping in the heart of Saskatchewan's boreal forest.

NASCAR CANADIAN TIRE RACE For racecar fans!

AUGUST

FRINGE THEATRE AND STREET FESTIVAL Food trucks, art and theatre in the streets!

SASKATOON RIBFEST Are you a BBQ rib fan? Then this festival is for you! Free admission, music and parking!

SASKATOON EXHIBITION Rides, concerts, carnival games and more!

FOLKFEST A festival that celebrates the city's diverse cultures and traditions!

ROCK THE RIVER For classic rock fans!

SHOW AND SHINE WEEKEND The largest car show in western Canada!

UKRAINIAN DAY IN THE PARK Outdoor Ukrainian festival!

MUSEUMS, GALLERIES AND MORE

SASKATOON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Borrow books and DVDs for free!

SASKATOON WESTERN DEVELOPMENT MUSEUM \$

Collective heritage of Saskatchewan.

UKRAINIAN MUSEUM OF CANADA \$

Preserves, studies and interprets representative artifacts of Ukrainian heritage and its contribution in Canada on a national basis

DIEFENBAKER CANADA CENTER

Artefacts belonging to Prime Minister Diefenbaker as well as expositions on Canada's heritage and culture.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES

For fans of the natural sciences!

MUSEUM OF ANTIQUITIES

For an overview of artistic achievement between 3000 BC. to 1500 AD.

SASKATCHEWAN RAILWAY MUSEUM \$

Learn About the history of railway development and trains across Canada.

AFFINITY GALLERY

Promoting Saskatchewan's artists!

MEEWASIN VALLEY CENTER

Discover the natural and cultural heritage of Meewasin Valley.

*For a complete list of museums and galleries in Saskatoon, click [HERE](#).

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THEATRES

LA TROUPE DU JOUR \$

Live French productions!

PERSEPHONE THEATRE \$

One of Canada's largest theatres as well as the biggest theatre in Saskatchewan. Student discounts available!

BROADWAY THEATER \$

Live productions, movies and music!

THE BARN PLAYHOUSE \$

Community theatre productions that depict rural life, agriculture and family.

CINEPLEX ODEON CENTRE CINEMAS \$

To see new releases.

RAINBOW CINEMA \$

Popular new movies for cheap prices!

PARKS

KINGSMEN PARK

Saskatoon's oldest park!

MEEWASIN VALLEY

Take a riverside stroll!

BEAVER CREEK CONSERVATION AREA

Perfect for hikes.

SASKATCHEWAN PROVINCIAL PARKS \$

Discover Saskatchewan's many beautiful parks across the province.

RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND PUBS

The city of Saskatoon is known for its variety of restaurants, cafes and pubs that offer some of the best and most unique dining experiences in Canada.

(Click [HERE](#) to begin your search.)

♥ Cool discoveries :

THE BERRY BARN

The Berry Barn provides a relaxing environment just minutes from the city. Enjoy home-cooked meals and desserts on the patio overlooking the Saskatchewan River or in the cozy country-style restaurant.

LAS PALAPAS

Mexican, South American and Caribbean food in a restaurant that has been transformed into a tropical oasis!

TRUFFLES BISTRO

Traditional French cuisine!

THE ROOK AND THE RAVEN

Relaxing atmosphere and quality meals at affordable prices!

CACTUS CLUB CAFÉ

International cuisine using fresh and local ingredients served in a contemporary and dynamic setting!

BON TEMPS CAFÉ

An authentic Cajun restaurant inspired by the city of New Orleans.

ODD COUPLE

Authentic Asian cuisine!

POACHED

For an unforgettable breakfast!

PINK CADILLAC

Take a trip back to the 50's!

AMIGOS CANTINA

Named one of Canada's best by the National Post, Amigos Cantina offers delicious Tex-Mex cuisine and showcases great bands and artists!

BROADWAY CAFÉ

Best coffee in town!

LITTLE BIRD PATISSERIE & CAFÉ

Treat yourself to a variety of delicious pastries in a quaint European-style cafe.

COLLECTIVE COFFEE

One of Saskatchewan's finest artisanal coffee bars.

HOMESTEAD ICE CREAM AND CAPPUCINO

Everything is homemade, even the ice cream!

YIP HONG DIM'S SUM

Authentic Chinese cuisine.

KEOS KITCHEN

Authentic Thai cuisine at an affordable price.

THE THIRSTY SCHOLAR

Pub with great prices. Try their variety of poutines!

WINSTONS ENGLISH PUB AND GRILL

Over 72 different beers on tap from around the world!

LOUIS'

The University of Saskatchewan's student bar.

JERRY'S FOOD EMPORIUM

Incredible homemade ice cream!

SHOPPING CENTRES

Saskatoon's largest malls:

MIDTOWN PLAZA
THE CENTRE

Find a complete list, and the mall that's closest to you, [HERE](#).

SHOPS

♥ Cool discoveries :

LA VIE LENTE
FRAKAS
TONIC / BANJO
FLYCHANEL

Take a stroll down 2nd avenue and check out the many shops and boutiques!

SHOPPING ON A BUDGET

BETTER OFF DUDS
MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
PLATO'S CLOSET
VILLAGE GREEN THRIFT SHOP
CWL CLOTHING DEPOT
STASIA
SALVATION ARMY
VALUE VILLAGE

GROCERY

For affordable groceries, shop at **EXTRA FOODS** and **SUPERSTORE**. There are also a variety of chain stores such as **SOBEYS**, **SAFeway**, **CO-OP**, **COSTCO** and **REAL CANADIAN WHOLESALE CLUB**.

If you are a vegetarian or prefer organic products, check out **DAD'S ORGANIC MARKET**, **BODY FUEL ORGANICS**, **HERBS AND HEALTH FOODPORT** or **STEEP HILL FOOD CO-OP**.

SPORTS

SASKATOON BLADES Saskatoon's Western Hockey League team.

SASKATCHEWAN HUSKIES The University of Saskatchewan's football team.

SASKATCHEWAN RUSH Saskatchewan's National Lacrosse League team.

*See websites for game schedules.

Places such as the Shaw Center, Lakeview and the YMCA offer many sports programs at their respective locations. There are many other recreational centres as well as tennis courts, golf courses and more, all around the city. For a complete list or to register to join a sports team or program, click **HERE**.

FRANCOPHONE RESOURCES

There are many French organisations located at the *Relais* (308, 4th Avenue North) To consult the FFS's website (Fédération des Francophones de Saskatoon), click **HERE**.

TIPS FROM PAST YCW STUDENTS

“Stepping outside of my comfort zone; when I returned home, that was what I was most proud of!”

“The best advise I can give would be to get out and talk to people, be open to new experiences and opportunities. It's the time to try new things, to see and visit new places! My experience made for one of the best summers filled with great memories and adventures!”

“The *Fransaskois* (Francophones from Saskatchewan) people are active in their community and proud of their language!”

“I strongly recommend that new students live with roommates from the city because they will be able to help them get to know the city, whether it be finding their workplace downtown or the nearest grocery stores or even having someone to drive you to the ER.”

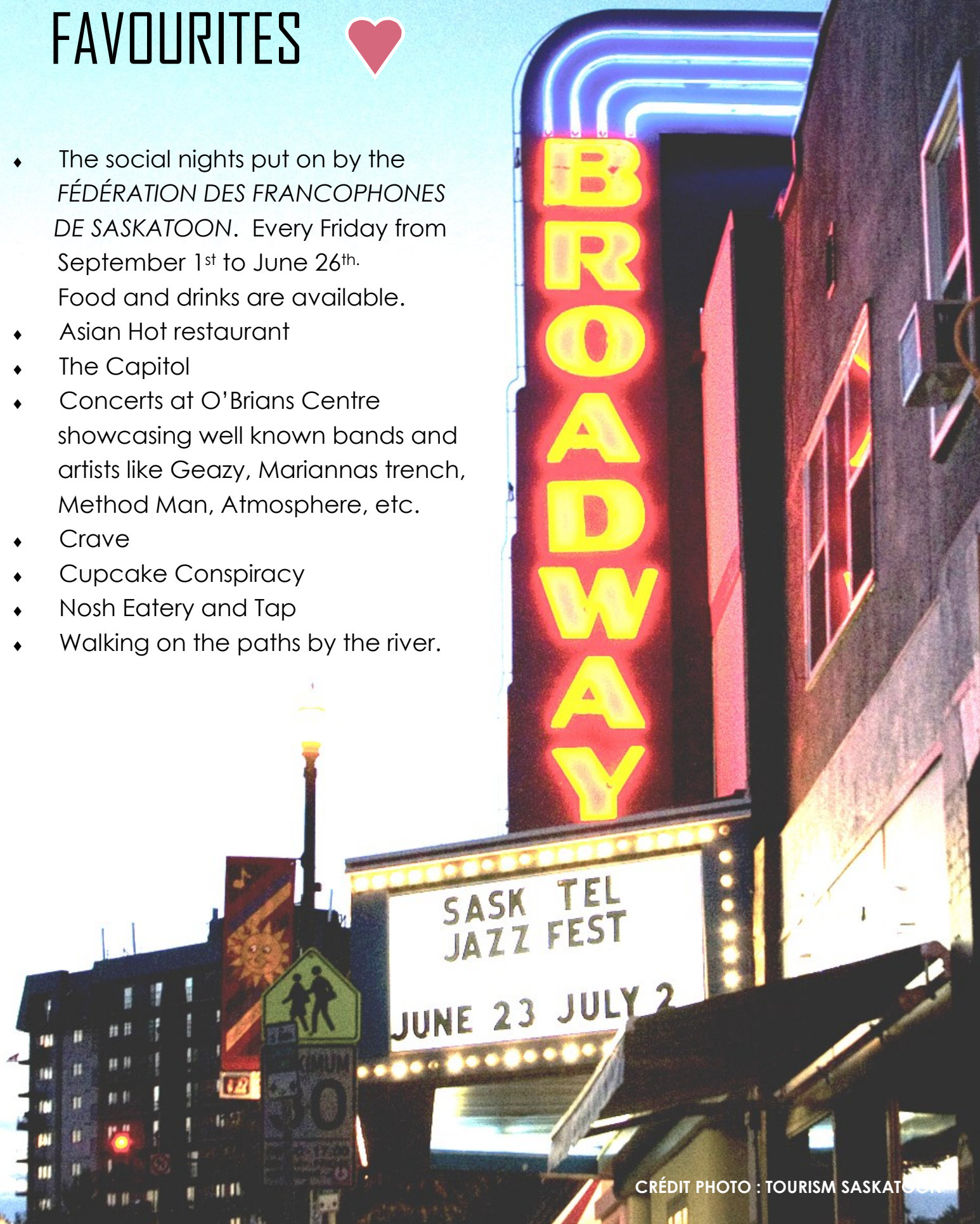
“It took me 20 minutes by bus and 30 minutes by bike to get to work, so I found myself a bike by asking around and my roommate found one on Kijiji for 40\$. It's a good investment and is useful for so many outings.”

“I encourage students to visit the little shops on 2nd avenue and Broadway street, they have unique styles and items you won't find anywhere else!”

“Saskatoon is an out of the ordinary culinary city, take advantage of it!”

FAVOURITES

- ◆ The social nights put on by the *FÉDÉRATION DES FRANCOPHONES DE SASKATOON*. Every Friday from September 1st to June 26th. Food and drinks are available.
- ◆ Asian Hot restaurant
- ◆ The Capitol
- ◆ Concerts at O'Brians Centre showcasing well known bands and artists like Geazy, Mariannas trench, Method Man, Atmosphere, etc.
- ◆ Crave
- ◆ Cupcake Conspiracy
- ◆ Nosh Eatery and Tap
- ◆ Walking on the paths by the river.



HAVE FUN IN SASKATOON!

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