



# Study Away in French

*All foreign language majors are highly encouraged to study abroad to gain the experience of linguistic and cultural immersion.*

## Study abroad can help you

Whether you seek to discover Paris over the summer, or to study for a semester or a year in another destination in the French-speaking world, you will have the opportunity to...

- Work toward fluency in French
- Gain in-depth knowledge and first-hand experience of a French-speaking culture
- Identify ways your knowledge of French can enhance your career plans
- Diversify your world view
- Advance your cross-cultural and problem-solving skills
- Gain confidence in yourself and enhance your interpersonal and communication skills
- Prepare to work in an increasingly diverse and international workplace
- Understand how French is studied in an international context

Studying abroad will allow you to take courses alongside native speaking students or with other foreign students. You can even take courses taught in French in another field of study that interests you.

An experience like this will change your life and career options in many ways. In today's increasingly interdependent world, graduate programs and employers alike

seek people with significant cross-cultural experience *and* knowledge of a foreign language.

## Can I afford to study abroad?

YES! A semester abroad is generally not more expensive than a semester of tuition, room, and board on campus; in fact, it often costs less. With multiple sources of funding and programs of varying length, study abroad is financially possible for nearly all students.

Students may generally apply their college scholarships to affiliated programs. Many Elmhurst-affiliated programs offer their own scholarships for study abroad. Through the CPE, Elmhurst also offers endowed scholarships for students with financial need.

Outside scholarships providers that students may apply for include:

- Phi Kappa Phi
- Boren/National Security Education Program
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund
- Gilman
- Midwest Regional Center IIE.
- EC Affiliated Programs

Also be sure to contact the Elmhurst College Office of Financial Aid.

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academics/study](http://public.elmhurst.edu/academics/study)

# Academic Planning for French Majors

## What are my next steps?

### Get Started!

Attend one of the monthly study abroad information sessions during the academic year and go to the Study Away Fair. Then, call or stop by the Center for Professional Excellence, located in Circle Hall, to make an appointment with Dr. Lagerwey.

(630) 617-3604 or wallyl@elmhurst.edu

### Investigate programs

Use catalogues found in the Center for Professional Excellence and look at the program sponsors' websites to find the program that's right for you or visit the study abroad area of the Elmhurst College webpage (see back page of brochure).

### Talk to your adviser

Your adviser can help you figure out the best way to fit study abroad into your college career.

### Set goals and plan for results

- Begin planning as soon as possible. Set some goals. The best study abroad option for you depends on what you want. Consider: Country/region/location, setting and environment (studying with local or international students, living with a host family), personal and professional goals, and importance of internships or service learning.
- Prepare academically. You may need to take language or other prerequisite courses for your chosen program.
- Research and talk to students who have studied abroad previously.

### Sample Questions to Ask the Director of International Education

- I would like to fulfill General Education requirements while abroad. How do I know if my courses meet these requirements?
- Several programs offer courses in the country to which I would like to travel. Which program would you recommend for me based

on my language skills and academic and personal interests?

### What to Bring to Your Academic Advising Meeting

- Copies of course descriptions or related information on the courses you are interested in taking while abroad
- Your advising handbook
- A tentative four-year plan (if applicable)

### Sample Questions to Ask Your Adviser

- What major/minor requirements do I have left to complete?
- Do I meet the minimum 3.0 GPA required for Study Abroad?
- What general education requirements do I have left to complete?
- I have copies of course descriptions for courses I am considering taking while abroad. Do these courses meet any of my major or minor requirements or any requirements outside my major or minor?
- What do I need to do to follow up with you when I return from study abroad? What should I bring back with me (e.g., course syllabi)?
- Are there particular requirements you recommend I should/should not try to complete abroad?
- What should I do if I get abroad and can't take these classes? May I e-mail you for guidance in making alternative choices?

### General Education Requirements

General Education requirements are great to take while abroad. UMAIE courses offer a wide variety of options for January Term. The Director of International Education can tell you what Gen Ed's, if any, courses fulfill. A few of the more common ones that study abroad students have taken abroad include: People Power and Politics, Global Society, Literature, Western Culture and Fine Arts.

# Study Abroad Options for French Majors

## Short-Term Options

### January Term

Students who wish to study abroad during January Term may choose between courses offered through the college and courses offered through the UMAIE consortium.

#### UMAIE

The list of courses changes, so check the courses every year online at the UMAIE website, or ask at the front desk of the Center for Professional Excellence.

### Summer

Elmhurst College and most of the Elmhurst-affiliated programs offer summer options, so you can get away without missing a beat in your regular school-year studies and activities.

IES has summer programs in both Arles and Paris, France. The Arles program (2 years college French required) includes coursework in French language, cultural/Francophone studies, photography and theater. Every Friday students do field studies or excursions. The Paris program (1 year college French required) includes course offerings in French language, cultural studies, art history, history and literature.

ISEP offers a Six-week intensive French language program at the beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels at the Université de Savoie in Chambéry, France.

Arcadia offers the six-week program: *Intensive French and Politics: Economics, Diplomacy and the European Union* in Paris, France.

With SIT students may spend six weeks in Senegal for the "Lens on West Africa" program. Students will study Contemporary Cultural Issues and complete a practicum in Photography and Social Documentation. This does not include French language instruction but one year of college level French is required.

## Semester- or Year-long Options

While the following lists give some suggestions for programs strong in this major, it is by no means exhaustive. You are encouraged to seek out programs that will best help you complement your studies, either through your chosen minor or through the elective credit that fits with your personal or professional goals.

**Note: In addition to program costs, all students on long-term programs will be billed the \$600 international fee during the term they are abroad. See website for more details.**

### ISEP

ISEP is great for students who have already achieved a high level of proficiency in French. It provides the best opportunity to be fully immersed in the culture by taking regular university classes alongside native students. You take all of your courses in French, whether they be art, political science, literature, etc. French-speaking locations offered include: France, Switzerland, and Canada. It is an exchange program so regular tuition is paid directly to Elmhurst.

### IES

For French students, IES offers programs in the cities of Paris and Nantes. In both locations students do all of their coursework in French, taking French language, area studies IES classes, and 1-2 courses at a local university. With IES students benefit from orientation, cultural excursions and field trips. A new program in Morocco is also available for students who would like to take some courses in French while learning introductory Arabic.

### Arcadia University

Arcadia offers a variety of types of experiences. A study abroad opportunity is available in Paris for French-speaking students. There is an interdisciplinary focus on politics, history, international relations, and French language and culture. Special scholarships are available

for semester study abroad in France.

### SIT

The SIT program centers on field research accompanied by coursework in Spanish. Students may choose to study any number of themes in France, Switzerland, Cameroon, Madagascar, Mali, and Senegal, including development and social change, public health, art and culture, gender, or conservation.

### Internship Options

Internships provide invaluable cultural experience in the global workplace, practical exposure to the demands of specific jobs, and development of professional and personal skills.

### IES

All IES internships are offered as academic options earning credit. Because securing an internship involves a third party, it is a competitive process, and placement depends upon availability, your background and skills, quality of your résumé, and language requirements. Field placements are combined with a strong academic component which includes an academic seminar, tutorial, or directed independent study

In Paris, Internships are mostly offered at leading French museums, companies, schools, and NGOs (non-governmental organizations).

In Nantes, there are a limited number of business internship opportunities at not-for-profit associations, local corporations, and regional government organizations. Students spend approximately eight hours per week at the internship site and meet one hour per week for a seminar or tutorial, earning 3 credit hours.

### Internship in Chicago

Spend a semester living and working in the city of Chicago. Chicago Semester helps students find an internship in their field of study. Work 4 full days per week, and participate in seminar courses on urban life.

## Options for Education Majors

### IES

IES offers students the opportunity to teach in French *écoles primaires* (elementary schools), *collèges* (junior high schools), and *lycées* (high schools) in Nantes. The work requires at least four hours of supervised teaching each week. Interns are evaluated by both the teacher and the school principal. Interns must also take the accompanying seminar on Methodology and Pedagogy (1.5 hours per week) and are required to prepare a research project in connection with the course. Students earn 3 credit hours for the combined practicum and seminar participation.

**Short Term Options with Elmhurst Faculty**  
*Comparative Studies: Education and Culture in Great Britain:* Students will observe in London schools with diverse populations.

*Educational Experiences in Jamaica:* This course provides a multi-cultural approach to teaching and service-learning utilizing hands-on activities.

*This is just a sampling and some programs may be subject to change. For more options, visit the Elmhurst College Study Abroad website or talk to the Director of International Education.*

# Sample Program Options for French Majors

## **Savoie, France**

### **Université de Savoie**

Here students will get first hand experience of studying at a French speaking university. They will also gain cultural experience not only by studying here, but also by living amongst native French. The transfer student program is available for an academic semester or an academic year. The courses are taught in French and you must have a junior standing.

**(Sponsor: ISEP)**

## **Toulouse, France**

### ***Language, Community, and Social Change***

This field-based program gives students the opportunity to stay with a family in Toulouse and also spend 10 days in a village. Students engage in 6 credits of intensive language study in addition to a Community and Social Change seminar, which will vary depending on the individual. Examples include conducting interviews in a village or studying France's diversity with issues such as Islam, secularism and immigration. Students will also choose an independent study project. Two years of college level French and the ability to follow coursework in French are required. **(Sponsor: SIT)**

## **Cameroon**

### ***Development and Social Change***

This central African nation is home to more than 200 ethnic groups and even more languages and dialects, and finding common ground for its national agendas poses an ongoing challenge. All students will take an intensive intermediate or advanced French language course, and all other coursework—exploring the topics of culture, history, geography, politics and development—will be conducted primarily in French. Students also choose an independent field study project re-

lating to their individual interests. **(Sponsor: SIT)**

## **Paris, France**

### **French Studies Program**

Students choose from a variety of classes taught in French at an IES Center, and they are also encouraged to enroll in classes at local universities during their semester, year or summer in Paris. The IES Center is located near the Montparnasse train station and two metro stops in a neighborhood that is known for its market streets, artisan workshops, lively cafes, restaurants, and theaters. Some field trips may include Fontainebleau, Vaux-le-Vicomte, Normandy, Versailles, Giverny, Provence, and Morocco. **(Sponsor: IES)**

## **Chicago**

### **Chicago Semester Internship**

Chicago Semester will help students find an **internship** in the social services field, including: counseling, child welfare, art therapy, and other social service settings. They will assist each student in arranging interviews and deciding which place or places best seem to fit their goals. Throughout the semester, students will work 32 hours per week and take seminar courses to enrich and reflect on their experiences. Sample placement sites include: Cornerstone Counseling Center of Chicago, Heartland Human Care Services, and Cook County Juvenile Court, to name a few.

**(Sponsor: Chicago Semester)**

# Sample Four-Year Plan for a French Major

## Freshman (1st year)

- 2 French courses
- Gen Ed requirements
- Electives: explore options for a second major or minor
- Start looking at study abroad programs
- Apply for January Term or summer

## Sophomore (2nd year)

### *January Term or Summer Abroad*

- 2-3 French courses
- **FL 221**
- Gen Ed requirements
- Other major/minor requirements
- Begin researching and applying for semester- or year-long programs

## Junior (3rd year)

### *Semester or Year Abroad*

- 3-4 French courses
- 2-4 Gen Ed requirements

- Other major/minor requirements

## Senior (4th year)

### *Internship*

- Remaining 300/400 level French courses
- Any remaining Gen Ed requirements
- Any remaining requirements towards minor or double major

*\* Plan to take **CPP 250**, a quarter credit course that prepares you for study abroad, the semester before your summer, semester or year abroad.*

\*French Education majors should refer to the guide: "Study Abroad in Education" for more information on fitting study abroad into your four year plan.

## Program Sponsor Websites

### **Arcadia University**

<http://www.arcadia.edu/abroad/>

### **AustraLearn**

<http://www.australearn.org>

### **IES**

[www.IESabroad.org](http://www.IESabroad.org)

### **IFSA-Butler**

[www.IFSA-Butler.org](http://www.IFSA-Butler.org)

### **IPSL**

[www.ipsl.org](http://www.ipsl.org)

### **UMAIE**

<http://www.semint.com/umaie/index.html>

### **SIT Study Abroad**

<http://worldlearning.org/323.htm>

### **ISEP**

[www.isep.org](http://www.isep.org)

### **Kansai Gaidai**

<http://www.kansaigaidai.ac.jp/asp/>

### **Universidad San Francisco de Quito**

<http://www.usfq.edu.ec/home.html>

### **Comillas Pontificia in Madrid**

[www.upcomillas.es](http://www.upcomillas.es)

### **Chicago Semester**

<http://chicagosemester.org>

<http://public.elmhurst.edu/academics/study>