

# 2018 Spring Semester in France

A semester in Europe for the same room/board & tuition costs as a semester in Loretto!

**Saint Francis University's semester abroad program in France is an once-in-a-lifetime experience available to students in every major. Students stay in the University's renovated facility in Ambialet, located in southwestern France. The site is perched on a hilltop overlooking the Tarn River and the village of Ambialet. The program is based in Ambialet but includes extended stays in Paris and Barcelona. Students profit from numerous visits to important sites in the region. Visits to museums, monuments and natural sites are enhanced by events such as fairs, pastry fests and concerts.**

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Ambialet is located 25 minutes from Albi (population 50,000), the largest city in the Tarn region of Southwest France. In Ambialet/Albi the focus is on the language and culture course to ensure everyone has basic communication skills in French. The Religious Studies course covers intensively the religious pilgrimages and the fascinating period in southwest France that involved the Cathars (a heretical religious sect that was prominent in the region in the 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> centuries). This is the primary historical foundation of the region, and every advantage is taken to include the region's hilltop towns, fortified castles, cities, splendid cathedrals and shrines. While in Paris and Barcelona, the academic focus is on art, history, language and culture. From their centrally located dormitories in Paris and Barcelona, students will visit working artists in their studios, museums, landmarks, and architectural wonders.

The core academic program is 9 credits (FREN, FNAR and RLST). Everyone participates in the 3 core courses because they form the basis of the program, directly linked to nearly all activities, and teach how to approach another culture. The courses are fun and students inevitably appreciate them immensely. Additional courses offered in France (listed below) are optional. Students may also take on-line courses to help maintain their progress toward graduation.

**FREN 112 Intensive Elementary French** (3 credits) Functional skills in listening, speaking, reading, writing; introduction to French and Francophone culture. Fulfills language requirement; credit towards Global Cultures minor. No prerequisite. Faculty: Lisa Gentile

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**FREN 201 Intermediate French I** or **FREN 202 Intermediate French II** (3 credits ea.) Grammar review and further development of communicative skills and cross-cultural competence through cultural readings in French. Focus on oral proficiency and written expression. Prerequisite for 201: FREN 102 or equivalent (3 yrs of high school French) Prerequisite for 202: FREN 201 or equivalent (4 yrs of high school French). Faculty: Lisa Gentile

**FNAR 102 Culture and Values** (3 credits) An overview of the visual arts, literature, and music from the beginnings of civilization to the present. The masterworks of mankind's varied cultural epochs are presented within their respective sociopolitical contexts in a manner which seeks to explain the artist's place in society, impart a sense of historical progression, and explore technical and expressive concerns. Faculty: Tracey Warr

**RLST 390 Early and Medieval Church History & Architecture: Focus on Pilgrimage** (3 credits) This course aims to make clearer the policies of the Roman Catholic Church across Western Europe – and especially France - during the Middle Ages. In an introductory class on pre-historical times and Antiquity, we will examine the birth of spirituality and abstract thought in mankind, and then move along to the emergence and development of Christianity during the Roman Empire. Faculty: Eric Crema

**BIOL 206 Human Anatomy and Physiology II** (4 credits) Continuation of study of major organ systems, including endocrine, circulatory, lymphatic, digestive, regulation of metabolism, respiratory and excretory systems; reproduction and development; fluid electrolyte and acid-base balance. Lecture and laboratory. Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of both BIOL 205 lecture and lab. Faculty: Dr. Marian Langer

**CORE 407** A course designed for upper-level students that allows them to focus on issues relating to ethical citizenship and to reflect on the whole General Education experience. Keystone seminar activities will include both discussion and opportunities to practice collaborative and leadership skills. Air, soil, and water pollution/degradation and related human health concerns in Western Europe, and especially France, will be investigated comparatively using academic and non-academic sources. The course will include multiple writing assignments, presentations, and a major project that will be executed in small groups with oral and written deliverables. Faculty: Dr. William Strosnider

**PUBL 230 Public Health Elective: Comparative Health Systems** (3 credits) A seminar-style course comparing health care systems around the world but focusing heavily on the French and American systems since this will be most relevant to your studies and experience abroad. You will become proficient in health system typologies and organizing principles, so that you can situate both the US and French systems in a wider context and develop the ability to assess the strengths and weaknesses of different models of financing, organization, management, and delivery of health care. We will be concentrating also on discussing and critically analyzing current problems and issues in the US through the prism of comparison with what we see on the ground here in France. We will visit different medical facilities: doctors' offices, pharmacies, health insurance organizations, rehab centers, clinics, hospitals, etc. Faculty: Lisa Gentile



## 2018 SPRING SEMESTER IN FRANCE APPLICATION

Return completed **application** to the Office for Study Abroad (15 Francis Hall) along with a **“Statement of Purpose”** (explanation below), current **transcript**, a copy of your **passport** (or, if you do not yet have your passport, a copy of your passport application) and a deposit of **\$300** made payable to Saint Francis University. The deposit will be applied to the student account. Note: Previous health, academic, or disciplinary problems may influence your ability to participate in this program.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  male  female Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
*As it appears on your passport*

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*street city/town state zip*

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Fr. So. Jr. Sr.

Foreign Language Experience (please list all foreign languages that you have studied):

<i>language</i>	<i>number of years studied</i>	<i>college/high school</i>
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May we give program information to your parents? yes no

Father’s Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Mother’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Father’s E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother’s E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Father’s Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother’s Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Information (We will notify this person via email upon your arrival in France.)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Statement of Purpose

Please attach your typed Statement of Purpose to this application. Limit your statement to 250-300 words. Address why you want to study abroad, your travel experience, if any, and some additional information about yourself (interests, goals, if this program influenced your college choice, etc.).

### Citizenship Status

Reporting your legal resident status is mandatory. Please check where appropriate.  
 U.S. Citizen  Non-Resident Alien  
 U.S. Resident Permit (Green Card)  
 I have an F-1 student visa  
 I will require an F-1 student visa.

### Study Abroad Withdrawal Policy

Withdrawal from any Saint Francis University study or service abroad program must be made in writing and delivered to the Office for Study Abroad in person (15 Francis Hall) or certified mailed (Saint Francis University, Office for Study Abroad, P.O. Box 600, Loretto, PA 15940). The date in which the withdrawal is received at the Office for Study Abroad will determine the amount of refund.

If you withdraw or are withdrawn from your study abroad program you will receive a refund minus: non-refundable application fee, any non-recoverable portion of the airfare, any non-recoverable program costs such as housing payments and deposits, excursion pre-payments, etc. (The closer the program is to the start date, the less recoverable costs will be available). Student withdrawals are not accepted after the start of a program.

If you withdraw from the study abroad program, it is also your responsibility to withdraw from your study abroad courses.

Withdrawals from a study abroad program due to lack of passport and/or visa are held to the same withdrawal policies.

### Agreement and Waiver

I certify that the information on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that on becoming a student in this program, I shall be subject to all rules, regulations, and requirements as to conduct, academic, and financial policies of Saint Francis University, and the national and local ordinances of the country of which I am studying. I understand that Saint Francis University reserves the right to require the withdrawal of any student on account of unsatisfactory work or behavior.

Saint Francis University and its affiliated institutions, in making arrangements for the program, act only as agents. Saint Francis University, its Trustees, nor any of its employees, nor any other persons, parties, organizations, or agencies collaborating with them, neither is or shall be responsible or liable for injury, loss, damage, deviation, delay, or curtailment, however caused, or the consequences thereof, which may occur during any of the travel or program.

Any misrepresentation on the part of the applicant is cause for non-acceptance, cancellation of acceptance, or dismissal from school if subsequently discovered.

Your signature below indicates your understanding and acceptance of the **Study Abroad Withdrawal Policy** and your acceptance of the **Agreement and Waiver** statement.

\_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_ date

**PLEASE NOTE:** Your application will NOT be accepted without the following:  
 Statement of Purpose  transcripts  
 passport copy (or copy of passport application)  deposit

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