

Study Abroad in France & Francophone Countries

Santa Clara University

Europe

■ France

- Paris - IES
 - French Studies Program
 - Business and International Affairs
- Nantes - IES
- Lille - Direct Exchange
- Arles - IES, Summer only

■ Belgium - CIEE

- Brussels

Paris – French Studies Program

■ Requirements

- 3.0 GPA
- 4 Semester of College-level French (2 years or up to French 100)

■ Cost: Price III (\$20,370)

■ [Program Website](#)

■ Ideal Program for Students

- Who want to have intensive language immersion
- Explore a large and dynamic city

Paris – French Studies Program

Academics

- Courses (Taught in English and French)
 - Literature
 - Political Science
 - Religious Studies
 - Cinema
 - History
- Students with Advanced French
 - Take courses at local universities
 - Participate in internship

■ Housing

- Apartments
- Home stays

■ Field Trips

- Fontainebleau and Vaux-le-Vicomte
- Mont Saint-Michel
- Giverny
- Normandy
- Versailles

Paris – French Studies Program

Student Experience

I loved studying in Paris because there is so much to do--whether it's going to a museum or eating some delicious French food or simply walking around. The IES French Studies program in Paris really helped me to improve my French (writing, conversation, etc.), which is one of the biggest reasons why I wanted to go. Paris is such a beautiful city--it's difficult to capture it in words. I can't wait for the day I get to go back!

- Annie DeBrock



Paris – Business and International Affairs

- Requirements

- 3.0 GPA
- No language needed

- Cost: Price III
(\$20,370)

- [Program Website](#)

- Ideal Program for Students

- Who want to study business, international affairs, and management in a large European city

Paris – Business and International Affairs

- **Academics**
 - English-taught Certificate in International Management Program
 - IES Courses taught in English
 - French language and culture courses
 - Internship
- **Housing**
 - Apartments
 - Homestays
- **Field Trips**
 - Strasbourg
 - Reims
 - Fontainebleau and Vaux-le-Vicomte
 - Mont Saint-Michel
 - Giverny
 - Normandy
 - Versailles

Paris – Business and International Affairs

Student Experience

What I liked most about Paris was the pace of life. After classes I could spend the afternoon visiting touristic sites, sit at a cafe or just hang out with friends without worrying about school work. The range of experience between different French cities like Paris versus Strasbourg is also remarkable. Compared to the US, although there is lots to do, Paris life is slower, but Strasbourg life is much slower still-its in the middle of the countryside and you could spend days just visiting castles and the like.

- Rahul Varshneya



Nantes - IES

■ Requirements

- 3.0 GPA or Professor Recommendation Form
- 4 semesters of college-level French (or equivalent)

■ Cost: Price TBD

■ Program Website

■ Ideal Program for Students who

- want intensive language immersion with a program “French only” policy
- Want to live in a small city

Nantes - IES

■ Academics

- French language courses
- French-taught area studies courses
- Courses at local universities

■ Housing

- Home stays

■ Field Trips

- Loire Valley
- Mont Saint-Michel
- Caen
- Normandy
- Nantes vineyards

Nantes - IES

Student Experience

My favorite thing was my host family with five kids. The craziness of seven mouths speaking a foreign language and seven different schedules to adjust to and seven opinions and ideas and questions to answer... that was difficult. But having seven people tirelessly make me feel welcomed... that was beyond compare.

—Sarah Mathes



Lille – Direct Exchange at the Université Catholique de Lille

- Requirements
 - 3.0 GPA
 - Completion of French 100 at SCU
 - Meet with Barbara Colyar, Director of International Programs
- Cost: Price of Tuition (\$12,456)
- [Program Website](#)
- Ideal Program for students who
 - Want to take classes with French and European students
 - Experience language and cultural immersion in a small city

Lille – Direct Exchange at the Universite Catholique de Lille

■ Academics

- Courses taught in English and in French
- Courses available at many schools within the university with strong offerings in the humanities, sciences, and business.

■ Housing

- University Residence Halls
- Apartments

■ Lille

- Musee de Beaux Arts
- Large student population
- Less than 1 hour from Paris and Brussels, 2 hours from London

Lille – Direct Exchange at the Université Catholique de Lille

Student Experience

Being in such an unknown place and doing direct exchange really forced me to learn the language and branch out of my comfort zone to meet people from all over the world. I wasn't with any other Santa Clara student so I was able to experience the French culture in a much more direct way. It was also interesting being called "the exchange student" because I never thought I'd be in that position! I also really liked Lille because it was only an hour from Paris and it was easy to travel to and from."

– Clare Smith



Arles – IES Summer

■ Requirements

- 2 years of college level French

■ Program

- 5 Weeks in late June to late July
- 6 credits
- Cost: \$6,200 (Financial aid does not apply)
- [Program Website](#)

■ Ideal program for students who

- Are want an immersive French language program in the summer
- Want to explore the south of France

Arles – IES Summer

■ Academics

■ Courses

- French language
- History of Photography
- History of Theater
- Sociology

■ Housing

■ Homestays

■ Field Trips

- Avignon
- Le Pont du Gard
- Les Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer

Arles – IES Summer

Student Experience

Arles is the place you go to make life long friendships with your host family, your professors, the local pastry shop owner, the homeless man, the regular rowdy crowd at the bar, the old men playing pétanque in the park, and with the amazing people who are also in your program. Because of it's small size (not only the program, but also the town), it will become one of your most heartwarming, indescribable experiences and always be your home away home.

– Whitney Vellequette



Brussels, Belgium - CIEE

■ Requirements

- 2.75 GPA or higher
- No language requirement
- Cost: Price II (\$18,370)
- [Program Website](#)

■ Ideal for students who

- Are interested in economics, international affairs, communications, and the European Union

Brussels, Belgium - CIEE

■ Academics

- Courses taught in French, Dutch, and English
- French-taught courses at the Université Libre de Bruxelles
- English-taught courses in business, communications, international relations, and Belgian culture
- Internships available

■ Housing

- Homestays
- Room with CIEE student or International Students

■ Field Trips

- EU Institutions
- Belgium
- Germany
- France
- The Netherlands

Francophone Countries

- Burkina Faso (SCU)
 - Ouagadougou & rural villages
- Senegal (CIEE)
 - Dakar
- Morocco (IES)
 - Rabat

Burkina Faso – SCU Reading West Africa

■ Requirements

- 2.75 GPA or higher
- 1 year of college-level French or more
- Approval of Professor Michael Kevane

■ Cost: SCU-Operated Fees (\$16,370)

[Program Website](#)

■ Ideal Program for students who

- Want to experience community-based learning and practice their French

Burkina Faso – SCU

Reading West Africa

■ Academics

- Courses in
 - French Literature
 - Development Economics
 - Digital Photography
 - Community-based learning in village libraries
 - French language

■ Housing

- Student houses in capital city
- Student houses in villages

■ Field Trips

- Dogon cliff homes in Mali
- Bobo-Dioulasso

Burkina Faso – SCU Reading West Africa

Student Experience

We were not just living in a village community; our local guides helped us to be constantly learning and growing in that community. Through the photography class we developed the skills to translate the beauty of daily life in Burkina Faso into art. By working in the FAVL libraries we got first hand experience on the daily operations of an NGO. The Burkinabé provide an encouraging environment to practice French, and reading West African authors in our French Literature class strengthened our cultural understanding. Putting together the photo books was the culmination of everything we had learned and worked on throughout the semester. This project was important to me because it was our opportunity to leave something behind in the community that gave us so much. This program was truly a once in a lifetime experience and I look forward to returning to Burkina Faso, the land of honest men.

- Meghan O'Connell



Dakar, Senegal - CIEE

■ Requirements

- 1 year of college-level French
- 2.75 GPA or higher
- Cost: Price I (\$16,370)
- [Program Website](#)

■ Ideal program for students who

- Want to experience African city life in a hospitable country
- Practice French and learn a local African language, Wolof

Dakar, Senegal - CIEE

■ Academics

- Courses in French, English, and Wolof by Senegalese professors
- Offerings include history, education, economics, literature, public health, gender studies
- Internships available

■ Housing

- Home stays

■ Field Trips

- 5 day rural stays
- Gorée Island
- Toubab Dialaw
- Saint Louis
- the Sine-Saloum region

Dakar, Senegal - CIEE

Student Perspective

What sets apart Dakar from other study abroad programs is the hybrids. You have traditional West African culture and modern Western society. You have the convenience and liveliness of the big city, yet rural or coastal getaways are just a cab or bus ride away. And through the variations of these hybrids is the sense of 'teranga' (this translates to hospitality), which is felt all around.

– Hannah Perlman



Rabat, Morocco - IES

■ Requirements

- 3.0 GPA or higher
- 2 semesters of college-level French required
- Cost: Price I (\$16,370)
- [Program Website](#)

■ Ideal for students who

- Want to study in a Maghreb country by learning both French and Arabic

Rabat, Morocco - IES

■ Academics

- Courses taught in English, French, and Arabic
- Offerings include economics, history, literature, religion, sociology
- Courses in Business & Engineering at the International Institute for Higher Studies in Morocco
- Internships

■ Housing

- Homestays

■ Travel to

- Tangiers
- Casablanca
- Gibraltar

Rabat, Morocco - IES

Student Experience

Two main things I miss/love from Morocco are the people and the food. The people are very genuine and hospitable. They will say what is on their mind, but not with intent of offending you. Almost always invite strangers to their homes to have dinner with them in an attempt to make the visitor feel comfortable and accepted. They take pride in their culture and preservation of skill in hand-crafted pottery, iron work, carpets and other products. The food is not only delicious, but presented in different forms, flavors, and styles. Home cooked meals are made from scratch and prepared daily for meals which it is meant to be consumed. - Thanna Rajapakse



How to Study Abroad: The Four Step Process

1. Research

- Program options
- Pre-approved courses and course offerings in program
- Meet with advisor, International Ambassadors
- Attend Study Abroad Week
- Discuss with parents

2. Petition

- Submit petition to with top three choices International Programs Office in December if studying the following fall, in September if studying in winter or spring

3. Apply

- With approval from IPO, fill out program-specific application
- Order Transcript from Registrar
- Complete Academic Advisor Approval Form

4. Prepare

- Complete Course Approval Form
- Attend Pre-Departure Orientation

Contact

- International Programs Office
 - Phone: 408-554-6940
 - Website: <http://www.scu.edu/studyabroad/>
 - Visit: 755 Franklin Street, next to Henry's