
The Southwestern Community College District

STUDY IN
PARIS
SUMMER 2014



Offered in partnership with



PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

1 HIGH RIDGE PARK • STAMFORD, CT 06905

PROGRAM CALENDAR:

Depart U.S.:

Friday, June 27, 2014

Arrive Paris:

Saturday, June 28, 2014

Depart Paris:

Friday, July 25, 2014



Study abroad in one of the best-known cities in the world, home to countless historical monuments and museums. Paris has a rich past full of writers, artists and political figures. The city has drawn intellectuals, free-thinkers and revolutionaries from Benjamin Franklin, Rousseau and Voltaire to Mark Twain, Ernest Hemingway and James Joyce. Paris is a modern, fast-paced yet romantic city bursting with excitement and inspiration from around the world.

INCLUDED

- Transportation package consisting of round-trip airfare and round-trip transfers overseas between the airport and the housing in Paris but excluding mandatory U.S. government and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees and fuel surcharges (estimated at \$600 and subject to change) for which students will be billed separately.
- Housing in twin rooms in a homestay with a local family, including daily continental breakfast.
- Navigo travel pass for use on the buses, Métro and RER in the central zone.
- Orientation program in Paris including a meeting with AIFS staff, information packet, welcome dinner and half-day guided sightseeing tour of Paris by private bus.
- Guided excursion to Versailles including transportation and entrance to the chateau.
- Boat ride along the Seine.
- Two guided walking tours.
- Farewell dinner.
- Access to the AIFS Student Services office and AIFS Program Coordinator for information, advice and 24-hour emergency contact service.
- Student medical and program fee refund insurance policies.
- \$50 non-refundable application fee.

FEES

Based on an enrollment of 20-24 participants, the fee per person is \$4,390.

This fee excludes a \$125 refundable damage deposit; optional medical insurance upgrade (\$65) and optional personal effects coverage (\$90); mandatory additional U.S. government and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees and fuel surcharges on airfare; passport or visa fees if applicable; meals other than those indicated on the itinerary; personal expenses; any Southwestern Community College District tuition or administrative fees; textbooks; additional field trips or excursions required by the Southwestern Community College District faculty and anything not specified.

These fees are guaranteed not to change as a result of fluctuations in the \$ exchange rate.

FACULTY

Professor Uriel Ornelas

Uriel Ornelas completed his B.A. in French at San Francisco State University and received his M.A. in French literature from San Diego State University. His passion for French culture and language has driven him to visit France often and to explore many of its regions, cultural practices and customs. He studied abroad in Paris at the Sorbonne University and taught English at a Parisian high school. He earned a certificate in Business French from the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Paris, which was funded by a scholarship from the French Embassy. Mr. Ornelas has taught French for over ten years and organized a number of French conversation groups in the San Diego area and frequently works in collaboration with the Alliance Française de San Diego. Professor Ornelas fully understands the value of studying abroad and has not only studied language in France but has also studied Mandarin Chinese, during the summer of 2008, in Mainland China. Professor Ornelas believes in the importance of studying abroad and the need to expand one's view of our ever-changing global environment.

COURSES

All students must enroll in at least one course. The course must be taken from those listed below. Course offerings are subject to change prior to departure.

FRENCH 101

Elementary French I 5 units
Professor Ornelas
(transfers to UC, CSU)

FRENCH 102

Elementary French II 5 units
Professor Ornelas
(transfers to UC, CSU)

FRENCH 295

Special Topics in French 1–3 units
Professor Ornelas

HOW TO ENROLL

Student Selection

The Paris, France, summer abroad program is open to anyone 18 years or older by the date of departure and who has completed 12 college-level units with a GPA of 2.0 or higher by the end of Spring 2014. Preference is given to students who are attending a SDICCCA consortium member college. Program space is limited. Priority selection criteria include, but are not limited to:

1. Current student enrollment at a SDICCCA consortium member college.
2. Date of completed application forms.
3. Eligibility criteria met at time of departure.
4. Meeting payment deadlines.

Procedures for Enrollment

The Southwestern Community College District is the host college for this Study Abroad Program. Students are required to apply for admission, enroll in classes and pay registration and tuition fees at Southwestern College for Summer 2014.

1. Complete Application Form and Student Release Form.
2. Complete the top part of the Student Conduct Release Form, and submit it to your Dean of Student Affairs or your International Education Coordinator.
3. The Dean will complete the bottom part of the Student Conduct Release Form and send it to your campus Study Abroad/ International Education Coordinator, or directly to Dr. Kirkwood at Southwestern College.
4. Attach a \$450 deposit check (made payable to AIFS) to the Application Form, and submit it to the Study Abroad/ International Education Coordinator at your campus for his/her signature.

Medical Insurance

AIFS provides each student with a group insurance policy issued by the Ace American Insurance Company. The policy provides two distinct types of coverage:

1. Before the program begins, AIFS will refund fees paid by students unable to participate on the program because of covered injury or illness or quarantine in a travel area. However, a fee is retained from the amount paid which includes a \$100 processing fee, the \$50 non-refundable application fee and a \$210 insurance premium.
2. Once the program has begun, the plan covers the cost of medical treatment abroad, up to a maximum of \$100,000 per sickness or accident and with a daily hospital charge limit of \$300. There is a \$50 deductible per incident for medical claims against this policy.

These two categories of insurance are mutually exclusive. That is, the policy does not cover medical expenses before the program begins, nor does it refund any portion of the AIFS program fees once the program has begun.

The insurance also covers costs associated with changing the return flight if a student is unable to complete the program due to accident, illness or quarantine in a travel area. It offers 24-hour travel assistance in case of an emergency, legal assistance, medical transportation and emergency cash transfer in case of theft or loss. Full details of the coverage are available on the AIFS portal and website.

Optional medical insurance upgrade and personal effects insurance

A *medical insurance upgrade* provides a maximum \$250,000 per sickness or accident with a daily hospital charge of \$300 (\$50 deductible for each accident or illness). Optional *personal effects insurance* covers loss or theft up to \$1,000, subject to a maximum \$100 per item (\$500 for electronic devices) and a deductible of \$100 per incident. Students are advised to arrange additional insurance for special items. Expensive or irreplaceable items should be left at home.

AIFS Refund Policy

All notification of withdrawal must be made in writing via fax or certified mail to: Registrar, Partnership Programs, AIFS College Division, 1 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905. The fax number is 203.399.5597. Postmark date or date of fax transmission is considered date of withdrawal.

All withdrawal statements must be signed by the applicant, or they will not be processed.

If a student's application is not accepted by AIFS, a refund of all payments is made, less the \$50 non-refundable application fee and any non-refundable deposits paid by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf. If a student withdraws on or before Thursday, April 3, 2014, a full refund will be made less \$150, including the \$50 non-refundable application fee, plus any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf. If a student withdraws after Thursday, April 3,

2014, but on or before Friday, May 2, 2014, for any reason except medical covered by the AIFS Fees Refund and Medical Insurance Policy, the \$450 deposit fee is forfeited, along with any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf.

If a student is forced to withdraw from the program because of covered medical reasons after final fees have been paid but before departure, a refund will be made through the Fees Refund and Medical Insurance Policy, less a \$100 processing fee, the \$50 non-refundable application fee and the \$125 insurance premium. The policy requires written proof of medical reasons provided by your physician.

Students withdrawing voluntarily for any reason after Friday, May 2, 2014, including withdrawals because of medical reasons not covered under the medical refund policy, receive no refund of fees paid unless they are able to provide a qualified replacement. In this case, they receive a full refund of all payments made less the \$150 processing and cancellation fee and any non-refundable deposits. Replacement students must pay in full at the time of application. Flights cannot be arranged for replacement students applying after Thursday, April 3, 2014. Once the program has started, students withdrawing receive no refund under any circumstances. This refund policy is necessary because the booking of facilities in Paris requires substantial non-refundable payments and commitments by AIFS in advance.

DEADLINE TO APPLY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE GROUP FLIGHT IS MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2014.

For more information, contact:

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