French Study Abroad

Why Study French Abroad?

“When I initiated my undergraduate studies here at UNCG I did so with the mentality that sooner or later, I would be studying abroad. However, despite having the desire to do so, I continuously doubted this decision for various reasons. I then realized that I was holding myself back and decided to let go and truly experience the world. Defying everything, I studied abroad for an entire academic year in Rennes, France and knew from the day I arrived that I had made the right choice at that point in my life. Studying abroad in France allowed me to get a first-hand account of a culture that I had only been acquainted with in a classroom setting. Nonetheless, as I look back at the time I lived in France, I do so with nostalgia, and this alone makes me cherish everything I learned as a foreign exchange student in Europe.”

-Jordan Garcia
French major
Studied abroad in Rennes, France

“I landed lost and left laughing. Keeping an open mind is what got me through my French experience, and it truly enriched my life! It’s hard to imagine that my existence now relates to different parts of the globe!”

-Taurean Sledge
International Business major
Studied abroad in Lyon, France

French Major Specifics:

When is the best time to study abroad?
While students can study abroad any time during their four years, the department highly recommends that they do so before their senior year. This way, students have more flexibility to take elective and GEC courses abroad. Students have the option of studying abroad during their fall semester, spring semester, throughout an entire academic year, or during the summer. Begin planning your study abroad experience early!

What courses can I take abroad?
French majors and minors can take required courses abroad, since courses taken abroad transfer back as upper-level courses. In addition, students can take electives and General Education credits abroad. Be sure to speak with the study abroad advisor in the French department to plan your coursework abroad and to get your courses pre-approved.

Other benefits...
Studying abroad in any country waives a Global (GL) marker, and depending on the program, a Global Non-Western marker. Speak to an IPC adviser for more information.

Will I Graduate on Time?
YES! Students receive UNCG credit for classes taken abroad, so there is no need to prolong graduation.

Can I Afford It?
YES! On semester or year-long exchange programs, students pay regular UNCG tuition and fees. Housing and meal costs are typically equivalent to a semester in residence at UNCG. Any financial aid received at UNCG can be applied to the program costs. In addition, students are eligible to receive travel grants to help offset the costs of airfare. Set up a meeting with an IPC adviser to review options and learn more.

Getting Started:
IPC is dedicated to finding the right program for each student, and our huge array of partner universities allows us to do just that. Call (336) 334-5404 or stop by 207 Foust to schedule an appointment with a study abroad advisor. This meeting will provide you with more information on appropriate programs, finances, application procedures, and more.

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**FRANCE**

**University of Angers**
 UA offers two programs for exchange students wishing to improve or learn French. CeLFE is a program for students wanting to improve their French and/or join a French university. It offers a wide range of French classes on a variety of proficiency levels. DUEF is a program for non-French speaking students over 18 years old, and offers a wide range of language and culture courses and conversation workshops.


**University of Rennes 2**
 Rennes 2 is home to the CIREFE Language Institute, where students can take French language courses to learn or improve their French. Workshops are open to all foreign students, regardless of language level. CIREFE issues a course certificate at the end of the semester. Students can also choose from a full curriculum in French with four semester proficiency of French.

www.sites.univ-rennes2.fr/cirefe/?q=en

**Jean Moulin - Lyon 3 University**
 Lyon 3 also offers two programs for exchange students: the SELF (Study in English in Lyon France) program and the DEUF program. The SELF program is an upper-division undergraduate level program taught entirely in English. The main requirement is to take a minimum of 4 SELF classes plus a French-as-foreign-language class. The DEUF program is a French language program for students wishing to learn or improve their French. It is taken over one semester or a whole academic year.


**ESDES- Université Catholique de Lyon**
 ESDES offers a wide range of business courses in French and in English for exchange students. Students must have French proficiency to take courses in French. ESDES also offers a four-week summer program in finance or marketing.

www.esdes.fr/international-students

**European Business School - Paris**
 EBS offers a wide variety of business courses in both English and French available to exchange students.


**SUMMER OPTION**

**Université de Savoie Summer Program**
 Intensive French Language and Cultural Studies.
 The Université de Savoie offers a seven-week immersion experience in the town of Chambéry, located in the heart of the French Alps. Through a combination of classroom learning and cultural activities, students study French, gain firsthand cultural experiences, and explore the delights of the Savoie region.

www.isep.org/students/programs/savoie

**ADDITIONAL OPTIONS**

**International Student Exchange Programs**
The International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP) is a network of over 300 colleges and universities in 50 countries, including France and Switzerland, cooperating to provide affordable access to international education for a diverse student population. UNCG is a member of ISEP, which allows students to study abroad at international ISEP partner institutions under the same regulations as with UNCG’s direct exchange partners. Visit www.isep.org and select “Directory of Universities,” and then “International Exchange Members.”

**Francophone Countries**
 ISEP also offers programs in several French-speaking regions, including La Réunion, French Antilles, and French Guiana.

*While these are featured programs for French Studies, students are by no means limited to these opportunities. For all available programs, please visit http://studyabroad.uncg.edu.*