France: Language and Culture
Open to: All students with one year of college-level French

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

Paris & Bordeaux, France — The program starts in Paris, one of the world’s greatest cities and the ideal point of departure for your study of French culture. The first three days are spent visiting La Ville des Lumières and adjusting to the time zone and language. Then you will take a comfortable trip through the countryside on a French high-speed train down to Bordeaux, a port city in southern France. In Bordeaux, you will attend personalized courses at a language school several mornings a week, and spend your afternoons with GVSU faculty in the exploration of local culture, historical sites, and the area’s natural beauty. At the end of the fourth week there, you will return to Paris for a final week of morning language classes and your own independent exploration of this amazing city.

France Language Flickr
Cultural Information

WHEN CAN I GO?
June 20 - July 27, 2018 (5.5 weeks)

WHERE WILL I LIVE?
The first two days will be spent at a hotel in Paris. The following five weeks, participants will stay with French families in Bordeaux and Paris (individual rooms, breakfasts, and dinner are provided).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?
This program is open to all students with one year of college-level French, or the equivalent, and a minimum 2.7 GPA.
GVSU is happy to extend this opportunity to non-GVSU students.

HOW DO I APPLY?
To apply for this program, log on to www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to begin your online application.
APPLICATION DEADLINE (2018 Program): February 1, 2018

Non-GVSU Students are welcome to apply. Please view Non-GVSU Student Information

WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?
Students will register for a total of six (6) credits:
FRE 385: French Language 3 Credits AND
FRE 386: French Culture 3 Credits
These courses will count toward French major and minor requirements at GVSU.
Language of Instruction: French
HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?
The approximate fee for this program is Program Fee: $4,950.

Includes
- Round-trip transportation from Grand Rapids
- Accommodations
- Most meals
- Most field trips
- Most ground transportation

Other Expenses
- GVSU Tuition - 6 credits ($3,150)
- Personal expenses ($800)
- Additional meals ($570)
- Passport fee ($140)
- ISIC card ($28)
- Eurail pass (optional)

Total Estimated Cost: TOTAL PROJECTED COST (Program Fee + Other Expenses) = $9,638

FINANCIAL AID
To contact the Financial Aid office, email finaid@gvsu.edu with “Study Abroad” in the Subject line. Include your G Number and Total Projected Cost of the program in the e-mail.

Non-GVSU Students: Non-GVSU students admitted for study abroad are not eligible for Financial Aid from GVSU. Check with your home school’s study abroad and financial aid offices for details on applying for financial aid from your home school toward study abroad program costs.

Financial Aid FAQs

GRANTS
FACULTY-LED PROGRAM GRANT (Up to $1,500) All degree-seeking students who apply to their faculty-led program by the priority deadline are automatically considered for a grant of up to $1,500 from the Padnos International Center. Students must have a current FAFSA on file to be eligible. No application required.

James F. and Virginia L. Goode Global Programs Scholarship: The purpose of the scholarship is to reduce the financial pressure on students and their families and make a Grand Valley education accessible to students from all backgrounds. This need-based scholarship will ensure that financial need does not become a barrier to intellectual and personal growth for students planning to study abroad.

MyScholarships: https://gvsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/10186
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