

Wang Center for Global Education

Department of
Languages & Literatures

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Nantes, je t'aime. Studying in Nantes has not only helped me to improve my French, but also my confidence in myself. Even though I have only been here for over two and half months, Nantes feels like home. My host family has been beyond wonderful, and I have learned so much from them. IES has been a great program, from the weekend excursions to Tours, Normandy, Mt. St. Michel, and St Malo; to the social coordinator that creates events for IES students and French students to interact and have fun (such as going to soccer games, plays, and concerts). Nantes me manquera beaucoup.

Janelle Stavig
PLU student
IES Nantes, France Program —
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SCHOLARSHIPS

Please talk with a French faculty advisor or Wang Center advisor for more information. Scholarships available include: IES Abroad, CIEE, SIT, and Wang Center Global Scholar Awards.

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Study Away MAP

Major Advising Plan

Study Away for French Majors & Minors

FRENCH FACULTY STATEMENT

The French faculty strongly encourage study away in a francophone country for all French majors. Immersion increases linguistic competence and provides insight into French/African/Caribbean culture through personal experience. J-Term, semester, and year-long study away options are available on three continents. Let us know your interests and we will help you identify a program that is right for you. Please see Professors Rebecca Wilkin and/or Mark Jensen with any questions you may have.

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR FRENCH MAJORS & MINORS

PLU-Approved Programs:

IES Abroad Nantes

Eligibility: 4 semesters of college-level French

This program offers students the opportunity to integrate fully into French society and function completely in French due to the program's focus on full immersion. Accommodation is with homestay families.

IES Abroad Paris, French Studies Program

Eligibility: 4 semesters of college-level French

This program combines a rigorous curriculum of French language study with a wide range of course offerings. Accommodation is either with homestay families or in a private apartment building. The homestay option is highly recommended.

CIEE Rennes, Liberal Arts Program

Eligibility: 4 semesters of college-level French or equivalent, 3.0 GPA in French language

This program is geared to students who want to achieve fluency in the French language and an understanding of the French people. Accommodation is with homestay families in Rennes or in a close suburb.

CIEE Paris, Critical Studies Program

Eligibility: 5 semesters of college-level French or equivalent

This program is geared to students who have an interest in a critical approach to contemporary French thought in the fields of literature, film, philosophy, art, and aesthetics. Accommodation is either in a small furnished studio or with a French host. The host option is highly recommended.

CIEE Paris, Contemporary French Studies Program

Eligibility: 2 semesters of college-level French or equivalent

This program is geared to students who wish to continue improving their language skills while also taking courses on French culture and contemporary France taught in English and/or French.

Accommodation is with homestay families

CIEE Senegal, Language & Culture Program

Eligibility: 2 semesters of college-level French or equivalent

This program is well-suited for students that are interested in French/Francophone studies, African studies, international relations, or development studies and are seeking an opportunity to live and study in a French-speaking West African country. Accommodation is with homestay families.

SIT Cameroon - Social Pluralism and Development

Eligibility: Three recent semesters of college-level French and the ability to do coursework in French.

In this program, students examine social, economic, and political development patterns in one of West Africa's most ethnically and geographically diverse countries. Part of the program is spent with homestay families (approximately one month, possibly longer).

PLU J-term Programs:

Martinique—French Language & Culture in the Caribbean (4-credit course)

Students enhance French language skills and experience the creole culture of an island whose slaves and sugarcane made it one of the most profitable--and exploitative--French colonies until the mid-19th century. Now a department of France, Martinique's rich history plays out in contemporary politics and art forms. Family homestays, lectures by specialists, excursions to historical sites, hiking, beaches. FREN 241/341, departmental credit for the French minor.

Advising Notes & Contact Information

CONTACT INFORMATION

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FRENCH ADVISING NOTES/ ACADEMIC ADVISING NOTES

Students studying away for one semester will have all of their financial aid applied to an approved program. Students wishing to study away for the whole academic year should consult with study away advisor Megan Grover to discuss PLU's financial aid policy. Some financial assistance is available directly from the Wang Center for J-term programs and Gateway and Featured semester programs through the Global Scholar Awards. Additional scholarships are available for Approved semester programs directly through IES Abroad, CIEE, SIT, etc. For more information on this, please visit the Wang Center.

Normally, study away should occur in the student's third year, but the most important factor is the student's linguistic readiness. It is recommended that students have taken French 301 before studying away.

Prior to departure, you should check with your advisor in French for pre-approval of course credit.

WANG CENTER ADVISING NOTES

PLU offers a variety of program options to help you meet your study away goals. You may choose to study on a Gateway program, a Featured program, an Approved program, or a J-term program. You may also choose to participate in an International Internship.

Step 1—Explore:

Explore your options for study away opportunities. Check out the programs available on our website. Come to a Study Away Fair, held in both September and March every year. Talk with others: Sojourner Advocates, staff, faculty and friends. Consider why you wish to study away, what you hope to achieve through the experience, where you might want to study, and when you would like to go.

Step 2—Evaluate:

Evaluate your study away program options. Meet with a Study Away Advisor to determine which program is the best fit for you and your study away goals. Meet with your Faculty Advisor or Academic Advisor to discuss which program is the best fit for your academic goals.

Step 3—Apply:

Once you've decided which program to apply to, visit the Wang Center for application details. Be sure to submit all application materials to the Wang Center by your program's deadline.