

where do i start?

Peer Advisers & Resource Room

Peer Advisers are recently returned study abroad students who are available to share their experiences and assist students in starting your study abroad search. Peer Advisers can help students learn more about program offerings, application process and funding opportunities. Peer Advisers are located in the Education Abroad Resource Room, where you can also find additional resources like travel guides, program brochures and other country-specific information.

Peer Advisers & Resource Room

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More info...

Costs and Financial Aid

Costs vary depending on program features, geographic location, length, excursions, cultural activities, and on-site support. Each program's web page includes a budget sheet detailing the billable and estimated costs for each program.

Students may apply their regular financial aid award to the program cost and have the award reevaluated by the Office of Student Aid for their semester abroad to receive additional funding. The University Office of Global Programs has given over \$300,000 in grants to students to study abroad in previous years. For more information visit:

www.global.psu.edu/ea/scholarships.

Housing Options

• Homestay:

Reside with a family for full cultural immersion

• Apartment:

Local and International students live off campus on their own

• Residence Hall:

Local and International students in dormitory setting

French-Speaking Countries



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Course Overview

Courses vary by program. To be sure you are choosing a program that makes sense for you academically, talk to your academic adviser about courses you need to fulfill while abroad. Be sure that those courses will be offered at the host institution by looking at the program webpages for each program you are interested in. You will get Penn State credits and grades for the classes you take abroad. If you need additional information or help identifying courses that are available, contact the Education Abroad Adviser for the program you are interested in.

Country	City	Program	Program Description
Belgium	Brussels	CIEE: Brussels, Advanced Liberal Arts	Includes courses in humanities, Belgian studies, philosophy, language, and literature
Belgium	Brussels	CIEE: Brussels, Business, Communications, and Culture	French & Dutch language, European studies, international relations, political science, business
France	Aix	IAU: Marchutz School of Art	Courses in Studio Art, a seminar at the Marchutz, humanities, and French language
France	Aix	IAU: Aix en Provence, the Aix Center	Courses in French, humanities, social sciences
France	Brest	Brest: Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Bretagne-Brest	Courses in French language and business
France	Cergy	Cergy: ESSEC Business School	For Smeal students with courses in French language business, area studies, and language
France	Le Havre	Science Po: Le Havre	Liberal Arts majors only; Courses in Asian Studies
France	Menton	Science Po: Menton	Liberal Arts majors only; courses in Middle Eastern and Mediterranean studies
France	Montpellier	AESOP: Montpellier, Integrated	Designed for advanced-level language students with optional course at local university, offers courses in French language and culture
France	Montpellier	AESOP: Montpellier, Language and Culture	French language and culture designed for beginner-intermediate French language students
France	Paris	Dept ENGR : Ecole Centrale, Paris	Designed for highly motivated engineering students. Courses in Mathematics and sciences
France	Paris	IES: Paris, Business & International Affairs	Business-related courses with courses available in English
France	Paris	IES: Paris, French Studies Program	French language, liberal arts, and business course taught in French
France	Rouen	Rouen: Rouen Business School	For Smeals students with a large selection of courses in international business, French language, and area studies
Senegal	Dakar	AESOP: Senegal, Studies in International Development	International development, African studies, Wolof language; internship; field research

Summer Programs

France	Besancon	Besançon: French Language Studies	French language studies (7 credits)
France	Lyon	Dept HRIM: Lyon Culinary Studies	French cuisine, language, and culture
Morocco	Rabat	IES: Rabat, Francophone Studies	Courses in Gender Studies, Migration Studies, Maghrebian Studies, Political Science and Arabic. Courses are taught in French.

Courses Available in English

The language of instruction varies by program type. Some programs offer language intensive courses, while other programs may offer a combination of courses taught in English as well as the host language.

We strongly encourage all students to take at least one course in the host language to assist them in acclimating to the host country and to begin to understand the cultural nuances of the host country. Some programs may require at least one language course.

Other Short-Term Programs in French Speaking Countries

In addition to semester and summer programs, short-term embedded programs are an additional opportunity to study abroad. Embedded Programs are courses that are taught at Penn State, but include a brief international excursion as a minor component of a class. To see a list of embedded courses, visit www.global.psu.edu/ea/embedded

Student Testimonials

“Not only do I have a more global perspective which is vital for a future educator, but I feel more confident in my personal capabilities. I approach every challenge with enthusiasm and I am ready for anything life throws at me! Living in a different culture taught me to be more tolerant, patient, and to look at situations through the eyes of others.”

- Kaitlin Guiglianotti, AESOP: Montpellier, Integrated Spring 2009

“I loved how the program directors truly cared about you and the experience you were having; it was comforting to know they were there for you at all times. Having never spoken the language before arriving seemed intimidating but it simply proved how capable I was of being resourceful.”

-Melissa Lee, Participating Alumni for CIEE: Brussels, Business, Communications, and Culture

