



ACCOMMODATIONS

Students will live with host families, the best way to experience French daily life first-hand. Families are carefully chosen by the local housing coordinator who will make every effort to match students with families based upon their expressed preferences. Students will have breakfast and dinner with their host families and can take lunch near the Institute in bistros or cafes.

EXCURSIONS

The Institute's Office of Student Affairs sponsors an extensive calendar of activities and events, including weekend day trips to such places as the Matisse Museum in Nice, and the culturally diverse city of Marseille. Other excursions may include the nearby hill towns of Bonnieux and Lacoste, the Picasso and archeological museums in Antibes, the Roman monuments in Arles and the museum and aquarium in Monte Carlo. Students will have ample opportunity to explore Provence and other regions of France during weekends and breaks.

GOING ABROAD WITH THE CGE

Students will be charged standard HWS tuition and room fees, a 2/3 board fee, and a \$500 administrative fee. This will cover credit for a four-credit semester, course-related excursions, and homestay with partial board. Students should bring the remaining 1/3 board to cover meals not included (about \$800). Additional expenses not covered include airfare, books, visa and personal expenses (laundry, entertainment, ground transportation and independent travel). We estimate airfare for this program at \$800-\$950 from the East Coast, books/other course materials at \$225, and visa at \$130. It is difficult to give an accurate estimate of personal expenses because student spending habits differ considerably. We would suggest a minimum of \$1,500 above and beyond meal expenses. However, students on a tight budget should be able to manage with less. If you are concerned about finances, we strongly encourage you to talk to the CGE staff who can offer information and advice based on your specific situation.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to sophomores, juniors and seniors in good academic and social standing with a minimum GPA of 2.5. While prior French language experience is preferred, all students admitted to the Aix-en-Provence program **MUST** take at least one semester of French language at HWS prior to enrolling abroad. Due to the challenging nature of study abroad, student academic and disciplinary records will be carefully screened.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- This program is offered every semester.
- Applications are available at the Center for Global Education.
- Applications are due at the CGE office on a selected date in October (for fall programs) and March (for spring programs). For specific dates contact the CGE.

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AIX-EN-PROVENCE FRANCE

ABOUT AIX-EN-PROVENCE

Aix is a university town with a large student population. It is also a major cultural center of the Provence region, with concerts, festivals, museums and a lively café life for students to explore and enjoy. Although it has ancient roots, today Aix is a modern town with a diverse population. Provence, one of the most celebrated regions in France, is renowned for its Mediterranean cuisine, its mild climate and its natural beauty that inspired painters like Cezanne and Van Gogh.

THE PROGRAM

The Colleges have an affiliate relationship with the Institute for American Universities (IAU) based in Aix-en-Provence and in Avignon in the south of France. IAU was founded in 1957 under the auspices of the Université d' Aix-Marseille and has served more than 700 North American colleges and universities. The objective of the program in Aix is to provide students with an introduction to the language and culture of France. In Aix, students take French language courses but may take their elective courses in English. Through home-stays and cultural activities, students will be immersed in a way of life that will challenge them to broaden their perspectives while developing their linguistic and cross-cultural skills.

COURSES

Students are required to take two language courses according to their level of proficiency: these will count as one language credit. Students will also take three electives in subject areas such as: studio art and art history (through the affiliated Marchutz School of Painting and Drawing), business and economics, history, political science, archeology, philosophy or psychology, for a total of four credits for the semester. (Note that students at the Aix Center who wish to take a course at the Marchutz School or at the local university of Provence Aix-Marseille may do so for an additional fee.) The following list gives some examples of electives typically available:

- International Relations
- Introduction to International Business
- Contemporary French Civilization
- Provençal Civilization
- European History: 1918 to the Present
- Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations
- Cezanne and Van Gogh
- Survey of Western Art: Renaissance to the 21st Century
- International Management
- Ecological Economics
- Comparative Education Practicum
- Francophone Literature
- Society & the Human Condition in Modern European Novels
- Literature and the Language of Music
- French Politics and Government
- Human Development in Cultural Contexts
- International Law and Organization
- Drawing
- Painting
- Art Criticism Seminar
- History of Art: 19th and 20th Centuries

For more detailed information on curriculum and the Institute, students should review the IAU catalogue, *Study Abroad in the South of France*, available online at www.iaufrance.org

ACADEMIC FOCUS

This program is especially suitable for students who are pursuing an academic area of interest in the humanities or social sciences but who also wish to improve their French language skills. Please note that students may combine coursework completed at IAU with on-campus coursework to potentially earn a minor through the French and Francophone Studies Department. We do NOT particularly recommend this program to French majors or students with advanced French language skills as it is not a full linguistic immersion program. Such students should instead apply to the IAU program in Avignon.

