



Paris and Provence: Sites of Exchange

May 15 – June 5, 2016
TENTATIVELY PLANNED
to occur again May-
June 2018

How often have you said, “I would love to visit France and get credit for it, but I can’t devote an entire semester to study abroad?”

Well, now you can visit France, developing increased facility with the language as well as being enriched culturally. After a few days in Paris, we head south to Avignon, which will be our home base for almost two weeks. This walled city was home to the popes for almost 70 years during the fourteenth century, giving rise to some amazing architecture. Apart from visits to the city itself (and to Villeneuve-lès-Avignon where the group will be staying), we expect to experience towns and points of interest such as Nîmes, Gordes, L’Abbaye de Sénanque, Uzès, Orange, and the Pont du Gard, places where legends were born.



After some time in Avignon, we travel to Nice for a few days. In addition to exploring the city, the beach, and the old port, we hope to take excursions to places such as Eze and to Monaco.

Following the Nice leg of the trip, the course ends, and we return to The Charles de Gaulle airport outside Paris.

Since language acquisition is one of the pillars of the course, we spend some time in the classroom.

COST

There are 20 spaces available (a minimum of ten are required for the course to go). Instructor approval is required. The program cost includes all lodging, most meals, in-country transportation, and health insurance. Not included: international airfare, tuition for 3 semester hours, passport, personal expenses.



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French 306: Topics in French Culture and Civilization

(Paris and Provence: Sites of Exchange)

This travel course is part of a program established by NMSU to develop educational opportunities abroad. In this program, a faculty member takes a group of students abroad. Students earn 3 credit for the course (3 semester hours), which also satisfies a Viewing A Wider World requirement.



This is a spring-listed course, and financial aid applies. Pre-approved students register for FREN 306 in mini Semester 2 (in the spring of 2016).

CLASSROOM COMPONENT

There are two classroom components. The first one occurs during the second half of spring semester, during which time we meet seven times (or a total of ten hours). These mandatory sessions serve as orientation sessions, both in terms of travel details and in culture, but also in terms of language. The second component takes place in France, where we meet to discuss readings, and to work on language skills pertaining to professional life.

A MEETING OF CULTURES

The entire Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region is known as home to many artists. The region accounts for almost 1/10 of France's population. In addition to descendants of the ancient Romans, Celts, Carolingians, and Merovingians, in the nineteenth century many Italians settled in Provence. More recently, Provence has become home to immigrants from North Africa. Provence today comprises the diverse strands that emerge from its history, its peoples, its rich culture, and the tensions it often experiences. This Provence is our classroom.



PRE-REQUISITES

FREN 212 is the normal pre-requisite. Students taking 212 in the spring may register to take this course concurrently. Students with comparable language background are encouraged to apply. This course may count towards a major or a minor in Foreign Languages (French).

CONTACT

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