



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 be provided with breakfast daily and dinner six days a week by 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 designed to introduce students to sites of historic and cultural interest throughout the region. Students in Aix will typically have two or three excursions, including visits to places like Le Luberon, Fontaine de Vaucluse, and Nice/Cannes. In addition, students will have ample opportunity to explore Provence and other regions of France during weekends and breaks.

ELIGIBILITY

This program is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors in good academic and social standing with a minimum GPA of 2.5. While previous French language experience is preferred, all students admitted to the Aix Center of Humanities and Social Sciences track **MUST** successfully complete at least one semester of French language at HWS prior to enrolling abroad. For the French Honors track, students must have completed the equivalent of at least 4 semesters of college-level French with a B average. Due to the challenging nature of study abroad, student academic and disciplinary records will be carefully screened.

GOING ABROAD WITH THE CGE

Students will be charged standard HWS tuition and fees, room fees, a 2/3 board fee and a \$550 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 fee to cover meals not included (about \$850). 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-related expenses at approximately \$210 (note that students are required to apply for their visa in person in New York City and will need to return there to pick up the visa—please budget accordingly, as these trips are not included in the \$210 visa estimate.) 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.

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.

NOTE: The information above is subject to change. Please see the CGE for more information

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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 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. This program offers two academic tracks: **The Aix Center of Humanities and Social Sciences** offers students the opportunity to take elective courses in a variety of disciplines in English while taking French language courses at their level of proficiency. **The French Honors Program** is intended for advanced language students seeking full language and cultural immersion. Participants will take all coursework in French, reside in a French-only homestay, and participate in a variety of academic and cultural activities to enhance their linguistic skills. All IAU students will be challenged to broaden their perspectives while developing their linguistic and cross-cultural skills.

COURSES

Students enrolled in **The Aix Center of Humanities and Social Sciences** are required to take two language courses according to their level of proficiency (these will count as one language credit) along with three electives in subject areas such as: studio art and art history (through the affiliated Marchutz School of Painting and Drawing), economics, history, media studies, IR, political science, archaeology and 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	Global Environmental Politics
Contemporary French Civilization	Provençal History and Culture
European History: 1918 to the Present	Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations
Cezanne and Van Gogh	Survey of Western Art: Renaissance to the 21st Century
France and Europe in the Cold War	Media and Conflict
Comparative Education Practicum	International and Intercultural Communication
Literature and the Language of Music	European City in Literature and Film
European History, 1870-1918	Human Development in Cultural Contexts
International Economics and the EU	Drawing and Painting
Ancient Art and Archaeology	Photography
Art in the 20th Century	Global Marketing
International Intercultural Management	Contemporary French Media

Those in **The French Honors Program** will take all courses in French, including two language courses (these will count as one language credit). Advanced students may take up to two courses at the University of Provence Aix-Marseille with local students (typically spring semester only).

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

The IAU program is designed for students with an interest in French language and culture. The **Aix Center** track 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. The **French Honors** track is intended for French majors or students with advanced French language skills who are seeking a full immersion program (such students may also consider the Rennes program, as it also offers a full linguistic immersion experience).