



Saint Mary's College of California with Institute for American Universities (IAU)

Center for International Programs

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DESTINATION: INSTITUTE FOR AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Study in France with other international students, while earning SMC credit
- A variety of academic options accommodate beginning, intermediate to advance/bilingual French speakers
- Learn about French traditions and gain insight into the culture through your homestay family

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

The Institute for American Universities (IAU) is one of the oldest education abroad programs in Europe. It provides students with academic programs of intellectual substance and international focus in the fertile setting of southern France. Students can choose from three distinct programs:

The Aix Center, located in the historic city center of Aix, is open to all majors and offers a wide variety of courses taught in English (social sciences & humanities courses) and French language and literature. No prior French is required yet two courses in French are required during the semester for beginning students, one course in French for all other levels.

The Marchutz School of Art studio is situated on the outskirts of Aix along the historic Route de Cézanne. The program, open to all majors and to artists of all levels, is taught in English and combines studio work, an intense interdisciplinary art criticism seminar, liberal arts courses at the Aix Center, French language study, and excursions to European museums and cities including Paris, Giverny and Venice.

www.iaufrance.org

STUDY ABROAD IN AIX-EN-PROVENCE OR AVIGNON

Application Requirements

AIX-EN-PROVENCE

2.5 GPA, Open to sophomores, juniors or seniors.

AVIGNON

3.0 GPA, At least two years of college French or the equivalent, Open to sophomores, juniors or seniors.

Application Deadline

March 20, 2009 for Fall 2009 study abroad

Cost

SMC tuition, international room and board and half the cost of roundtrip airfare

Financial Aid

Federal, State, and SMC aid will travel with you

Fall 2009 Calendar

September 5 Arrival

September 7 Orientation

September 8 Classes begin

October 19-23 Mid-semester exams

October 24–Nov. 1 Fall Break

December 14 Last day of class

December 15-18 Final exams

December 19 Departure

Courses Are in the Areas of:

Archaeology	French Language
Art	French Literature
Art History	History
Business	Literature
Drama	Music
Economics	Philosophy
Education	Political Science
French Civilization	Psychology

The Centre d'Avignon is located near the famous Palais des Papes in Avignon and provides an immersion experience for students of any major whose French is sufficiently advanced (beyond fourth semester) to enable them to take all of their courses in French and engage fully in the community. Customized internships, as well enrolling in a course for credit at the local French university, are also incredible options for students on this program.

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

Being university towns, Aix and Avignon provide natural intellectual environments from which the IAU benefits and to which it contributes. The many concerts, summer festivals, libraries, museums, bookstores, markets, and cafés have earned Aix and Avignon its reputation as some of France's most engaging cities.

With all the programs, students have excursion opportunities to historic and picturesque regional locales like Nice, Cannes, Nîmes, Arles, Les Baux de Provence, Le Luberon, Monte Carlo, Cassis, Marseille and Fontaine de Vaucluse.

HOUSING

Students stay with French host families. Living in a French home is considered the best form of housing because it provides an immediate introduction to life in this new place. Host families come from a cross-section of society; they have been carefully chosen and many have hosted American students for several years. Students find that speaking French at home is the single greatest factor in increasing their facility with the language.

Daily continental breakfasts and most dinners are taken in the student's French home. Students are responsible for lunches.

Each IAU Site has an on-site coordinator who provide on-going support during the semester.