

This study abroad program consists of 2 parts:

- a) **a 4-week, 6-credit integrated program of French language and culture, offered by the CIREFE, the International Center of French Studies for Foreign Students at the University of Rennes in France (June 14-July 10).** Depending on their level (assessed by a test taken online before the program starts), students focus on oral and written French, phonetics and civilization, while more advanced participants study standard grammatical use, as well as culture as it is communicated through the French media. Class size is limited to 15 students. The program at the CIREFE is introduced by a 4-day discovery and orientation period starting in the medieval city of Vannes, Brittany and ending in Rennes. Participation in the well-known festival of the “Tombées de la nuit” and excursions to the mythic Mont Saint-Michel and the coastal fortified city of Saint-Malo, among other fieldtrips, add an invaluable cultural dimension to the language acquisition curriculum. At the end of the CIREFE program, a 2-day trip to explore the Voyage à Nantes, an art event including visits to the Château of the Dukes of Brittany and the Memorial to the Abolition of Slavery, will conclude the stay and enrich the academic program.
- b) **a 1-week instruction session at Texas State University (June 6-8) followed by a 1-week immersion in contemporary culture in Paris for HON 3395L students (July 10-July 17).** Through a survey of the various Parisian exhibits devoted to foreign artists and global issues in the summer of 2017 (with examples from the Musée d’art et d’histoire du judaïsme, the Institut du monde arabe and the Paris Mosquée, to evoke religion, from the Philharmonie de Paris, to focus on music, from the Jeu de Paume, the Musée de l’Orangerie, the Musée Rodin and the Pompidou Center, to consider visual arts), through the viewing of foreign films from the Cinémathèque and the reading of relevant texts such as Pierre Bourdieu’s « Mondialisation et domination : de la finance à la culture » (2012), participants will explore how prevalent French paradigms have shifted to create space for foreign cultures in Paris and react against a xenophobic worldview. **This 3-credit option can be added to part a) of Summer Study in France for a total of 9 to 11 credits.**

Prepared through 3 orientation sessions on campus (in February, March and April), the CIREFE program in Rennes offers 21 hours of formal instruction per week supplemented by 14 hours of cultural activities for a total of 35 hours a week. It translates into a 7-credit curriculum and is sanctioned by a certificate handed at the conclusion of the program. In addition to the sessions held at Texas State (2 days at 2h40/day totaling 5h20), the Honors credits (3) total 40 contact hours (8hr/dayx5) from July 10 through July 17, 2017 in Paris.

Course Itinerary:

- February 2017** 1st mandatory orientation meeting, Modern Languages, Texas State University
- March 2017** 2nd mandatory orientation meeting, Modern Languages, Texas State University
- April 2017** 3rd mandatory orientation meeting, Modern Languages, Texas State University
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- June 5-June 9 2017** **Preparatory classes in Contemporary French Culture Texas State University**
- June 13, 2017** **Departure for France**
- June 15-16, 2017** Orientation sessions in Vannes, with visit of the fortified city and cathedral, and day trip to the Island of Arz
- June 17, 2017** Orientation session in Rennes
- June 18, 2017** Free Day
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- June 19-July 7 2017** **Part a) language and culture program, CIREFE, University of Rennes**
- Basic courses in Reading, Oral and Written Expression (emphasis on the indicative, object pronouns, interrogative and negative structures),
 - Phonetics and Aural Comprehension,
 - Civilization and Writing Workshop (emphasis on daily life, local traditions, and cultural activities)
- Morning session: 9 am-12 pm
- Lunch on campus
- Afternoon session: 2 pm-5 pm

- Advanced courses in Conversation, Composition, and Civilization
- Phonetics and Aural Comprehension,
- Grammar and Written Comprehension,
- French Mass Media (emphasis on the French press)
- Morning session: 9 am-12 pm
- Lunch on campus
- Afternoon session: 2 pm-5 pm

July 8-9, 2017

Voyage à Nantes

July 10, 2017

**Departure from Nantes to Charles de Gaulle Airport
(for students doing option a) only
To Paris for students doing the Paris option**

July 10-17, 2017

Part b) Paris option

Monday July 10

To lodging in Paris (AM)

PM

Focus on Film

Tuesday July 11

Focus on Religion

Wednesday July 12

Focus on Music

PM

Film screening and discussion

Thursday July 13

Focus on Art

Friday July 14

Bastille Day

Saturday July 15

Focus on Photography

PM

Film and discussion

Sunday July 16

Focus on Art

July 17, 2016

Departure

Credits:

Dr. Carole Martin is a tenured Professor in the French section of the Modern Language Department at Texas State University. She is the recipient of a National Award from the American Society of 18th Century Studies for a previous study abroad course taught for Texas State University. She also taught at the Université Rennes 2, has traveled extensively in Brittany, and lived in Paris while attending the Université de la Sorbonne.

Students who enroll in the program at the CIREFE only will receive 6-8 credits (FR 1410, FR 1420, FR 2310, FR 2320, to meet graduation requirements, and repeatable FR 3306, FR4370 or FR 4390 for advanced credits in French Culture and Language). Students who choose to add the Paris option will receive 9-11 credits (6-8 credits in French and 3 credits for HON 3395L, counting as another advanced French course or substituting for credits in Art History and International Studies).

Dates and Costs (meals and airfare not included):

French Program in Rennes only	with Paris option
June 13-July 10, 2017	June 6-July 17, 2017
Estimated at \$ 4,199.00	\$ 6,049.00
(including 6 credits)	(including 9 credits)

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