

Estimated Student Budget

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Spring Semester 2012 – Aix

\$ 17,200 Tuition and fees (\$12,200) + housing (\$5,000) on a *demi-pension* basis (seven breakfasts & five dinners a week plus Sunday lunches), scheduled activities and excursions, comprehensive health & personal liability insurance*, and one optional course at the *Institut d'Etudes Politiques* or, in the framework of "AUCP Direct," three optional courses at the University of Aix**.

Additional on-site expenses in Euros (€):

€ 850	Additional meals (50 €/week/17 weeks)
€ 375	Transport (40 €/month bus pass x 5 months, plus one weekly taxi at 11€)
€ 300	Telephone (60 €/month local and long distance calls)
€ 125	Estimated cost for club membership as part of Practicum requirements
€ 1 650	Sub-total probable expenses
€ 160	Optional cooking class
€ 80	Optional wine-tasting class
€ 500	Optional personal expenses (entertainment, refreshments)
€ 1 250	Optional travel during Winter and Spring break (total 3 weeks)
€ 1 990	Sub-total optional personal expenses
€ 3,640	Total estimated on-site expenses in Euros

***Health & Personal Liability Insurance**

Coverage limited to the Study Period (see AUCP calendar) plus maximum travel time of 3 days prior to and following the Study Period. For coverage beyond these limits (for pre- or post-semester travel), the student must take out his/her own insurance.

****Optional Courses at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (IEP)/ University of Aix**

- French Language Requirement: TEF Certified Advanced French (Level 5 CECR C1)
- Courses at the IEP can be completed during the regular AUCP semester.
- Courses at the University of Aix may require that the student be present for the first 3 weeks of January (for Fall Semester) and/or until the end of May (for Spring Semester) for final exams. In this case, a supplementary housing fee of 20 € (Euros) per night will be charged for the extended stay.

Withdrawals

For notification received thirty days or fewer before the established Saturday arrival date for the onset of the semester: 100% of tuition and fees are reimbursed to the student and/or paying institution, minus the \$500 deposit and a \$200 administrative fee.

For notification received fifteen days or fewer before the established Saturday arrival date for the onset of the semester: 100% of tuition and fees are reimbursed to the student and/or paying institution, minus the \$500 deposit and \$1000, in the form of an \$800 penalty and a \$200 administrative fee.

Personal Budget

How much spending money should you bring? This is obviously a very personal matter. As a guide, consider the following list of approximate prices. The list includes purely social activities and lunches not covered by housing costs as well as certain activities that might be used to satisfy French Practicum cultural integration requirements.

Approximate prices are given in euros (check the recent dollar rate):

Baguette: 0,80 € / *Croissant*: 0,80 €

Coffee in a *café*: 1,50 € - 1,80 €

Coke in a *café*: 3,50 €; AUCP machine: 0,80 €

Draft beer: 3,50 € - 5,00 €

Piece of pizza or sandwich: 3,50 € - 3,80 €

Small Perrier: 2,60 € - 3,00 €

Lunch at French university cafeteria: 3,20 €

Inexpensive restaurant meal *menu, no wine*: 10 - 20 €

Swimming pool: 2,10€

Newspaper: 1,20 € - 1,50 €

One bus ride: 1 €

Movie: ca. 7,70€ with student discount

Taxi ride: 10 €, distance within city limits

Museum admission: 5 € - 10 €

Jazz, night club/admission: 12 € - 15 €

Round trip to Paris plane, youth fare: ca.170 €

Round trip to Paris TGV: 100 €

Round trip to Marseille (bus): 10€

Membership to join sports team or club: 50-100 €

Health club (month): 30 € - 50 €

A note regarding weekday lunches: AUCP students are given access to a refrigerator and kitchen privileges for lunch preparation. Many choose to prepare their own lunches from local products that they buy themselves. Students discover the simple pleasures of homemade salads with Provençal olive oil dressing and the goat and sheep cheeses from the region.

French Practicum Activities

As part of French Practicum, students are required to join a local organization, club, or team. Sports generally involve some form of one-time membership and proof of insurance; gym or health club activities are naturally more expensive (see above). Belonging to something like a drama group or hiking club will usually involve a membership fee (around 25 €). A pottery or photography class can cost about 125 € for the semester.

Special Opportunities

Each semester the AUCP organizes two optional classes:

Cooking class with a renowned local chef; a hands-on, lively, privileged experience; four three-hour classes, meal included, 160 €.

Wine tasting class with the director of the local *Institut d'Oenologie*; an opportunity to refine your senses and learn to appreciate and discuss French wines. A series of four two-hour classes, 80 €.