

Why Study at the AUCP?

Facts, figures and other good reasons

Mission Statement

Provide motivated students with opportunities and strategies for cross-cultural learning both inside and outside the classroom in order to lay the foundation for transformative self-discovery and promising international careers.

Program Goals

- **Experiential learning:** drawing lines of connection and meaning between the academic content of the classroom and the lived experience abroad;
- **French language fluency:** combining the factors necessary to the breakthrough from academic to integrated language proficiency;
- **Intercultural competence:** cultivating the ability to sense meaning in context and to adapt behavior in culturally appropriate ways.



Aix Liberal Arts

The preferred city of the French themselves, Aix-en-Provence combines stately historical beauty and a lively, modern spirit. With a highly educated population of 137,000 and over 30,000 French university students, the city offers countless opportunities for rich cultural contacts, entertainment, and lasting friendships.

Marseille Intl. Relations

Crossroads of Mediterranean cultures, Marseille is a center of ethnic diversity. Safe, modern and unspoiled by globalization, the city is perfectly compatible with the program's focus: the Middle East, Understanding Islam, French and Arabic language and culture, immigrant identities and cross-cultural mediation.

Fez Morocco

The Marseille program includes one week (Fall and Spring) of on-site study in Fez, Morocco, the heart of Islam in North Africa. On-site study unites lectures, field trips, local encounters, and homestay placement in French-speaking Moroccan families.

Some Figures

- 94 top-rated American universities trust the AUCP with their students
- 100% of AUCP students do weekly community service work in Aix and Marseille
- 79% of AUCP students evaluate their progress in French as « tremendous » or « very good »
- 100% of AUCP students participate in independent quantitative outcomes assessments each semester
- 96% of AUCP alumni feel their study at the AUCP brought an international dimension to their college education

Direct Enrollment Option

The AUCP Direct enrollment option* combines 3 classes at *l'Université de Provence* with 2 classes at the AUCP.

Qualified students benefit from an authentic French classroom experience as well as the on-going mentoring and intercultural communications training offered by the AUCP Cultural Patterns course and its Practicum components: Individual Homestay & Community Service placement and additional integration strategies. * For Spring & Full-Year students, in Aix only.

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*Getting Results

*Setting standards
in French
language
acquisition and
intercultural
sensitivity
development*

Extending the classroom to include regular interaction with the host culture, the AUCP validates experiential learning with two prestigious certificates in French language acquisition and intercultural sensitivity development.

In eighteen semesters of independent testing, the AUCP has set standards for the field. The decisive results of the Georgetown Study* set AUCP students apart from those of 60 other programs, demonstrating that in one semester, AUCP students make **12 times more progress** in their intercultural sensitivity development than their peers.

« I would never have chosen another program. I think I gained invaluable experience by pushing myself and realizing how much I am capable of accomplishing. »

TEN REASONS TO STUDY AT THE AUCP

- 1 Learn from highly qualified French university faculty within a small personalized program context
- 2 Develop a sense of belonging in France thanks to effective integration strategies
- 3 Enjoy the synergy of pertinent learning both inside and outside the classroom
- 4 Choose between a Liberal Arts or an International Relations focus
- 5 Become fluent in French with all French coursework and language pledge
- 6 Live in one of the most coveted regions of the world: the South of France
- 7 Choose between Aix-en-Provence, beacon of culture and Marseille, gateway to the Mediterranean
- 8 Trust 18 semesters of learning outcomes assessments that guarantee ground-breaking results*
- 9 Live less expensively than in Paris while enjoying 300 days of sunshine a year
- 10 Live with and like the French



Stretching your budget

Thinking about Paris? Compare prices! AUCP costs prove to be \$6,000 cheaper for one semester alone.

Worried about medical coverage while abroad? The AUCP offers comprehensive medical and personal liability insurance to all students.

Concerned about the cost of living? For weekday lunches not covered by homestay, AUCP students benefit from lunch privileges at our neighboring *grande école* and enjoy a three-course lunch for under 3€. Text books are loaned and not purchased. Free cultural activities abound and are targeted by our on-site staff.

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