

Why choose the AUCP? Your Ideal Partner in Study Abroad

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.



INTEGRATION STRATEGIES

Practicum Components

- Individual French Homestay
- Language Partner
- Personal Interest Activity
- Community Service

Classroom component

- French Cultural Patterns
On-going mentoring / intercultural communications training

Aix-en-Provence Liberal Arts

FOCUS: Advanced French language and literature, contemporary issues, cinema, art history, studio art, and European studies.



A university center since 1409, Aix is at the heart of the most coveted region in the world.

Marseille Intl. Relations

FOCUS: Middle East, advanced French and Arabic all levels, immigrant identities, and cross-cultural communication.



Center of ethnic diversity, Marseille is safe, modern and largely unspoiled by globalisation.

Fez Morocco

The Marseille program includes one-week of on-site study in Fez with lectures, field trips, and local encounters.



Medieval city, Fez is home to the oldest continuously operating university in the world.

Direct Enrollment Option

Within the framework of AUCP Direct, qualified students in Aix may take two to three courses at the *Université de Provence* or one to two courses at *Sciences Po*.

AUCP Direct students benefit from an authentic French class room experience as well as on-going mentoring and intercultural communications training offered by AUCP Cultural Patterns course and its Practicum components: Individual Homestay placement, Community Service placement and additional integration strategies.



Assessing Outcomes

Each semester the AUCP provides its partner universities with a traditional transcript record of student performance along with official outcomes assessment results in both 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 **10 times more progress** in their intercultural sensitivity development than their peers.

*The Georgetown Consortium Project: *Intervening in Student Learning Abroad*, by Michael Vande Berg, Jeff Connor-Linton & R. Michael Paige (2009) *Frontiers: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Study Abroad*

Highly Qualified Faculty & Staff

French University Faculty

Bringing the culture of the French classroom to its students, AUCP courses are taught on-site by French university faculty and local experts.

Over 75% of AUCP courses are taught by instructors holding a French Ph.D. equivalent. Master's level experts in français langue étrangère

(FLE), theatre, and studio art complete the staff. All courses are taught in French.

Bi-national, Bi-cultural Administrative Staff

Working in accordance with the AUCP mission to promote a cross-cultural environment instead of a little America abroad, the AUCP administrative staff provides

invaluable integration opportunities and accompanying support to every member of the AUCP student group.

The staff intervenes professionally on such issues as health and safety, immigration policy and procedures, academic and financial concerns, foreign language acquisition strategies, housing and general adjustment to life in France.



The AUCP Aix-en-Provence
La Maison des Palmiers

AUCP Facilities

Aix-en-Provence

Situated next door to a lovely city park and one of France's leading *grandes écoles* of engineering, the Aix campus is just a three-minute walk from the historic city center with its open-air markets, museums, shops, fountains, and cafés. Built in 1852, the house and its stately grounds offer convenience, comfort, and charm in an historic *Provençal* setting.

Marseille

Two blocks from the American Consulate and two metro stops to the sea, the Marseille study site occupies a centrally located, historic two story building painted and restored by *Les Beaux Arts*. Modern classrooms, small kitchen, and sunny terrace offer an oasis of calm in the midst of the bustling diversity that gives Marseille its character and charm.

Institutional Solidity

Founded in 1993 as a private French institution of higher learning, the AUCP's premises, credentialed faculty and staff are inspected and approved by the *Rectorat d'Aix-Marseille*. Operating with the recognition of the French Ministry of Education, the AUCP welcomes students from nearly one hundred top-rated American colleges and universities.

Student Services

Medical Coverage

The AUCP offers medical and personal liability insurance to all its students. This impressive comprehensive plan covers AUCP students from the moment of their departure from home. Not limited to France, the insurance coverage extends to all foreign travel, organized or not by the AUCP during the semester.

The cost of the plan is entirely covered by AUCP tuition.

Safety and Security

Student security and liberty of movement are of the utmost importance at the AUCP. Safety policies and procedures are clearly outlined and presented to students upon arrival. Emergency procedures, fire safety and prevention as well as street-wise standards of conduct and safety tips are constantly updated and shared.

Policies and procedures available upon request.

Academic Resources

AUCP students have unlimited in-house access to a multimedia language lab and reference library.

Computer resources include a computer lab with designated PC's, connections for student laptops, network printers and photocopy facilities.

In keeping with the AUCP French language commitment, students successfully limit English language e-mailing.

