

UW in Paris Spring Semester

Academic Notes

This document is a supplement to the CIEE Paris, France French and Critical Studies handbook provided to you in your My CIEE account. Please work to read through both documents carefully.

General Information

The UW in Paris program is run in collaboration with the CIEE French and Critical Studies (FCS) program. The CIEE FCS program offers a two-track program which helps to concentrate your studies. The French Studies track will help you achieve a clear understanding of the political, social, and cultural complexity that characterizes contemporary France. The Critical Studies track offers a range of courses in the fields of cinema and visual studies, text and language, and intellectual history and critique. All courses are conducted exclusively in French and are aimed at developing your ability to write, speak and think in French.

FCS classes, taught by CIEE-hired faculty, take place in the Center's classrooms (though some may involve projects, outings or field trips outside of the Center). CIEE Courses are open only to CIEE students. Besides these Center courses, you may take courses at the French university: the University of Paris 3 – Sorbonne Nouvelle or the University of Paris 7 – Paris Diderot. FCS students share the Center with other CIEE students from the U.S. participating in the CIEE Global Campus.

In addition to the CIEE and university courses, all UW Madison students will be required to enroll in the UW Madison Program Leader's course. The Program Leader for **Spring 2017** is Professor Florence Vatan and she will be teaching the course "Change and Turbulence: The Case of Paris". UW students will receive French 348 for completing this course.

Course Information

During the academic pre-session, all students take the intensive French writing and research program. Each student also meets with the professor once a week for a half-hour private tutorial.

After completion of the pre-session, students will take a minimum of four courses, with one being the Program Leader's course and the other the Writing Workshop. Most students will then take a minimum of one direct enrollment course at University of Paris, in addition to CIEE elective courses taught in French.

Registration

IAP will register you for a special "Study Abroad Course" for the term(s) you will be studying abroad; therefore, it is not necessary for you to register on the UW-Madison campus. This is a temporary registration, which will be converted into graded UW-Madison credit after the completion of your program. The course will appear with a "P" for placeholder and will always post as 18 credits until the actual number of credits and courses you took abroad is received by our office.

CIEE will provide details on registering for classes once you have arrived onsite. It is possible that you will receive a tentative course list before you depart for the program but you will not finalize your class schedule until you arrive in Paris.

Equivalents and Course Equivalent Request (CER)

Each course you take abroad must be assigned a UW-Madison "equivalent" and the grade you receive in the course also transfers back to be recorded on your UW-Madison transcript. In order to establish UW-Madison course equivalents for your study abroad courses, you will submit a Course Equivalent Request (CER) through your My Study Abroad account. The deadline to submit the CER is by the end of the fourth week of classes.

Detailed information on the UW course equivalent process that you will use through your My Study Abroad account is available in the IAP Study Abroad Handbook.

Please note that every course you take abroad must be awarded an equivalent UW course. There are no exceptions. It is important to start the equivalent process as soon as possible to avoid any delay in posting your study abroad courses to your UW Madison transcript.

You should make sure to read the **guide to French equivalents** found in your My Study Abroad account before registering for classes. It is important to note that the course equivalents are based on the content of the course, not the language that the course is taught in. You will not automatically receive a French equivalent because your course is taught in French.

Limits and Load

Students participating in a semester or academic year program are expected to enroll full-time (minimum of 12 credits and a maximum of 18 credits each semester). The typical course on this program is worth 2-3 UW-Madison credits. CIEE requires all students to enroll in a minimum of 15 credits for the semester not including the pre-session course. If you want to consider a 12 credit course load for the semester, consult with the Program Leader.

Pass/Fail/Drop/Audit

Please refer to the IAP Study Abroad Handbook for Academic Policies. A Pass/Fail form as well as the due date for Pass/Fail submission can be found in the Academics tab of your My Study Abroad account.

Grades and Grade Conversions

The grading procedures used in France are different than those of many US universities. There is no grade inflation and a "C" is considered an acceptable grade. Be prepared to work hard if you want an "A" or "B." High grades are reserved for students who complete superior work in which they expand upon themes discussed in class and incorporate outside readings into exams and papers.

CIEE will provide IAP with a transcript of your final course grades. Using the following conversion scale, we will then assign you UW-Madison grades:

Universities	CIEE Center in Paris	UW Madison Equivalent
15+	A	A
14 – 14.9	A-	AB
13 – 13.9	B+	AB
12 – 12.9	B	B
11 – 11.9	B-	BC
10 – 10.9	C+	BC
9 – 9.9	C	C
8 – 8.9	C-	C
6 – 7.9	D	D
0 – 5.9	F	F

French Certificate

As a student studying abroad in France/on a program with French language, you are encouraged to consider adding a French certificate to your degree. This flexible, 15-credit program also strengthens the applications of students who intend to pursue careers or graduate study in areas where French is useful. 6 credits from study abroad can be applied towards the French certificate. To read more about the certificate, please visit this website: http://frit.wisc.edu/undergraduate/french/french_certificate.