

AIX-EN-PROVENCE, FRANCE

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Program: Academic Program in Aix-en-Provence, Spring

Elizabeth's Majors: Psychology, Pre-Physicians Assistant, French Certificate

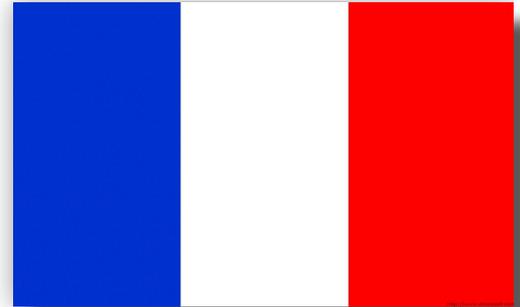
Academic Life: This program has two University options and I studied with La Fac de Lettres, which offers mostly humanities and social science courses. There are also classes through the APA program. The classes at the university are taught by French professors with French and other international students. The APA classes are with other students in the program (from UW and IU). Classes in France are not particularly interactive. You will usually only have one or two grades for the whole year, whether that be an exam or an essay depends on the class.

Most Memorable Moments: One of the memories that I will cherish the most is eating dinner with my host parents and roommates. I lived with an older couple, a French girl, and two other American girls. We ate dinner six nights a week. Some nights it was difficult to inspire conversation and some nights we spoke for hours, but every night was special in its own. I will always remember laughing with them or when none of us could understand what they were talking about. Regardless of what we talked about, I will always remember how sweet everyone was and how thankful I am to have them as my second family.

Tip for Someone Considering Study Abroad: Try to realize that everything will work out sooner rather than later. French school systems are much different and it will take a while for you to get used to, but don't freak out. You will be fine. And if you're ever worried about anything, remember that no one else knows what they're doing either. So don't be afraid to ask for help.

First Impressions: It was January and in the 60s. I was in awe. It was so beautiful and warm. I was so exhausted that I could barely speak French despite how badly I wanted to. The whole drive from the airport to my host parents' house was very beautiful and I was immediately in love.

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Elizabeth at the famous library in Aix, standing next to Le Petit Prince, a famous children's story.

"I took the time to go abroad to learn and experience things beyond the classroom which will only help set me apart."

