

# PARIS, FRANCE

EMYLEE WULF

**Program:** UW in Paris, Spring

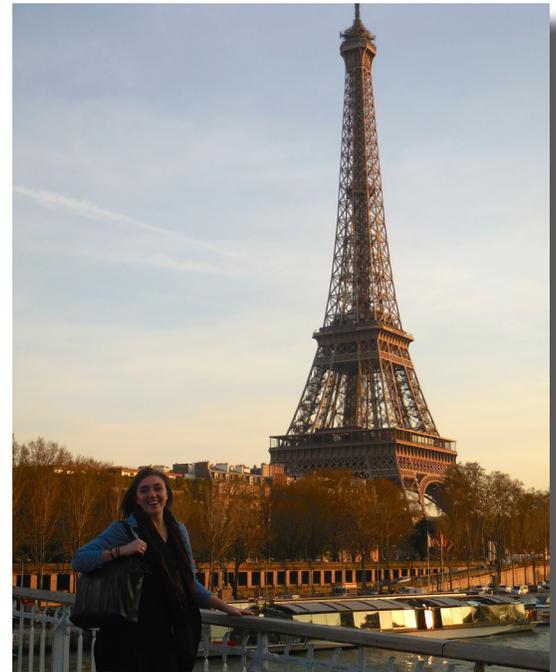
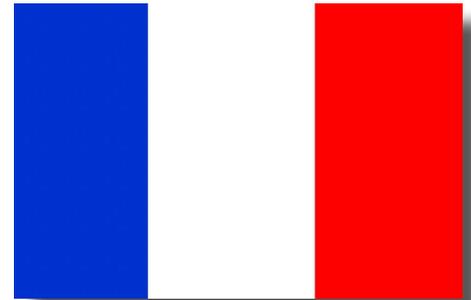
**Emylee's Majors:** Business Marketing & Management

**Academic Life:** My classes were held in the CIEE Paris center which was located on the second floor of an office building/apartment complex. My classes were with all Americans but many were taught by French or other professors from various backgrounds (Canadian, American, Swedish, etc). The classes were small (about 5 to 12 people per class). The UW in Paris program is great for learning French culture and language. You will definitely experience growth in your knowledge and skills.

**Living with a Host Family:** At first, I was nervous that I wouldn't quite fit in with the family, that it would be awkward, or I wouldn't feel comfortable at home. When I arrived, I was welcomed with a big hug and a delicious home cooked meal. I became good friends with the four host brothers. Meals were always full of interesting conversation and much laughter. They even brought me to their house in the Normandy countryside for Easter weekend, where I felt very much part of the family.

**Cultural Differences:** Racial groups were very different in France compared to the U.S. There was conflict between the French and the immigrants who were coming from various countries in Africa as well as the Middle East, which was interesting to experience. The U.S. is full of people who are a mixture of nationalities (all descendants of immigrants). France, on the contrary, has the French people and 'the immigrants'.

**Future Aspirations:** I hope to be a part of International Development either in Africa or Haiti. In many parts in these regions, I will be able to use my French language skills to communicate with the local people. In addition, I feel as if my newfound knowledge and curiosity about other cultures and my renewed perspective of the world will be an advantage in any career and generally helpful in life.



Emylee in front of *La Tour Eiffel*.

**“Study abroad has given me a broader and more realistic perspective on the world and other cultures.”**

