Angers Program Rules

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:
All students enrolled in the Angers study-abroad program must have completed FREN 1502 (or equivalent) with a grade of C or higher, by May 15, 2015 and be in “good academic standing” at the University of Houston. For special permission, please contact program director.

Non UH students, please visit http://www.uh.edu/admissions/apply/additional-applicant/summer-visiting/index.php

STUDENTS’ RESPONSIBILITIES
This is a University of Houston program, and all rules governing our university apply to all participants at all times during our program. Please see your “student handbook” for details.

The following rules will also apply:
• Students may not leave the program or interrupt their studies in the Angers Program under any circumstance without giving prior notice to the director, Dr. Giacchetti. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action against the student.
• Students must attend all classes. Failure to attend classes will result in the student’s dismissal from the program.
• Students must inform the director each time they plan a trip outside of Angers.
• Students may not drive a motor vehicle or any type of two-wheelers without the director’s permission.
• Use or possession of any drugs considered illegal in the US is also considered illegal at all times (including weekends) during your stay in Angers, as well as during trips you may take to other European countries, regardless of those countries’ laws or tolerance. Students who engage in illegal activities will immediately be dismissed from the program.
• Students dismissed from the program will be removed from their host family and will return to the US at their own expense.
• Students will be responsible for their medical expenses. A nurse will be on duty at the host university, and the school’s physician will be available for consultation (flat fee is 24 euros for a visit to the GP).
• Students’ behavior must be courteous and proper at all times. Public intoxication or any other irresponsible behavior (such as use of improper language) on the program may cause harm and will not be tolerated. Remember that in France, you are your country’s ambassadors!
• Family members are welcome to visit their student during the program but may not stay with the host family (this includes spouses). For help with hotel reservations, please contact the program director.
DIRECTOR’S RESPONSIBILITIES

- The role of the Program director is to assist, advise and mentor students at all times during the Angers program.
- The safety and well-being of students in a comfortable and stimulating learning environment will be the director’s primary concern.
- The program director will be responsible for all classes, and will supervise onsite instructors when applicable. As instructor of record, the program director will be the faculty responsible for grades.
- The director will be involved in the family placement of students. All complaints and requests regarding the host families should be addressed to the program director.
- The director will be present on site and available to students during business hours. After hours and during weekends, the director will be on call and can be reached at all times.

HOST FAMILY WILL

- provide a private and comfortable room to each student. Private or semi-private bathroom (shared with another student or family member) will be provided.
- provide bed linen and bath towels.
- provide laundry service once a week for student’s clothes.
- provide three meals per day, except on days when meals are provided by the school, or other plans have been made.
- pick up student at arrival in Angers, and drop off student at UCO on day of departure.
- Drop off and pick up student at UCO on days of excursion.
- Provide student with a house key.
- Provide Internet access 24/7.
- Prepare “take away” meals for students during weekend outings if requested 48 hours in advance.
- provide a clean, comfortable, safe and friendly environment for their student and make sure that his/her stay is safe and enjoyable.

STUDENTS WILL

- inform families in advance when they will not be at home for meals (24 hour notice).
- inform families in advance when they will not be at home for a weekend (48 hour notice).
- NOT use home telephone without the family’s permission. For international calls, please do not use the family phone unless invited to do so by the family. PLEASE, NO CALLS FROM THE US AFTER 3PM CENTRAL TIME (due to 7 hour time difference). All after-hours calls from the US must be placed to the student’s personal mobile phone or to the program director’s phone.
- refrain from loud noise or music after 10 PM.
- help conserve energy!
- leave their rooms as clean as they found them on arrival.
• follow house rules.
• never bring friends to the house unless invited to do so by the family.
• never give their home phone numbers/addresses to strangers, never « lend » their house key to anyone. Replacement of lost keys will be charged to the students.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION
• A host family is NOT a hotel. Please make every effort to adjust to the French « way of life », participate in as many family activities as you can, you will find it a rewarding experience. It is not the family’s responsibility to provide transportation to school or extra-curricular activities. When planning a weekend trip, remember that it will be your responsibility to get home safely from the train station before 10 PM.

• The University of Houston or the program Director cannot be held responsible for any property damage caused by the students. It is the students’ responsibility to compensate owner for damaged property.

• All questions/problems regarding your host family must be addressed to the program director. Maintaining confidentiality is very important. Do not discuss internal family problems with other students, as this may be considered an infringement on the family’s privacy rights.

• At UCO-CIDEF, students are in attendance of a UH program, and all UH rules apply, including academic honesty. Students’ academic records and grades are confidential. Do not discuss academic matters concerning other students with anyone in the group, as you would be in violation of confidentiality rules. If you have questions or comments regarding confidentiality issues, please contact the program director.