

FRENCH PROGRAM

2019 Learning Abroad Program (France) Program rules

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- All UH students enrolled in the Angers Learning-abroad program must have completed FREN 1502 (or equivalent) with a grade of C or higher, and have an overall UH GPA of 2.5 or higher at the time of enrollment in the Angers program. Exemptions may be granted, please see program director.
- All students enrolled in 3000 or 4000 level courses must have completed the prerequisites as listed in the course catalog or course notes.
- All participants, including students who have graduated, must enroll in at least one UH course in Angers.
- All participants must register with the UH Learning Abroad Office after they have been admitted in the Angers Program.
- Disability Accommodations: Students who have accommodation needs due to a disability should work closely with the Students with Disabilities Office before embarking on a study abroad program to discuss such accommodation needs. It is highly recommended that students discuss their accommodation needs with the program director as soon as possible after having been admitted to the program. Note that in France, certain public facilities, including historical sites, or modes of transportation (Paris metro) are not fully accessible.
- All students will attend an orientation session prior to departure (date TBA) and at least one planned meeting during the Spring 2019 semester.
- Note on application forms: providing incorrect information for the purpose of receiving acceptance in the program will be considered a violation of the UH Academic Honesty Policy.

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, including academic honesty and disciplinary rules. Violations will be sanctioned. Please see your "student handbook" for details.

The following rules will also apply:

- Students may not leave the program, even temporarily, 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 their classes. Failure to attend classes will result in the student's dismissal from the program.

- Students must inform the director in advance each time they plan a trip outside of Angers.
- Students may not drive a motor vehicle or any type of two-wheelers during the program, including on weekends.
- Hitchhiking or soliciting a ride from a stranger is prohibited.
- Use or possession of any drugs considered illegal in the US is also considered illegal at all times 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 and will face disciplinary action.
- Students dismissed from the program will be removed from their host family and will return to the US at their own expense.
- Students are required to purchase CISI insurance, which is \$39.65 per month. The insurance has a zero-dollar deductible, but students at times may be required to pay up front before the claim is processed. Coverage details and self-enrollment instructions can be found here: <http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/health/cisi/>
For a visit to a primary care physician in France, the fee is 25 euros.
- 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.
- Children, spouses, parents or friends may not, under any circumstance, accompany the student on the program, or be housed with the host families or any other family. Family members are welcome to visit their student during the program. 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 wellbeing 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 awarding 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 and a private or semi-private bathroom (shared with another student or family member).
- provide bed linen and bath towels.
- provide laundry service once a week for student's clothes and linen.
- provide three meals per day, except on days when meals are provided by the school, or other plans have been made by the program director.

- 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

- follow house rules.
- 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).
- refrain from loud phone conversations or music/noise after 10 PM.
- help conserve energy.
- leave their room as clean as they found it on arrival.
- never bring friends to the house unless invited to do so by the family.
- never give their phone numbers/addresses to strangers, never « lend » their house key to anyone. Replacement of lost keys will be charged to the students.
- never bring their own meals to the house.
- refrain from storing or preparing food in their room.

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 not included in the program. 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.
- 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.