

University of Houston

DEPARTMENT OF MODERN & CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

Angers Program

MAY 22 – JUNE 23, 2013

I. PASSPORT AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

PASSPORT

All participants must hold a valid passport at the time of travel. Expiration date must be after your return date to the US.

US citizens will not be required to get a visa for their stay in France or any other E.U. country.

All others please check with the French consulate for visa information. The French consulate is located in Houston. Please visit their website:

<http://www.consulfrance-houston.org/>

How to apply for a US passport:

Please go to the web site for the US Department of State. Remember that it takes 6 weeks to receive your passport after your application has been accepted.

http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

BOOKING YOUR AIRLINE TICKET

1. You may purchase your ticket online, directly from the airline or from a vendor.
2. You may purchase your ticket from STA (Student Travel Agency) at <http://www.statravel.com/>. Their phone number is 800-781-4040

REMEMBER WHEN YOU BOOK YOUR TICKET :

1. ARRIVAL DATE IN EUROPE IS ALWAYS ONE DAY LATER THAN DEPARTURE DATE IN THE US.
2. YOU MUST HAVE AN ARRIVAL TIME BEFORE 12:00 NOON ON DAY OF ARRIVAL (MAY 23), AS THE BUS WILL PICK US UP AT 1 PM.
3. ON DAY OF DEPARTURE, JUNE 23, THE BUS FROM ANGERS WILL ARRIVE AT PARIS CDG NO EARLIER THAN 9 or 9:30 AM. PLEASE ALLOW 2 TO 3 HOURS BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR SECURITY AND CHECK IN.

GETTING YOUR MANDATORY ISIC (International Student ID) CARD:

University Center, Business Office

Or

Your travel agent,

Or STA <http://www.statravel.com/>

Or

<http://www.mvisic.com/MyISIC/>

Tips for Traveling Abroad (source: US Department of State)

If you are traveling abroad here are the top 10 tips you need to make your trip easier:

1. Make sure you have a signed, valid passport and visas, if required. Also, before you go, fill in the emergency information page of your passport!
2. Read the Consular Information Sheets (and Public Announcements or Travel Warnings, if applicable) for the countries you plan to visit.
3. Familiarize yourself with local laws and customs of the countries to which you are traveling. Remember, the U.S. Constitution does not follow you. While in a foreign country, you are subject to its laws.
4. Make 2 copies of your passport identification page. This will facilitate replacement if your passport is lost or stolen. Leave one copy at home with friends or relatives. Carry the other with you in a separate place from your passport.
5. Leave a copy of your itinerary with family or friends at home.
6. Do not leave your luggage unattended in public areas. Do not accept packages from strangers.
7. Prior to your departure, you should register with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate through the State Department's [travel registration website](http://travelregistration.state.gov) . Registration will make your presence and whereabouts known in case it is necessary to contact you in an emergency. **In accordance with the Privacy Act, information on your welfare and whereabouts may not be released without your express authorization. Go to <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>**
8. Try not to wear conspicuous clothing and expensive jewelry and do not carry excessive amounts of money or unnecessary credit cards.
9. In order to avoid violating local laws, deal only with authorized agents when you exchange money.
10. If you get into trouble, contact the nearest US embassy.