



Northern Illinois University

*Study Abroad Office*

# Southern France ~ Language and Culture in Bordeaux

June 2-27, 2014

**PROGRAM DATES:** The program will officially begin on Monday, June 2, 2014 in Bordeaux, France, and will end on Friday, June 27, 2014. Students will be responsible for making their own air travel arrangements in order to arrive in Bordeaux, France, on Monday, June 2, 2014.

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW:** This is the second year of a new collaborative study abroad program in France sponsored by the Northern Illinois University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Department of History, and Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. The program is hosted by the Université Montesquieu-Bordeaux IV and coordinated by NIU's Study Abroad Office and the Division of International Programs. This program will include visits to historical and cultural sites in Bordeaux such as Cathedral Saint-André, the Grand Théâtre, the Palais de la Bourse, and Museum of Aquitaine. Participants will also make excursions in the surrounding region of Aquitaine to explore medieval castles, Renaissance châteaux, picturesque villages, and the vineyards of the Bordeaux wine country.



Porte de la Grosse Cloche

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:** The primary purpose of this program is to provide participants with the opportunity to learn about French history, language, literature, and culture through an immersion in southern French society. French history and literature will come alive for students as they discover French culture through site visits and interactions with French people.

**PROGRAM RATIONALE:** France has long played a leading role in international politics, economics, and culture. For centuries, French language served as the common language of diplomacy, literature, and philosophy. The United States and the French Republic have had a special relationship as "sister republics" ever since their birth in American and French Revolutions of the late eighteenth century. France continues to play a leadership role in the European Union, UN Security Council, NATO, G-8, International Monetary Fund, Cannes Film

Festival, Doctors Without Borders, and other international organizations that define the modern world. Gaining an appreciation of French culture is vital for understanding our world.

**PROGRAM DIRECTORS:** Elizabeth Erbeznik, Instructor of French and Robert Reichle, Assistant Professor of French, both from the NIU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

**Elizabeth Erbeznik** received a PhD in Comparative Literature from the University of Texas at Austin and is currently teaching French in NIU's Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. Her research focuses on the invention of popular types in nineteenth-century urban literature. As a student, Professor Erbeznik did an exchange program in Switzerland and later spent an academic year studying in Lyon, France. After receiving her BA from UCLA, she spent two years in Madagascar as a Peace Corps Volunteer. More recently, she has served as a cultural liaison for American business students studying abroad in Paris.

**Robert Reichle** is an assistant professor of French Linguistics in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at NIU. His research focuses on the cognitive processes that support second language learning and gameplay. As a student, Professor Reichle took part in study abroad programs to Lyon and Paris, and more recently, he accompanied Professor Erbeznik when she led the inaugural Bordeaux language program in 2013.

**PROGRAM SITE:** The program will take place in southern France, based in the major city of Bordeaux, near the Atlantic coast of France. France is one of the largest nations in Europe and a member of the European Union. It has a republican form of government and is divided into administrative units known as departments, which are grouped into regions. France is famous for its cuisine, wine, châteaux, and beautiful countryside. France also has a vibrant urban culture based on its cafés, bistrots, bookstores, and films.



**France:** France emerged from an ancient Gaul, which was conquered by Julius Casear and incorporated into the Roman Empire. France takes its name from the Franks, Germanic peoples who migrated into the crumbling Roman Empire. A kingdom of France gradually developed, ruled by dynasties including the Capetians, Valois, and Bourbons. Louis XIV is probably the best known of France's kings, identified with his many wars and his magnificent palace at Versailles. French literature gained widespread prominence during the seventeenth century, when French language also became the common language of international diplomacy. The Fall of the Bastille launched the great French Revolution of 1789, which brought sweeping changes to French society and created



the modern French nation. In the nineteenth century, French culture defined modernism through department stores, imperial colonies, metropolitan urban planning, impressionist painters, and the Eiffel Tower. France experienced the trauma of trench warfare in the First World War, Nazi occupation in the Second World War, and decolonization struggles in Indochina and Algeria. Contemporary France is a cosmopolitan and multicultural society, home to the Cannes Film Festival, the Avignon Theater Festival, international wine competitions, and the Tour de France bicycle race.



**Bordeaux:** Participants will visit a number of historical and cultural sites in and around Bordeaux as part of the program. Bordeaux is one of the largest cities in France, with a population of over a million residents in its metropolitan area. For centuries, Bordeaux has been an important port city and the export hub for one of France's elite wine producing regions. Home to the great writers Montaigne and Montesquieu, Bordeaux has long been a cultural center for French literature and philosophy. The city

still has several of its medieval gates and churches, as well as an impressive ensemble of eighteenth-century buildings in the city center.

**The University of Bordeaux:** NIU classes will be held in classrooms at the Université Montesquieu-Bordeaux IV campus, located southwest of the center of Bordeaux. The University has its own campus area, with easy public transportation to the city center of Bordeaux via tram.



**HIGHLIGHTS:** This program will be a voyage through Southern France history and literature from the Renaissance to today. Students will travel to Bordeaux and then engage in learning about the history of this fascinating city through its many historical buildings, museums, and sites. Students will explore Bordeaux's medieval remnants, confront royal power, and contemplate the awe of cathedral architecture. We will investigate noble luxury and uncover urban poverty in southern French history. Students will confront the triumphs and horrors of the French Wars of Religion, the Enlightenment, and the French Revolution. We will delve into France's revolutionary tradition and social tensions of bourgeois society, department stores, workers, factories, and socialist organizers. Students will develop an understanding of France's relationship to the rest of the



world through commercialism, wine production, nationalism, colonialism, imperialism, cuisine, world wars, and neocolonialism. We will explore current French multiculturalism through a mosque, West African drumming, Rai music, and the suburbs. Students will have the opportunity to choose their own research learning projects and do 'side-tours' of their own at points.

**PROGRAM AUDIENCE:** Space is limited and qualified applicants in French and History will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis.

**INSTRUCTION METHOD:** Classroom sessions will include lectures and discussions of French history, language, and literature. Sessions will be conducted in both classrooms at the Université Montesquieu-Bordeaux IV and at sites in and around Bordeaux. Instruction will involve a mixture of lecture, discussion, research, on-site visits, and engaged learning. Some courses will include instruction in French language. See individual course syllabi for further details.

**PROGRAM ACADEMIC CREDIT:** For satisfactory participation in the program, participants will receive 6 semester hours of undergraduate or 3-6 semester hours of graduate credit in the following NIU courses.

UNDERGRADUATE CREDIT	
FRENCH COURSES	6 semester hours
<b>FLFR 202 <i>Intermediate French II</i></b> <b>Description:</b> Further development of the skills of reading, writing, listening comprehension and speaking. Grammatical problems; reading of literary texts. Conducted in French. <b>Prerequisites:</b> FLFR 201 or three years of high school French and appropriate score on the placement test.	
OR	
<b>FLFR 311 <i>French Conversation</i></b> <b>Description:</b> Intensive practical training in conversation skills to achieve fluency of expression.	
OR	
<b>FLFR <i>Advanced French Conversation</i></b> <b>Description:</b> Continuation of FLFR 311 that focuses on a broader range of conversation topics related to many areas of French popular culture, current events, and short readings. <b>Prerequisites:</b> FLFR 301 and FLFR 302 and FLFR 311; or consent of department.	
OR	
<b>HIST 490C <i>Special Topics in History: Southern French History to Present</i></b> <b>Description:</b> Selected themes or problems. Topics announced. May be repeated when subject varies.	
AND	
<b>FLFR 323 <i>Special Topics in French Language, Literature, or Culture</i></b> <b>Description:</b> Topics announced. <b>Prerequisite:</b> FLFR 320 or consent of department.	



GRADUATE CREDIT IN HISTORY	
HISTORY COURSE	3 semester hours
<p><b><i>HIST 590C Special Topics in History: Southern French History, 1500 to Present</i></b>            Description: Selected themes or problems. Topics announced. Each lettered topic may be repeated to a maximum of 9 semester hours when subject varies; however, a maximum of 9 additional semester hours of HIST 598 may be counted toward the M.A. program in history, and a maximum of 9 additional semester hours may be counted toward the Ph.D. program in history.</p>	

**HONORS CREDIT:** Qualified students may also elect to receive Honors credit for any study abroad course(s) with the approval of the program directors. For more information please contact the University Honors Office.

**APPLICATION AND ADMISSION PROCEDURES:** The program is open to undergraduate and graduate students who meet the NIU general admission requirements, and who are interested in French history, literature, and culture. Currently enrolled students must meet College of Liberal Arts and Sciences course GPA requirements. Graduate level students must also meet NIU Graduate School admission, course and GPA requirements.

Students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing at the time of application. Students who are on academic or disciplinary probation are not eligible to participate in study abroad programs. **Applicants must participate in the *entire* program and satisfy NIU undergraduate or graduate admission and course requirements.**

Students cannot have any encumbrances against their NIU records. Any encumbrances placed on a student's records by NIU (i.e., the Graduate School, Undergraduate Admissions, Bursar's Office, Accounts Receivable, Registration and Records, Health Services, Parking Services, etc.) must be cleared before a student is granted admission to a study abroad program.

For undergraduate students to be admitted to the program, an applicant's official transcript must be on file in the NIU Study Abroad Office. Students who are currently enrolled at NIU, or who have previously enrolled at NIU, do not need to request an official transcript; the Study Abroad Office will make this request on behalf of the applicant. Students who want to participate in the program and earn academic credit from NIU who have **not** previously enrolled at NIU, or who are not **currently** enrolled at NIU, should ask the Registrar at their institution to forward an official transcript as soon as possible to the Study Abroad Office. (Student-issued transcripts and photocopies are not acceptable.) Questions relating to the admission requirements or transcripts should be directed to the Study Abroad Office.

Students who desire to obtain graduate credit must either be admitted to a graduate program within the NIU Graduate School, or be admitted to the status of a "student-at-large" (SAL) within NIU's Graduate School. For students to be admitted to the program for graduate credit, the applicant's official transcript must be on file in the NIU SAO. Students who are currently enrolled at NIU, or who

have previously enrolled at NIU, do not need to request an official transcript. However, students who will participate in the program in order to earn academic credit as an SAL (students who have not currently enrolled, nor are previously enrolled at NIU) must provide a transcript from the baccalaureate institution and from any institution at which graduate credit has been earned. This document must be provided to the SAO before a student can be admitted as an SAL to the program. (Student issued transcripts and photocopies are not acceptable.)

**APPLICATION FORMS AND DEPOSIT:** Click [Language and Culture in Bordeaux](#) or visit the NIU Study Abroad Office website <https://niu.studioabroad.com> (and search for “Language and Culture in Bordeaux” program) to begin the online application process for this program. The webpage provides guidance on requesting information, advising, or applying for the program.

Please note that at the time of application, applicants will be expected to submit a signature verification form and copy of their ID to the Study Abroad Office. More detailed instructions can be found at <https://niu.studioabroad.com> website or by contacting the Study Abroad Office at (815) 753-0700 or [niuabroad@niu.edu](mailto:niuabroad@niu.edu).

**\$200 APPLICATION FEE/DEPOSIT:** A \$200 application fee/deposit is required of all applicants. The \$200 is broken down into \$100 for the non-refundable application fee and \$100 for a program deposit. Both the application fee and the deposit will be applied to the total balance of the program cost. The \$100 deposit is refundable only if the participant withdraws prior to the withdrawal deadline indicated on the program materials or for medical reasons verified by a physician if the withdrawal takes place after the withdrawal deadline.

The \$200 application fee/deposit will be charged to NIU students’ NIU Bursar’s account. (Checks and money orders cannot be accepted from NIU students.) Non-NIU students must submit a check or money order in the amount of \$200. More detailed instructions regarding the application fee/deposit can be found on the seminar application website.

**IMPORTANT** – All applications will be categorized as “Pending – No Deposit” until the \$200 application fee/deposit has been received (or, in the case of non-NIU students, once a check has been received). The Study Abroad Office will not consider or process applications without the \$200 application fee/deposit. In order to reserve your place in the program you must submit the \$200 deposit within 14 days of application. After 14 days applications without a deposit will be inactivated.

<b>APPLICATION DEADLINE:</b> April 9, 2014.
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**ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS:** Participants will reside at the Centre Régional des Oeuvres Univeritaires (CROUS) in Bordeaux. Students will be responsible for their own meals.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Individuals will be responsible for making their own air travel arrangements between the U.S. and Bordeaux, France, and for purchasing their tickets from a travel agent or airline of their choice. (Travel insurance is recommended.) Participants should

keep in mind that in order to arrive in Bordeaux in time for the official beginning of the program, they should plan to depart the U.S. no later than June 2, 2013.

For information regarding airfares and airlines students may wish to check-out additional airfare sites on the Internet.

**Important** - The Study Abroad Office advises all participants that flight reservations for this program should not be booked until:

- a. After the April 9, 2014 application deadline  
**AND**
- b. The SAO has accepted the minimum number of participants needed to operate this program.

This advisory is given so that participants do not find themselves financially responsible for airline tickets should it be necessary to cancel the program. (See section entitled, **CANCELLATION OF THE PROGRAM**)

**LAND TRANSPORTATION:** For program-related travel the group will travel by train, bus, and tram. This transportation is provided as part of the NIU program cost. (Refer to the *Tentative Daily Schedule* for specific details regarding other program-related transportation.)



**PASSPORT: --IMPORTANT--** All participants are required to possess a valid passport by April 9, 2014. Important Note: U.S. passports must be valid SIX months beyond the intended stay overseas. Individuals who do not currently possess a valid passport should apply for one immediately upon acceptance into the program. After April 9, 2014, applicants may need to request expedited services or apply in person at the Chicago Passport Agency. If applicants are not within the Chicago area, they must apply at the nearest passport agency.) Information on acquiring a U.S. passport is available at the U.S. State Department's website: [http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html). Foreign passport holders may need special visas for travel and are responsible for obtaining all necessary visas.



**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS/VACCINATIONS:** Travelers entering France are not required to have any particular vaccinations. However, if you have questions on this matter you can contact the NIU University Health Service Travel Clinic for information on what immunizations are required. The Travel Clinic can administer most immunizations to currently enrolled NIU students. Most immunizations require a fee. Consult the Travel Clinic several months before you travel.

**NIU MAJOR MEDICAL INSURANCE:** NIU Student health insurance is required for participation in an NIU study abroad program. Participants not currently enrolled in the NIU Major Medical Insurance Plan will be enrolled by the Study Abroad Office. The NIU Major Medical Insurance Plan has a \$250 deductible clause. Students requiring medical attention will be expected to

pay any related costs and then file a claim with the NIU Student Insurance Office after returning to the States. Receipts showing payment for all medical expenses are required for reimbursement.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IDENTITY CARD:** The International Student Identity Card is optional and can be purchased through the NIU Study Abroad Office. The International Student Identity Card also includes a limited health and accident insurance policy which is only valid outside the U.S. Students will have to pay bills at the time of treatment and will be reimbursed later.



**Passport and ISIC Photos:** You may have your passport and/or ISIC photo(s) taken in the NIU Study Abroad Office. Photos are \$3.00 for the first photo and \$2.00 for each photo after that. After the first two photos, photos must be purchased in multiples of two. Photos are usually developed while you wait. Study Abroad Office hours are 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (closed over the lunch hour) and 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.



**NIU PROGRAM COST:** The program cost pays for the following cost related services:

- 1) Accommodations
- 2) Land transportation in France
- 3) Admission fees to cultural and historical sites visited as part of the daily schedule
- 5) NIU undergraduate or graduate credit
- 6) NIU major medical insurance

**PROGRAM COST: \$2,930**

All prices quoted are subject to change. The information contained in the program documents and forms is presented in good faith and is believed to be correct as of the date presented. Northern Illinois University reserves the right to amend, modify, revise, or delete any information appearing in these documents, including but not limited to the cost of the program.

Non-NIU students should consult with their home institutions regarding additional costs that may apply to study abroad. Non-NIU students are responsible for any study abroad charges imposed by their home institution.

#### **ADDITIONAL COSTS TO PARTICIPANTS:**

- Airfare
- Meals
- Cost of acquiring a passport (approximately \$130, including 2 passport pictures).
- Passport size photos.
- Additional costs associated with obtaining a visa for non-U.S. passport holders.
- Immunization fees (*if immunizations are required*)
- \$40 Undergraduate application fee for non-NIU undergraduate students.



- Independent travel and visa costs associated with independent travel.
- Expenses for free-time pursuits.
- Expenses and purchases of a personal nature.

**FINANCIAL AID:** As a participant in a study abroad program through NIU, applicants may be eligible for: Pell Grant, SEOG, Perkins Loan, PLUS Loan, Subsidized or Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, MAP Award or your privately awarded scholarship with consent of awarding organization.

Please contact Pamela Rosenberg, International Programs Business Manager, Williston Hall 407, (815) 753-9530, [prosenberg@niu.edu](mailto:prosenberg@niu.edu) for more information.

**WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PROGRAM:** Applicants withdrawing from the program after April 9, 2014 will not be refunded the \$200 program deposit.

Applicants withdrawing from the program after this date will also be held accountable for any funds obligated to overseas vendors and agents on the applicant's behalf. This provision is in effect even if the applicant has not submitted the \$200 deposit or additional payments, and if the applicant is applying for financial aid.

If the applicant must withdraw after April 9, 2014 for medical reasons, funds obligated on their behalf to overseas vendors can only be refunded if:

- 1) The request is submitted to the Study Abroad Office in writing and accompanied by a signed statement stating that travel is not advised from a physician on the physician's letterhead; **and**
- 2) NIU is able to obtain refunds from overseas vendors and agents.

**CANCELLATION OF THE PROGRAM:** The Study Abroad Office reserves the right to cancel this program if the minimum required enrollment is not attained. If, prior to the commencement of the program, a U.S. State Department Travel Warning is issued for France, all applicants will be notified promptly of the warning and the possibility of cancellation of the program. If, during the course of the program, a U.S. State Department Travel Warning is issued for France, students will be promptly notified of the warning and the advisability of canceling the program.

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THE UNIVERSITÉ MONTESQUIEU-BORDEAUX  
RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ALTER  
OR CANCEL THIS PROGRAM AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY!**