

ACCÈS STUDY ABROAD IN STRASBOURG, FRANCE

FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS

SAU tuition + SAU standard room and board + cost of program* + \$150 study abroad fee.

See the CCS office for program costs.

ACTIVITIES Accès is based at the University of Strasbourg, midway between Paris and Munich. Home to the European parliament, the European Court of Human Rights and the largest university in France. Strasbourg is a bustling city with a small-town feel. Students are encouraged to participate in at least one regular immersion activity throughout the semester, such as volunteering to tutor children at a centre socio-cultural, participating in the Model UN, joining a sports team, singing in a choir, etc.

CURRICULUM

- Religion in Contemporary France (2 required credits) fulfills COL 275. Students will take COL 274 the semester prior to departure with an SAU professor.
- Service learning (2 elective credits). Working with local NGOs, students have the opportunity to help with refugees in the Strasbourg area.
- French language courses (6–13 credits) (required). French language classes are provided by the Institut International d'Études Françaises (IIEF) with the University of Strasbourg. Students are placed in one of six levels based on a French language test taken upon arrival. Within each level, students may take a French language intensive language block (6 credits) and a variety of culture classes (one credit each) such as French literature, French politics, applied language, art history, phonetics, etc. Students with sufficient French can take courses for credit at the main Faculté des Lettres et Sciences Humaines with French students.

See www.accesstudyabroad.fr for more details.

INTERNSHIPS Students with advanced French language skills may apply in advance of the semester to have part-time internships and/or practicums at associations, NGOs and government agencies.

Ideal for French minors and Global Studies majors with concentration in French language. Classes are taught in French.

ACCOMMODATIONS & DETAILS

The Accès program provides a library and Internet access to students. All Accès students live with local host families within walking distance of the University of Strasbourg. A local cell phone will be provided (re-loaded with minutes at student expense) for use during the semester. Wi-Fi is available in all host homes. Strasbourg is the most bike-friendly city in France, and bicycles and helmets will be available to all students. Strasbourg also has a good tram system.

The Accès Directors, Dr. Alex and Andrea Neff, are American Christians who have lived in France for many years. Dr. Alex has been recognized and honored for many of his publications. As a small program, the directors are personally involved with each student and the group of Accès students becomes a close-knit community each semester.

PROJECTED COSTS SAU institutional aid (such as academic scholarships) does not apply to the Accès semester. SAU students can apply for the SOCSOF grant *or* use their CCS benefit (if eligible). Apply for the SOCSOF grant by the last Friday in February the year before your program. The Gilman Scholarship may also help fund the experience for students who are U.S. citizens and Pell Grant recipients. Please see the CCS office for program cost details.

This experience, like all CCS experiences, is subject to political and safety realities at the time of departure. CCS options can be physically and emotionally intense and stretching. Before enrolling, all participants should consult the disclosures on Physical Hardships of CCS.

Passport and immunizations required (both at additional cost); visa required.



"Living and studying in Strasbourg, France this semester has been an incredibly formative experience. Home to cobblestone streets, colorful Alsatian buildings, and quaint bridges, Strasbourg is a city with a small town feel, a place where culture is right outside your window. Living with Lucie, my hospitable, young-spirited host mom, has been one of the parts I cherish most about being in France. Our daily conversation and laughter continues to grow in me an appreciation for the cultural emphasis on conversation and spending time together, sometimes over a 4 hour meal! Both living with a host family and taking classes taught all in French have challenged me in patience and humility as I slowly improve in speaking and experience differences in the culture. In my time here, I have been able to take a couple cooking classes, learn the accordion, hike in the nearby Vosges mountains, see other parts of France such as Normandy and Paris, venture to nearby Germany and Switzerland, and try strange foods like pig's foot and mussels. One of the coolest aspects of living in another country is tangibly witnessing that the same God who we worship at Spring Arbor moves in the lives of people on a different continent. I've been blessed to have found a church and Bible study here, where I worship with other Christians in a different language, and that in and of itself gives me a profound awe for how big of a God we serve."

Sarah Dean



"Living in Strasbourg is like living in a city straight out of a fairy tale; it's like living in "Beauty and the Beast". I don't know if I'll ever get tired of walking down the cobblestone alleys or biking past the lit up Cathedral every day! I am so thankful for the program Accès has set up here - they have done a magnificent job! Accès provided me with a host family and a great environment to learn about French family-life and culture. It's a wonderful thing, being able to use French every day and to learn through interaction and relationships rather than just textbooks.

Alongside all the château-hopping and traveling around France and Europe that Accès plans, they also provide an amazing, tight-knit community to do it with - I doubt you could find a better program to study abroad with! This semester has been such a growing time for me; living here, meeting new people, learning a new language, and learning more about myself have all been a part of that. While Strasbourg's cafés (which are probably the best in the world) have certainly added to my appreciation of this country, that is not the best part. The best part is seeing how God's presence and love is so constant all over the world, and just seeing His creativity in the beautiful differences of cultures!

Choosing to spend this semester in France has been one of the best decisions of my life!"

Julie Loudon

NOTE: Students who are Pell Grant recipients and U.S. citizens may apply for the [Gilman Scholarship](#) (up to \$5,000). Attend a Gilman workshop with the CCS Director to learn how to apply for the scholarship.

To learn your next steps toward participating in this program, get an application from the CCS office and attend an International Semester workshop for important details in your planning.

Students whose health insurance does not cover them abroad must purchase a Premium insurance policy through the International ID Card at an extra cost of \$75.

CCS program costs do not include: tuition, passport, immunizations, or the \$150 study abroad fee. The study abroad fee provides the basic international ID, insurance, travel photos and support services.

Accès program costs do not include: international airfare, personal travel, books, cell phone use, French visa and social security charges (approx \$325), and/or laundry expenses.

