The Program
The UGA à Paris study abroad program focuses upon the economy, politics, culture, and history of France and Western Europe. Students arrive in Paris on May 14 and depart on June 25. The program is run on the “block” system and students will take one course in each of the two blocks for a total of 6 credit hours.

Spending six weeks in Paris, students will not only have the opportunity to gain credit towards their degrees but also to soak up aspects of Parisian and French culture. The program also includes overnight trips to the Loire Valley, where students will visit several chateaux, and to Normandy, where you will see some of the beaches used during the D-Day landings of June 6, 1944, together with the world-famous 11th century Bayeux Tapestry commissioned by William the Conqueror and the fortified monastery of Mont St-Michel.

The City
Known as the City of Light, Paris is one of the world’s great cities, boasting numerous historical, cultural, and artistic sites. You will be able to visit world-renowned locations, including Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre, and the Eiffel Tower. Students can immerse themselves in Paris’s museums, galleries, and neighborhoods while exploring the Latin Quarter, the Marais, Montmartre, the Bastille, Les Invalides, the Champs Elysées, or the designer shops on the rue Faubourg St. Honoré. There is also lots of opportunity for independent travel. Paris is well served by train and air service, allowing students to travel across Europe on the three-day weekends and during the four-day break between the blocks.

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January 16, 2015
Courses Offered

Block 1 Classes: May 18–June 3

Dr. Cas Muddle, Department of International Affairs
INTL 3300 – Introduction to Comparative Politics
INTL 4330 – Post-Industrial Democracies
GEOG 1101 – Human Geography: People, Places, and Cultures
GEOG 4750 – Geography of Europe

This course provides an introduction to the main political institutions and issues in contemporary Europe. Focusing on different European countries, in particular France, we will discuss some of the key political issues of today, including corruption, Euroscepticism, far right parties, immigration, and separatism. Students may sign up for any of the four course numbers.

Dr. Jennifer Samp, Department of Communication Studies
COMM 4540 – Communication and Conflict

This course will provide an opportunity to explore the complexities of conflict, to understand the forces that make conflict challenging, and to develop a repertoire of skills for thinking about and managing conflict more effectively in a variety of relationship contexts, including interpersonal, international, and intercultural situations. In addition to exploring intra- and inter-personal dynamics influencing conflict processes, we will focus on French and American communication patterns to better understand the cultural and systemic differences impacting our approaches to managing conflict.

Dr. E. M. Beck, Department of Sociology
SOCI 4500 – Special Topics: Immigration and Ethnic Conflict

This course looks at issues of immigration (legal and illegal), ethnic conflict, and extremist reaction in Western Europe and in the United States. Students will learn about the complex relationships between society, xenophobia, and the movement of peoples. Parallels with the United States will be emphasized. In Paris we will visit the old Jewish quarter, the Museum of Jewish Art and History, the Museum of the Arab World, Holocaust memorials at Père Lachaise Cemetery, and other sites.

Dr. Mark Cooney, Department of Sociology
SOCI 4500 – Special Topics: Terrorism

Terrorism kills and maims thousands of people every year across the globe. Most victims are completely innocent, having little or no connection to the source of the terrorists’ grievances. This course addresses the complex phenomenon of terrorist violence, focusing on five fundamental questions: What is terrorism? What causes terrorism? Why do people join terrorist groups, often at enormous risk to themselves? Is terrorism effective? What strategies are most effective in countering terrorism?

Block 2 Classes: June 8–June 24

Dr. Andrew Herod, Department of Geography
INTL 1100 – Introduction to Global Issues
INTL 4630 – Population, Immigration, and Politics
GEOG 4640 – Population Geography
HIST 4300 – Studies in European History

This course addresses issues relating to contemporary identity politics in Europe. The course focuses upon 19th century French imperialism as an integral part of early globalization and how this led to the redesigning of Paris as an imperial capital. It then explores issues of national identity in the wake of significant immigration into France and the European Union in the post-colonial era. We will visit various locations in Paris related to course topics. Students may sign up for any of the four course numbers.

Dr. Tom Lessl, Department of Communication Studies
COMM 3310 – Paris and its Symbols: Public Art and the Public Self
HIST 4300 – Studies in European History

One writer has called Paris the ‘capital of the modern self.’ This is because its many creations in the visual and plastic arts, architecture, science, fashion, literature, religion, and philosophy lie at the cross-section of a long, historical struggle to come to grips with the human identity – both in its personal and public aspects. We will examine a selection of these artifacts on site in Paris in an effort to understand the stories they tell about how various notions of the Western self have emerged. Students may sign up for either course number.

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Costs

The program fee is $5,995. This covers: accommodation for 6 weeks at the St. John’s University Maison-mère residence in central Paris (6th arrondissement; double rooms); breakfast and lunch (M–F); arrival/departure buses; arrival/departure receptions; guided overnight trips to the Loire Valley and Normandy; entrances to chateaux/museums in Loire Valley/Normandy; a panoramic city tour of Paris; a boat ride through the heart of Paris; mandatory UGA health insurance; internet access; weekly information packs; local emergency assistance; and more (see www.paris.uga.edu for more details).

What’s not included in the Program Fee: Airfare to and from Paris; cost of passport; over the counter medication; personal expenditures. In addition, students will be responsible for tuition for 6 credit hours (HOPE can be applied to tuition; out-of-state students pay in-state tuition), and some other UGA fees.