Study Abroad Programs
Semester / Summer / Year
Internships / Community Engagement

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About the Program

The comprehensive study abroad programs at the ESC Strasbourg include courses taught by professors from the University of Strasbourg, multiple cultural activities, many excursions, and professional visits.

Undergraduate and graduate students from accredited colleges or universities are encouraged to apply. All majors are welcome.

The academic sponsors are West Virginia University (WVU), Georgia State University (GSU), and Mercer University.

Courses are instructed in English, although the option to take courses in French is available to students with sufficient foreign language skills.

What’s included:

- 12-15 U.S. semester transfer credits
- Registration fees in Strasbourg
- Official transcripts from the University of Strasbourg and U.S. sponsoring institution
- Information packet and airport pick-up
- Accommodations (at the Château de Pourtalès, homestay, or student housing in the city)
- Welcome meal and many group meals
- French breakfast daily
- Use of campus facilities at the Château
- Free use of computer lab and internet access
- Basic French language course (6 hours)
- Extensive cultural program and activities in and around Strasbourg
- Excursions to Belgium and Germany
- International Career Seminar (6 hours)
- Participation in an international symposium
- Community volunteer opportunities
- Personal support before, during, and after the program from the on-site team
- Public transportation pass for the semester
- All ground transfers for the included activities
- International health insurance

Optional: A cash allowance of $1,500 can be purchased in advance to cover costs of meals not included in the program fee. It will be distributed in Euro on a weekly basis throughout the semester.

“The EU Studies program in Strasbourg gave me the opportunity to learn about my field of study from a different perspective. Also, I had the opportunity to explore many new places, interact with people from various cultures, learn more about myself, and make unforgettable memories with plenty of new friendships. By stepping out of my comfort zone, I was able to learn about how much more the world has to offer.”

Melissa Ramirez
ESC Student
About the University

Semester students enroll in one of three different academic tracks taught at the University of Strasbourg, one of the most renowned institutions of higher education in Europe.

**European Politics / EU Studies Track:**
Institut d’Études Politiques (IEP) or Sciences Po Strasbourg, founded in 1945, with its European and international perspective, is one of the highly selective French grandes écoles, or elite schools of higher education. Students may also apply for a Certificate of European Studies (CES).

**International and European Business Track:**
École de Management Strasbourg (EM) is one of the elite grandes écoles in France, ranking in the top 20 business schools in the nation and maintains the prestigious AACSB International Business Accreditation.

**French Language and Culture Track:**
Upon request, courses can be arranged at the Institut International d’Études Françaises, (IIEF) for students interested to learn French as a foreign language. Additional courses in French culture and history courses are available.

Courses

Semester students select a combination of courses taught at the European Study Center and the University of Strasbourg:

**Semester courses offered at the European Study Center**
- “European Identity and Cross-Cultural Communication”
- “The EU and Contemporary European Affairs”
- French Language Introduction Course (6 hours, not for credit)

**Semester courses offered at the University of Strasbourg**
- Accounting, Banking, Economics, Entrepreneurship, European Studies, Finance, French Culture and Language, History, Management, Marketing and Sales, Law, Organization, Public Management, Political Science, Supply Chain Management, Management Information Systems, and more.

For detailed course lists and descriptions, please visit: [www.studyabroad-france.eu/courses](http://www.studyabroad-france.eu/courses)

**Summer Intercultural Leadership Program at the ESC**
- “Intercultural Communication” and “Global Leadership”

For details about the 5 week / 6 credit Intercultural Leadership Program, visit [www.studyabroad-france.eu/summer](http://www.studyabroad-france.eu/summer)

Transcripts / Credit Transfer

**ECTS Credits:** Transcripts are provided by the University of Strasbourg.

**U.S. Semester Credits:** Transcripts and credits for the European Study Center Strasbourg semester program are provided by West Virginia University. Students enrolled in the program from an affiliate partner university, such as Georgia State University and Mercer University, will receive credits and transcripts from those institutions respectively.
Strasbourg, France
The Capital of Europe

Strasbourg, which means “City of Roads,” is an exciting place for students to live and study abroad. The city where France and Germany merge together on the Rhine River is a diverse, modern, and multicultural city with centuries of history and culture.

One of Europe’s most fascinating cities, Strasbourg is home to the European Parliament, Council of Europe, and European Court of Human Rights, making it an important center for politics, government, and business.

It is also famous for its beautiful historical center, the Grande Île, which was the first city center to be classified entirely as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Welcome to the Château
During the semester, you can choose to live at the European Study Center Château de Pourtalès (pictured on the left), which is a 250-year-old castle nestled in a beautiful park near the EU institutions and Strasbourg city center. The castle has classrooms, wi-fi access throughout the facility, a computer lab, a library, laundry facilities, a breakfast room, a student kitchen, and a lounge. Recreational facilities are located on the premises and nearby. Yoga classes are offered to students for free at the castle. Homestay and student housing options are also available.

On-site Team
From the moment you meet on your arrival day and orientation until the day you leave, the team at the Château will be there to support you. Whether they provide guidance and advice, accompany your group on excursions, or just chat with you about traveling tips, they are there to help troubleshoot any potential issues you might have, assist you with daily academic and living needs, and help you adjust to the new culture and surroundings.

Internships / Volunteering
If you are interested in actively contributing to the community during your semester in Strasbourg, you can opt to add a community engagement or volunteer component to your program. Internships (unpaid) are also available for an additional fee to students who have sufficient French language skills and are interested to gain practical work experience in an international setting.
Boost your career

Through the integrated International Career Seminar, semester students receive a goal setting exercise, a resume/cover letter evaluation, a mock interview, and one-on-one support at key stages during the program from the on-site team and academic director. Most importantly, after students return home, they will be better able to articulate the skills, knowledge, and experience gained in Strasbourg and distinguish themselves in the job market and in graduate school applications.

Cultural Program

Many wonderful opportunities to learn more about Europe and the European Union beyond books and the classroom are included in the semester program. An extensive cultural program includes excursions to important historical, cultural, and political sites as well as day and overnight trips in and around Strasbourg. An opening and closing event, many evening events, and day-time activities will be organized throughout the semester.

In addition to your classes, you will take part in many cultural and professional excursions throughout your semester, for example:

- Visit the EU institutions in Strasbourg
- Day trip along the Alsatian Wine Road
- Many excursions in Strasbourg and the surrounding region
- Guided city walking tour
- Tour castles, cultural sites, and museums
- Struthof Concentration Camp
- Brussels: e.g. European Commission, Council of the European Union, SHAPE, or the US Mission to the EU
- Germany: e.g. Federal Constitution Court, Stock Exchange, Federal Bank
- Verdun: Guided tour of the historical WWI Battle of Verdun site

Semester highlight: a 3 day / 2 night trip to Brussels, Belgium and Verdun, France

“Castle Talks”
International Symposium

As an integral part of your semester abroad, you will participate in an international symposium. Over the course of two days, you will interact with other students, take part in panel discussions, and listen to different presentations on interesting topics from European professors, business leaders, politicians, and academics. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to learn more about Europe, to broaden your perspectives on important cross-cultural and cross-border topics, and to foster cultural understanding and communication skills during your semester abroad.
About us

The European Study Center is managed by the CEPA Foundation.

The mission of the CEPA Foundation is to build bridges of understanding between cultures through international education, leadership, and global engagement.

We are committed to providing affordable and high-quality study abroad programs that positively impact the personal, academic, and career goals of our students.

The CEPA Foundation is a United States non-profit 501(c)(3) public charity.

www.cepa-foundation.org

Scholarships/Financial Aid

As a non-profit organization, we are committed to funding merit and need-based scholarships for our programs. Students from CEPA Foundation Affiliate Partners are eligible to receive affiliate grants. The Ambassador Award Program provides an additional opportunity for all students to receive financial support.

www.cepa-foundation.org/scholarships

If you currently receive federal, state, and/or campus-based aid, please talk with your college or university to find out if it can be applied toward this program.

How to Apply

Please visit www.studyabroad-france.eu/apply for admission requirements, the application form, and deadlines. Please visit your study abroad office if you are interested in this program. Students from CEPA Foundation affiliate partner universities are eligible for affiliate grants.

Program Dates

Fall Semester: late Aug. – mid Dec.
Spring Semester: early Jan. - mid/late April*
Summer: mid June - end of July (5 weeks)

Program Fees

Spring 2018 $12,990*
Summer 2018 $5,790
Fall 2018 $12,990

* Semester program fees may vary for students from certain affiliate university partners. The Spring semester courses for students in the European Politics / EU Studies Track or French Language and Culture Track will run until the end of May or early June and additional housing fees will apply. Please check the website for details.

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Fees are subject to change due to unforeseeable tuition increases from host institutions. Additional costs not included in the fee: international airfare, visa and passport fees, additional university fees, transient student fees, meals and housing not listed, meal allowance, deposits, airport transfer at the end of the program, and any personal expenses.

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