HOLLINS ABROAD

PARIS
SEE THE WORLD. CHANGE YOUR LIFE.
There is no better way to understand a country than to live there. That’s exactly what students from colleges and universities around the country have been doing for six decades on Hollins Abroad. Hollins was among the first colleges in the nation to offer an international study program—in Paris, in 1955. Since then, Hollins has been nationally recognized for the quality of our study abroad programs.

Hollins Abroad-Paris is a distinctive program combining outstanding classes, field trips in and around Paris, guided group excursions to other regions of France, and special academic options to provide a comprehensive French cultural experience.

Our offices and classrooms are located in Reid Hall, just off Boulevard Montparnasse, near the Jardin du Luxembourg and close to the Sorbonne. It’s a lively neighborhood, whose streets were once the haunts of Jean-Paul Sartre, Simone de Beauvoir, Eugène Ionesco, and Pablo Picasso, and are still a center of Parisian intellectual and artistic life.

Our faculty includes scholars who have studied and taught at the Sorbonne and other renowned universities in Paris.

Our full-time director is a native of Paris who has studied and taught in the U.S. and is a specialist in French language and literature. She works closely with each student to make sure they have the best possible study abroad experience both academically and personally.

Join us on Hollins Abroad. It will open your eyes in ways you never expected. What you learn will last a lifetime.
FRENCH IMMERSION TRACK
• For students with a more advanced level of French, or French majors and minors, who are craving a fully immersive program, Hollins Abroad-Paris offers courses taught by faculty from the University of Paris and other distinguished French universities. Students in the immersive track choose four classes taught in French. Options include a variety of subject-area courses as well as advanced-level composition and speaking classes.
• Courses in French language, literature, art, international relations, politics, film, and theatre are designed to take advantage of the city’s rich cultural heritage by incorporating frequent field trips to world-famous theatres, museums, galleries, and historical and architectural landmarks from Notre-Dame and the Opéra Bastille to the Grande Bibliothèque and Centre Pompidou.
• Other courses in a variety of subjects are available in the French university system, depending on a student’s language level and major.
• Students may request to apply for a credit-bearing internship or independent study as well.

DUAL LANGUAGE TRACK
• For students with a beginning to intermediate level of French, who are usually majoring in other disciplines, such as art history, business, international studies, history, etc.
• Students on the Dual Language track enroll in the core curriculum of Accelerated Intermediate French and French Culture and Society taught by Hollins Abroad-Paris faculty. They also choose two courses taught in English toward their major or minor.
• Students can enjoy all that Paris has to offer, learn the language and culture, and take courses toward their major taught in English at a number of partner institutions.
• Students may enroll in courses offered by the American Business School, Institut Catholique, or Mod’Art in subjects ranging from fashion and studio art, to political science or history, to international relations and business and more. Students interested in taking other subject area courses taught in English should inquire with our team, as other subject areas are sometimes possible.

Students may also enroll in other Hollins Abroad-Paris courses, depending on their level of French, while taking advantage of courses in English through the Dual Language track.
A TASTE OF FRANCE
To introduce you to the gastronomic pleasures of France, we offer optional extra-curricular sessions in French culinary arts. You may visit a traditional French bakery, try your skills in a French cooking class, and take a guided tour of gourmet shops and indoor and outdoor markets. You’ll also enjoy a wine-tasting session with experts who will share the cultural history of wine and wine regions and teach you the vocabulary of wine appreciation.

DISCOVERING PARIS AND BEYOND
The arrival and orientation programs are designed to help students become acquainted with their new home away from home. Orientation week includes field trips in and around Paris. In addition, a number of group field trips are organized each term, included in the program fee, to destinations that often include Normandy and the D-Day beaches, Mont Saint-Michel, the Loire Valley, Nice, Saint-Paul de Vence, les Baux de Provence, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Giverny, Burgundy, Arles, and Avignon.

The fall term includes a one-week break for travel on your own, while the spring term includes a two-week break for independent travel. The director has guidebooks and travel information and is happy to advise you on your travel plans.

MAJOR
Museum Studies/Art History
TERM
Academic Year Immersive Track
COURSES
Advanced French Written and Oral Expression (Fall)
Architecture of Paris (Fall)
Impressionism and Post-Impressionism (Fall)
Contemporary France (Fall)
Intensive Language Course (January Term)
20th Century French Art (Spring)
Advanced French Composition (Spring)
Independent Study in Museum Studies with guided visits (Spring)
Internship with Art Gallery in the Marais (Spring)
Housing and Meals

Hollins Abroad-Paris students live with French hosts to experience the French way of life and practice their conversational French. Taking most meals with their family, students gain firsthand knowledge of French family life. Daily conversations help reinforce aural and oral French skills, solidify knowledge of French grammar, and add to the overall ease and familiarity with the language and culture.

Homestays are in the residential areas of Paris, with convenient connections on public transportation to Reid Hall. Students have their own keys and are treated as independent adults. All rooms are singles. The program director matches students with hosts based on information provided by students during the application process. All hosts are carefully screened by the program director and most of the French hosts have been with Hollins Abroad for many years, receiving excellent student evaluations. Occasionally new host families are added, as the need arises.

French hosts provide all breakfasts and most dinners each week. Students receive a stipend to cover the cost of lunches and the remaining dinners.

An Inclusive Program with One Fee

The Hollins Abroad comprehensive fee for the semester program covers tuition, housing, meals, public transportation pass, and all class field trips.

The comprehensive fee does not cover transatlantic airfare or personal expenses, including independent travel. Additionally, those wishing to remain in their homestay over fall/spring break must pay an additional fee. The current comprehensive fee can be found at www.hollins.edu/paris.

Paris Sample Course Registrations

Major
International Business

Term
Fall Dual Language Track

Courses
Accelerated Intermediate French
French Culture and Society
International Marketing (in English)
Business Finance (in English)
FINANCIAL AID
Some students from other institutions are eligible for scholarships. Inquire with us to find out if you may qualify. In addition, students attending institutions that are members of the Women’s College Coalition (WCC) or the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia (CICV) will receive a 10% discount on the comprehensive semester-based program fee.

You should check with your college’s financial aid office to ascertain its policies on aid for study abroad. In some cases, all home school financial aid can be applied to Hollins Abroad. In almost all cases, students can continue to receive federally subsidized grants and loans.

All Virginia residents enrolling in Hollins Abroad-Paris are eligible for Virginia Tuition Assistance Grants. Information on these grants is available from the Hollins Abroad office.

ELIGIBILITY
The minimum requirements for enrollment depend on a student’s track.

- For the immersive track, the requirement is four semesters of college-level French or the equivalent of completion of the intermediate level, a cumulative GPA of 3.0 out of a possible 4.0, and good standing at your college or university.
- For the dual language track, the requirement is two semesters of college-level French or the equivalent of completion of the beginner level, a cumulative GPA of 2.5 out of a possible 4.0, and good standing at your college or university.

Hollins Abroad is open to men and women who are sophomores, juniors, and sometimes seniors, in U.S. colleges and universities. Students can enroll for fall term, spring term, the academic year, or calendar year.
HOW TO APPLY
For more information or to apply, please visit www.hollins.edu/paris.

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