Study Abroad with the LAC

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LAC - The Learning Abroad Center

- LAC is the primary study abroad office at the University of Minnesota
- 40+ staff in the USA, and centers all around the world.
- ~2500 students study away with the LAC annually
- 70 countries
- 20+ Open Enrollment programs
To create meaningful educational opportunities abroad for students through ethical and innovative engagement
LAC - Programs

- Credit-bearing
- Professionally run
- Affordable
- Experiential and innovative
- Research and internships options available
- Comprehensive (advising, orientation, and on-site guidance)
LAC Programs Approved for UI Students
MIDDLE EAST
EUROPE
Language & Culture in Southern France

Designed for students studying French at any level, with unique opportunities for advanced study and direct-enroll courses

Montpellier, France
Arabic Language & Culture in Morocco

Intensive Arabic Language Study in Fez
Fez (Fès), Morocco

- Spiritual and cultural capital of Morocco—more conservative and traditional than Rabat, Casablanca, and other cities
- Split between Ville Nouvelle (New City) and the old medina
- Medieval medina, among the largest and oldest left in the world, is a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Linguistic diversity—Arabic (MSA and colloquial), French, English, Amazigh, and even Spanish
Arabic Language Institute in Fez (ALIF)

- One of the most highly regarded Arabic language schools in the Mahgreb
- Used by US Peace Corps and Fulbright
- ALIF hosts approximately 200 foreign students per term, as well as 300+ Moroccan students (of all ages!) studying English
Program Terms

Semester
• Orientation week
• Two 6-week academic terms
• One week fall/spring break
• Day excursions and long weekend to the Sahara

Academic year
• All of the above x two
• Plus, 6-week term over winter break

Summer:
• Orientation
• 6-week or 9-week program options
Requirements

- 2.5 GPA
- No language prerequisite
- Open to sophomores and above
Academic Overview

• **Arabic language courses:** taught in 6-week blocks
  • Take two Modern Standard Arabic (MSA), two Colloquial Moroccan Arabic (CMA), or one of each
  • MSA and CMA taught at all levels (complete beginner to very advanced)

• **Area studies taught in Arabic:**
  • Media, printed news, Islamic texts, literature

• **Area studies taught in English**
  • Islam Past & Present, Morocco Changes & Cultural Identities

• **Internship & Directed Research**

• **Summer**
  • Take one 6-week language course (MSA or CMA) or two MSA courses for 9-week program
  • One-credit *Morocco in Context* course
Housing

- Live with a local family
- Placements available in the Ville Nouvelle or in the medina
- Breakfast and dinner included (lunch on the weekends)
- Private rooms in the ALIF Residence are available for students with extenuating circumstances
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Montpellier, France
Program Overview

- Based in Montpellier, France, with a dedicated UofM Program Center
- Resident director has worked with the program for 30+ years
- Long-standing partnerships with distinguished University Paul Valéry (UPV) and University of Montpellier (UM)
- Program is offered during fall and spring semester, academic year, and summer session
- Courses offered in French at every level: beginner, intermediate, and advanced
- Eligibility: 2.5 GPA, language prerequisites according to track, freshman and above
Montpellier, France

- Southern France, 6 miles from the Mediterranean Sea and its beaches
- Cévennes mountains to the north, great for hiking and skiing
- A train ride away from Paris or Barcelona
- “College town” atmosphere
- Immersive experience in contrast to studying in Paris
- Friendly people (Mediterranean climate and 300+ days of sunshine each year)
Program Center & Staff

- The Program Center, located in the center of Montpellier, is the “home base” for students on all five semester-long programs
- Offers offices, classrooms, student space for activities and gatherings, kitchen, and Wi-Fi
- Highly experienced Program Center Staff are available, welcoming, and supportive
- French student staff organize activities and outings and build social connections for all participants
Academic Overview: Beginning Track

Features

- Language courses offered on the Beginning Track are 5 credits each
- **Summer session only**
- Courses are taught by native French speakers at The Institute of French Study for Foreign Learners (IEFE), located on the University Paul Valéry (UPV) campus
- Academic credit is awarded and transcripted through the University of Minnesota

Sample courses

- *Beginning French I* (5 credits)
- *Beginning French II* (5 credits)
Academic Overview: Intermediate Track

Features

- Language courses offered on the Intermediate Track are 3 credits each
- Fall, spring semester, summer session
- Courses are taught by native French speakers through University Paul Valéry (UPV) and at the Program Center
- Some English-taught electives are available
- Academic credit is awarded and transcripted through the University of Minnesota

Sample courses

- Intermediate French I & II
- Intermediate Conversation
- Phonetics
- Civilization of the South
- Community Engagement
- Cross-Cultural Psychology
- French (R)evolutions: Transformations in French Society from 1945 to the Present Through the Eyes of Filmmakers
Features

- Advanced language courses are 3 credits each
- Fall and spring semester, academic year, and summer session
- Direct-enroll courses at partner institutions are available in most disciplines
- Courses are taught by native French speakers through University Paul Valéry and at the Program Center
- Some English-taught electives are available
- Academic credit is awarded and transcripted through the University of Minnesota

Sample courses

- Advanced Grammar & Methodology
- Writing in French: Tools & Techniques
- Phonetics
- Civilization of the South
- Medieval French Literature
- Direct-enroll courses at University Paul Valéry or University of Montpellier
- La France Mosaique: Perspective on Contemporary France
- Internship or Directed Research
Housing

- **Three options**: homestay, student studio apartment, and traditional French apartment
- Homestay includes most meals
- Students in apartments prepare their own meals
- On-site housing coordinator makes placements and supports students throughout the program
Scholarships - $$$
Scholarships

- Open to ALL nonUofM applicants
- Simple essay
- Neither need nor merit based
- APPLY!
  - $2000/semester
  - $1500/summer term
  - $1000/short-term program

- [https://umabroad.umn.edu/nonuofm/funding/scholarship](https://umabroad.umn.edu/nonuofm/funding/scholarship)
For more info

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Thanks! Questions?
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