Study Abroad in France

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LE PONT WILSON, TOURS
BONJOUR!

Study in Tours, a lively university town in the center-west of France, often referred to as the Garden of France. It is the administrative center of the Indre-et-Loire department and the largest city in the Centre-Val de Loire region of France. Tours stands on the lower reaches of the River Loire, and is known for its wines, and the quality of its spoken French. Popular with many is the medieval city center, where locals and visitors alike enjoy a relaxed environment and plenty of cafés. Connected by high-speed train (TGV), you are only about one hour from the heart of Paris.

VIVE LA FRANÇAIS

Through this program you will enhance your French language skills through tailored language courses and elective classes. For approximately one month, you will experience the French lifestyle with excursions, courses, and time spent with your host family in Tours. This program is offered by the Office of International Education in conjunction with the Institut de Touraine.

This program is also for students who may not be a language major or minor and can be substituted for elective credits. Although having some beginning level of French is preferred, students may take beginner classes.

EARN MSU CREDITS

Earn six MSU credit hours (humanities or elective credits) by participating in four-six classroom hours daily in the areas of:

- French Language
- French Culture
- Literature & Art

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- Airfare (round-trip airfare to and from Paris), coach transfers to/from Paris to Tours, MSU tuition and program fees, private housing, two meals daily, two weekend excursions (single day), two nights’ accommodation in Paris after classes are completed and before you return.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

You will travel in a group accompanied by an MSU faculty member, who will be the administrator for the program. All classes will be taught by instructors of the Institut de Touraine, and are tailored to individual skill levels. Classes will run approximately six hours per day, with a break. The first block of classes will focus on general language and conversation, with the second block focusing on the elective of choice (literature, art, culture, profession, etc.). The MSU faculty administrator will continually be present at the Institut de Touraine to discuss student attendance, participation, and growth during the program.

EXCURSIONS

As part of your fee, you will have credit toward possible excursions sponsored by the Institut de Touraine. You will have the option to choose excursions that fit your interests.

Upon completion of the program, together with all students, you will depart Tours for a three-day/two-night guided tour of Paris, led by your faculty member. Each day, the guided tour usually lasts about half a day, and you will be free to explore Paris in groups at the conclusion of the tour. All students and faculty will leave together for the airport on the day of departure.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply in person at the Office of International Education, located in Bea Wood 106 OR complete an application form found at mwsu.edu/academics/studyabroad. Submit completed applications via email to johnna.weigand@mwsu.edu, fax to 940-397-4840, or by mail.

FINANCIAL AID

All MSU students accepted to the program will receive a scholarship from the Office of International Education. Traditional financial aid (grants/loans) is available through the Office of Financial Aid.