

Strasbourg

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Begin your semester with an unforgettable traveling seminar

EXPERIENCE a new way of learning—on the move, observing, reading, and writing, all in close conversation with faculty and fellow students

GAIN firsthand knowledge of the region of the world you will be living in

LEARN about histories, cultures, and politics in comparative ways

MEET local politicians, academics, and activists

DEVELOP relationships with other students, who often come from many different colleges across the United States



The European Identity Signature Seminar

PSC 400.3/IRP 300.1 (3 credits)

The fall seminar starts in Berlin, and then travels to Wroclaw (Poland) and Vienna. Explore how a history of shifting borders and populations has led to the creation of complex, and sometimes conflictual, identities in this region. Visit WWII sites, meet with local politicians and cultural figures, and be briefed by officials working for major international organizations.

In the spring, you'll travel to Paris, Bruges (Belgium), Amsterdam, and Cologne (Germany), and focus on how national identities are being transformed by the arrival of immigrants and refugees. Investigate the role that the continent's colonial past plays in the integration of these populations. Understand how immigration influences the project of creating a supranational European Union.

Syracuse University Strasbourg

“I loved my Communications in European Media class. Our professor was an Italian councilman at the Council of Europe. We visited the Council on four or five occasions, the most memorable being when we listened to President François Hollande speak! As a student of communications, this course opened up my view of the industry so I could learn more about its political elements.”

Lucy Sutphin

Advertising major, Syracuse University, Class of 2018



Located on the banks of the River Ill, the Syracuse Strasbourg Center is within walking distance of downtown, the Université de Strasbourg, and the city’s European institutions. Strasbourg is home to the Council of Europe, the Court of Human Rights, and the European Parliament, and the academic program takes full advantage of this context. Many faculty members are professionals who bring exciting speakers as well as real-world cases and experience into the classroom.

Choosing your curriculum

When you apply, you'll choose one of five options, which vary depending on your academic focus and level of French language:

Strasbourg Center

Enroll in classes at the Syracuse Strasbourg Center, where you'll take advantage of a broad range of courses taught in English or French. You will take a minimum of one French language or literature class, but there is no language prerequisite. Most students choose this option.

Strasbourg Center & French Language Institute

Pursue intensive language and cultural studies at the Institut International d'Etudes Françaises of the Université de Strasbourg. Schedule permitting, you may combine these courses with coursework or internships offered by the Syracuse Center. This program is designed for students with intermediate French language proficiency.

Strasbourg Center & Université de Strasbourg

Study alongside French university students and take selected courses taught entirely in French by enrolling at the Université de Strasbourg or the Institut d'Etudes Politiques. Schedule permitting, you may combine these courses with coursework or internships offered through the Syracuse Center. This option is appropriate for students with advanced French language proficiency.

Strasbourg Center: Engineering

Take your required engineering courses taught in English at the Syracuse Strasbourg Center and at the INSA School of Engineering in Strasbourg. This program is open to second-year students in aerospace, bio, chemical, civil, electrical, environmental, and mechanical engineering. *(fall only)*

Strasbourg Center & Music Performance (Conservatoire de Strasbourg)

Combine courses at the Syracuse Center with study at the Conservatoire National de Région de Strasbourg. This is a unique option for advanced music students. *(spring only)*

Select courses in

Contemporary Europe
and EU studies

Engineering

French language
and culture

Human rights

International relations

Music performance

Political science



Living in Strasbourg



Among the events hosted at the center each semester is a dinner for all students and their host families.

With its “winstubs” and cafés, museums and clubs, Strasbourg offers students from around the world (almost 40,000 each year!) a wealth of social and cultural options. Visit an open-air market, catch a film, sit in on a session of the Council of Europe, go to a rock concert at La Laiterie, or simply stroll along the banks of the River Ill in the sun.

You'll live with a French host family either within the city or in the immediate outskirts along a bus or tram line. This will allow you to practice the French you've learned in class and develop insights into French culture and daily life. Continental breakfasts are provided by your host family every day, and evening meals are provided on weekdays. The Syracuse Strasbourg housing coordinator makes host family placements based on extensive experience with all the hosts, many of whom have welcomed students into their homes for a decade or more.

GOOD TO KNOW

Strasbourg's Velhop bike rental allows students to rent a bike for 10 months for just 40 euros.

Strasbourg has excellent public transportation: the tram and bus services connect the city and surrounding areas.

The most famous dish in Strasbourg is the tarte flambée. Try it with Gruyère or Muenster cheese or with mushrooms, then try the dessert version with apples and cinnamon!

Strasbourg is famous for its Christmas markets that stretch for miles. The lights, the food, and the carols fill the city with holiday spirit.



“I had the opportunity to intern at the Council of Europe. I attended a parliamentary assembly hearing featuring testimony by Edward Snowden concerning standards for international mass surveillance. Interacting with fellow interns from around Europe, working with official documents, and associating with such a significant European institution added an invaluable element to my abroad experience.”

Tyler Mitchell

Child and family studies major, Syracuse University, Class of 2015



Jump-starting your career

Participating in an internship abroad is a great way to increase your understanding of international issues while you bolster your résumé. The Syracuse Strasbourg program offers a wide array of learning opportunities outside the classroom, ranging from internships at the Council of Europe to placements in local organizations and businesses. Internships are 1-3 credits.

As English is one of the two official languages at the Council of Europe, students do not need to have advanced French. Every semester students with backgrounds in international relations, political science, or communications compete for internships in selected directorates of the Council. If you are proficient in French, there are many additional internship opportunities available in the community. Work in a local business or communications agency, a bakery or animal shelter, a refugee-rights organization or political party. If you are just a beginner in French, there are wonderful opportunities to teach English as an assistant in local schools. Our on-site internship coordinator will work with you to find the internship that best suits your needs and qualifications.

REPRESENTATIVE INTERNSHIPS

Bibliothèques Sonores,
a sound library

**National Institute of
Territorial Studies,**
European Mission

**International Relations
Department,** City of
Strasbourg

Planning Familial
(Planned Parenthood)

Opéra National du Rhin,
an opera house

Maetva,
a communications agency

OTE Ingénierie, an
engineering agency

Théâtre de l'Oignon,
an improv theater troupe

The Giving Tree,
a daycare center

“Syracuse staff arranged different excursions near Strasbourg, which were included in our program fee. The trips allowed me to interact with students with whom I didn’t have class. Also, since the university planned the excursions, I was able to travel to places I wouldn’t have visited on my own time, and it lessened the burden of planning my own weekend travels.”

Asimina Diamantis

Mechanical engineering major, Syracuse University, Class of 2019



Located less than two hours from Strasbourg, romantic and charming Heidelberg offers events and festivals throughout the year. As its population is nearly one-quarter students, a popular gift is the chocolate Heidelberger Studentenkuss (student kiss)!

Maximizing your experience

All-school field trips

Make the most of your time abroad by taking part in the all-school trips included in your program fee.

Alsace

Shortly after your arrival in Strasbourg, you will have the opportunity to explore Alsace—a region that Louis XIV described as “a beautiful garden.” There are visits to villages along the “Route du Vin” and to imposing medieval castles on the heights overlooking the Rhine Valley.

Heidelberg, Germany

The trip takes you through the Black Forest to the charming university town of Heidelberg. In the morning you’ll tour the castle overlooking the city and have a chance to wend your way up the famous Philosopher’s Walk. Late afternoon is reserved for “Kaffee und Kuchen” (coffee and cake), a German culinary tradition.

Champagne and Lorraine Weekend (spring)

There will be visits to the WWI battlefield of Verdun, to the cathedral where all the kings of France were crowned, and to one of the top producers of champagne.

Burgundy Weekend (fall)

Visit the historic center of Dijon, the wine route, the fabulous Hôtel-Dieu in Beaune, and some of the region’s outstanding churches and castles.

Course-related field trips

Each semester several courses include required activities or field study to enhance classroom lectures. Typical destinations include Paris for art history classes and sites significant to World War I or II for French history classes. These courses carry additional fees to cover the field study component.

In Strasbourg

You’ll stay busy in the city as well. Every month, the Syracuse Strasbourg Center arranges free or low-cost activities for students. You’ll have the opportunity to participate in cooking classes, hiking trips, cheese and chocolate tastings, outings to local plays and concerts, and much more. The staff will help ensure that you experience the best of what Strasbourg has to offer.

“Studying in Strasbourg was the best decision I made during my time at Syracuse. The passion for travel that I developed is a big part of who I am and has even shaped my career—I work as a copywriter for an educational travel company.”

Courtney Keller

Creative advertising major, Syracuse University, Class of 2010



Making study abroad affordable

A study abroad experience is within your reach. Start by reviewing these affordability basics, followed by specific lists of funding resources based on your status as a Syracuse University or visiting student:

- Student aid is based on the total cost of the program you are attending
- You will keep your institutional aid when studying on a Syracuse Abroad program
- You may be eligible for a need-based grant based on your completed FAFSA and CSS Profile
- You may combine need-based grants with loans and other federal aid to cover the total cost of the abroad program
- When the academic calendars of local universities extend beyond that of the Syracuse Center, the program fee is increased to cover additional room and board costs

For SU students

Need-based grants

Grants are awarded by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship Programs based on need, which is determined by your CSS Profile.

Named scholarships

Friends of the University have made generous contributions that enable us to award scholarships for specific study abroad experiences for SU undergraduate students.

Fall-only supplemental aid

Up to 10% supplemental aid is available, based on the previous semester's aid and need level for students who study abroad in the fall semester.

Plane ticket loan program

The Syracuse Abroad plane ticket loan program allows students who are fully funded with financial aid to apply their financial aid funds toward the purchase of their plane ticket abroad.

For visiting students

Merit-based scholarships

Eligible visiting semester program students with a GPA of 3.0-3.69 will receive a \$600 scholarship. Any student with a 3.70 or above will receive a scholarship of \$1,000. The scholarship is automatic, based on cumulative GPA as reported at the time of application to the program.

Need-based grants

Provide Syracuse with access to your FAFSA for financial need review by logging in to your FAFSA account online and adding Syracuse University (code 002882).

Tuition grants

Awarded to students from partner institutions with an existing affiliation agreement in place. Contact Syracuse Abroad for more information.

Continuation of existing financial aid

Verify with your home school the continuation of existing financial aid. Have your school complete a Financial Aid Transfer Form.

Feeling safe and supported



Dr. Bach accompanies students on a field study excursion to the Council of Europe.

In Strasbourg

The staff have years of experience working with the diverse populations of students from US universities, and are able to assist you in any way—academically, socially, personally—throughout your time in Strasbourg.

Faculty bring a range of experiences and perspectives to the classroom, as professors from the Université de Strasbourg and as diplomats and experts from the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights. They come from many countries, including France, Turkey, Germany, Poland, and Italy. You will come to know them and your fellow students well, as the average class size is 12 students.

Dr. Raymond Bach has a Ph.D. from Stanford University, and has directed the center since 2000. He and the caring staff can readily address all of your questions and concerns.



Dr. Bach, Syracuse Strasbourg Center Director

In Syracuse

Syracuse Abroad is committed to providing a safe, caring, and enriching experience abroad. Bridget Demorest, assistant director for student services, works diligently and compassionately to provide you and your parents with the resources you may need to thrive abroad—from health and wellness preparation to adjustment questions, from academic accommodations to safety or cultural concerns.



Bridget Demorest, Assistant Director, Student Services

Minimum GPA requirements

Syracuse Strasbourg Center: **2.5**

International Institute/

Université de Strasbourg/Engineering: **3.0**

Deadlines

Fall semester: **March 15**

Spring semester: **October 1**

Summer: **February 10**

For more information

For complete admissions criteria
and application instructions,
visit suabroad.syr.edu.

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Commission on Higher Education. For information,
please visit msche.org or [middlestates.syr.edu/
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