

## **STRASBOURG SUMMER 2009 STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM—BASIC INFO**

**WHO:** undergraduate and graduate students at VSU, USG, and other institutions

**WHAT:** summer study abroad language and culture program—six (6) hours credit

**WHEN:** students fly **Wednesday July 1, 2009\*** (airfare is not included) for arrival in Paris, Thursday, July 2, 2008. After a 3 day and night stay in the French capital, visiting sites of interest, we depart Sunday, July 5, taking the TGV bullet train over to Strasbourg, arriving that afternoon to meet the families with whom they will be staying. Monday morning, The Centre administers a placement test to assign students to an appropriate level class. The classes are quite small and taught by members of the Centre staff, all of whom have reputations as excellent teachers. Classes meet for about three hours daily (with a break), Monday-Friday, for fourteen or fifteen days. Two afternoons a week students will have lab work. During a number of afternoons or evenings we offer cultural activities such as cultural visits to movies, theatre, a musical performances, or a river cruise. One Friday afternoon we will visit the nearby quaint “wine villages” and a weekend day trip we includes a visit to Germany. At the end we will make a visit to Geneva, Switzerland. We will normally meet for lunch in Strasbourg since students will have breakfast and dinner with their families. **We leave Strasbourg on Saturday July 25,\* 2009 for our final trip to Geneva, Switzerland. Students will return to the US from Geneva on Tuesday, July 28\*. \*FLIGHT DATES WILL BE SOON BE CONFIRMED.**

**WHERE:** Paris, capital of France, a European country renowned for its culture, and mainly in Strasbourg. As noted above, students visit other cities, and, in the case of Geneva, Switzerland, visit not only another city but another country! After classes end we go to Geneva where we will see the United Nations headquarters, International Red Cross and Red Crescent headquarters, and other sites. Departure thus is from Geneva on Tuesday July 28.

**WHY:** All the reasons are impossible to list, but mainly for growth—personal, educational and job skills, linguistic, and cultural. This particular trip offers an unparalleled opportunity to travel and study abroad with a small group, accompanied by an experienced professor (I took my first study trip abroad at the age of 19 on a similar program with the USG) who began taking students to Europe in 1972, and thus has over 35 years of experience in accompanying students. Students have the opportunity to literally “live in French”—at the breakfast table; in classes; over café and lunch; to dream in French; to visit museums, palaces, castles, cathedrals, and other sites of interest; to shop in stores large and small; to eat in cafés, bistros, bars, and restaurants; to watch French movies and or theatrical performances; to dance to French and international music in discotheques; possibly to see authentic French regional dancing; and so much more.

**Refund policy:** *After April 20<sup>th</sup>* VSU will reimburse only that portion that can be recovered from fees already paid to organizations for classes, housing, food, transportation, cultural visits and so on.

**Study / Travel / Program:** July summer session (Wed. July 1, 2009 - Tues. July 30, 2009) 6 credits

**Available Classes (depending on your level):** (6 hours graduate credit possible\*\*\*)

**EVERYBODY TAKES:** VSU FREN [6-] 4950 Directed Study with me (required as one of two)

THEN YOU CHOOSE ONE FROM THE FOLLOWING:

**Beginning French** (*approximately equivalent to our FREN 1002*)

**Intermediate French** (*approximately equivalent to our FREN 2001 or 2002*)

**Advanced French I** (*similar to our FREN 2010*)

Additional courses as possible and necessary to correspond to conversation, composition, etc.

**Cost:**

\$4,200 includes all room and 3 meals a day (including meals in Paris, Strasbourg, and on excursions; and during the final trip to Geneva and Zurich), travel in France, Germany, and Switzerland, classes, most cultural visits and entrance fees, and laundry in Strasbourg. You will be responsible for snacks, your books (although these are *usually* provided free—and if you have to pay for them they are usually 10 to 20 dollars), possibly some newspapers or magazines, some transportation fees (taxis or buses you might take), some entrance fees for activities, and items of a personal nature. Tuition (6 hours) and airfare are your responsibility. We will coordinate flights and look for the best rates, usually with STA (Student Travel Agency, on the web at [statravel.com](http://statravel.com) and with several 800 numbers, e.g. 1 800 781-4040). **Three (3) Delta flights fly daily starting at around 3 p.m. from Atlanta to Paris—THESE ARE THE ONES YOU WOULD NORMALLY TAKE ON THE WAY OVER from Atlanta to Paris; THE ONE YOU WILL PROBABLY TAKE BACK ON TUESDAY JULY 28 IS FROM GENEVA THROUGH PARIS TO ATLANTA.** The routing may change depending on prices.

Payment schedule:	April 10, 2009	deposit of \$200
	April 20, 2009	payment of \$4,000

Schedule for refunds:

Withdrawal between April 20th and May 20th:	All but \$3,000 will be refunded
Withdrawal after May 20th:	No money will be refunded.

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\***Dates** to be confirmed; tuition not included

\*\* **Departure city and date to be confirmed**

\*\*\***Option** of graduate credit for qualified students—an extra fee may apply