

# Study Abroad for French Language

RIT students majoring in French must participate in an international experience before graduating. Eligible study abroad experiences include: a full semester program (fall or spring); academic year program; or a summer program with approval from the French program director, Philippe Chavasse.

Students doing a minor or immersion in French would greatly benefit from spending time abroad enhancing their French language skills and learning about French culture.



**Cultural immersion is the fastest, most effective way to learn a language leading to increased fluency.**

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## Why study French language abroad?

- Hearing, reading, and using your French skills on a daily basis improves your pronunciation, vocabulary, and comprehension.
- Gaining an understanding of the cultural origins of the French language will give you new clarity and meaning to words and sentences that once seemed abstract.
- Acquiring advanced-level French language skills increases your value to prospective employers.

## For a culturally immersive experience

- Live with a local French family in a homestay.
- Take elective courses in French.
- Set English aside - join clubs and other activities to interact with French students.
- Attend community events, festivals, and activities that are not typically for tourists.
- Look for programs with internships, directed research projects, or volunteer opportunities.

## Next Steps

- 1) Talk with your academic advisor and CLA language faculty to discuss timing and coursework.
- 2) Use the program list on back as a starting point to explore programs. Or do a search in the RIT Study Abroad Compass:  
[www.rit.edu/global/compass-search-programs-apply](http://www.rit.edu/global/compass-search-programs-apply)
- 3) Make an appointment to meet with an RIT Study Abroad Advisor  
[www.rit.edu/global/AdvisorMeeting](http://www.rit.edu/global/AdvisorMeeting)



## Scholarships

- > **CLA Global Opportunity (GO) Grant** - automatic \$500 grant for CLA majors to study abroad
- > **Gilman Scholarship** - open to U.S. citizens who receive a Pell grant  
[gilmanscholarship.org](http://gilmanscholarship.org)

Ask your study abroad advisor about additional scholarship opportunities.

## French Language Programs Abroad

Location	Term(s) Offered	Program Provider	Program Name	Program Details	Good for French Majors	Good for French Minor/Immersion
Rennes, France	Summer	RIT Faculty-Led	<a href="#">INSA Summer: Engineering &amp; French Society</a>	5 weeks, 9 credits Take 6 credits of French language & culture and Engineering Economy (3 credits). Open to KGCOE and CET majors.		✓
Rennes, France	Fall, Spring	CIEE	<a href="#">Liberal Arts</a>	Full semester, 14-18 credits Experience authentic French culture less than two hours from Paris. Pre-req: 4 semesters of previous French language.	✓	✓
Rennes, France	Summer	CIEE	<a href="#">Summer Intensive French Language</a>	8 weeks, 10 credits Immerse yourself in the idyllic setting, and rich culture of Rennes, the capital of Brittany while polishing your intermediate to advanced French language skills. Pre-req: 3 semesters of previous French language.	✓	✓
Toulouse, France	Fall, Spring	CIEE	<a href="#">Business &amp; Culture</a>	Full semester, 15-18 credits Explore business, economics, history, art history, international affairs, and culture while improving your French language skills in the picturesque south of France.	✓	✓
Toulouse, France	Fall, Spring	CIEE	<a href="#">Language &amp; Culture</a>	Full semester, 15-18 credits Immerse yourself in France's art, history, cuisine, and music. Toulouse was voted one of the best cities in France to study abroad for its strong community vibe and small-town charm.	✓	✓
Nice, France	Summer	SUNY Oswego	<a href="#">University of Nice Sophia-Antipolis – Summer</a>	4 weeks, 6 credits Small group instruction in French language, literature and culture in the French Riviera.	✓	✓
Paris, France	Fall, Spring	SUNY Oswego	<a href="#">SUNY at the Sorbonne</a>	Full semester, 12-15 credits Study at one of the most prestigious universities in Europe and the world.  Choose from 3 academic tracks: 1) French Immersion track; 2) Internship; 3) English option	✓	✓
Paris, France	Summer	SUNY Oswego	<a href="#">SUNY at the Sorbonne Summer</a>	4 weeks, 6 credits Study at the world-famous Sorbonne, taking a French grammar course, and France in a Global Society.		✓
Arles, France	Summer	IES Abroad	<a href="#">Arles Summer – Study in Provence</a>	6 weeks, 6 credits Immerse yourself in French language practice and the rich culture of Provence. Pre-req: 4 semesters of previous French language.	✓	✓
Nantes, France	Fall, Spring	IES Abroad	<a href="#">Nantes – French Language Immersion &amp; Area Studies</a>	Full semester, 15-19 credits Improve your written and verbal proficiency in French through language and area studies courses. Pre-req: 4 semesters of previous French language.	✓	✓
Paris, France	Fall, Spring	IES Abroad	<a href="#">Paris – Business &amp; International Affairs</a>	Full semester, 15-19 credits Enjoy all that Paris has to offer while studying French language, business and international affairs. If you have an advanced level of French proficiency, you can also enroll in an internship.	✓	
Paris, France	Fall, Spring	IES Abroad	<a href="#">Paris – French Studies</a>	Full semester, 15-19 credits Experience French society through your classes, homestays, cultural activities, and conversation clubs. Pre-req: 4 semesters of previous French language.	✓	
Paris, France	Summer	IES Abroad	<a href="#">Paris Summer Internship</a>	8 weeks, 3-9 credits Intern in one of the world's highest regarded cities for culture and international business. Internships are unpaid, 25 hours per week. Pre-req: 2 semesters of previous French language	✓	
Paris, France	Summer	IES Abroad	<a href="#">Paris Summer Language Immersion</a>	6 weeks, 6 credits Immerse yourself in the French language in one of the most famous and culturally rich cities in the world. Pre-req: 2 semesters of previous French language	✓	✓

**Make an appointment to meet with an RIT study abroad advisor and learn more info about these programs:**

CIEE – [ciee.org](https://ciee.org) | SUNY Oswego - <https://www.oswego.edu/international/education-abroad> | IES Abroad – [ies.org](https://ies.org)