

American University Center of Provence, Marseille: Quick Facts

Academics

- *Admissions Requirements*
 - 3.0 minimum GPA
 - Under 3.0 will be considered given recent academic improvement or other special circumstances
 - Minimum of two years college level French
- *Program Academics*
 - Semester program only
 - Students sign binding pledge to speak only French during stay
 - 3 AUCP credits typically translate to 4 AC credits
 - Normal course load = 5 courses
 - Mandatory courses:
 - Linguistic Strategies for Integration
 - French and North African Cultural Patterns
 - Arabic Language and Culture
 - Two selections from the AUCP course list -- An optional third selection from the AUCP course list may be added with permission of the AUCP director and home university advisor.
 - Community service component mandatory
 - All courses taught in French
 - Textbooks are loaned by the AUCP and do not need to be purchased.
 - One week program excursion to Morocco, covered in program costs
 - Academic focus: French and Arabic language and civilization, Middle East area studies, immigration issues, inter-religious communication and cross-cultural mediation
 - Fall term: Fulfills "S" course requirement
 - Winter term: Fulfills "S" course *spring term* requirement because it runs through May. Student must confirm this with Registrar.
 - Alma College allows pass/fail for a course provided it meets guidelines published in the Academic Catalog. Refer to the Pass/Fail Option form (provided with Step 4) for complete instructions. Pass/fail must be requested within nine weeks after the class begins.
 - Incomplete grades must be replaced by letter grades within six weeks from being recorded on the Alma transcript, or they convert to "E". Contact the Registrar for assistance when you have received and Incomplete grade.

Housing

- Host family: 7 breakfasts, 5 dinners/week, lunch on Sundays provided.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. *What travel documents do I need to go to France?*
 - A passport is required for international travel and must be valid at least 180 days beyond the last date of the program.
 - A student visa is not required for visits of 90 days or less. If you plan to stay in the country for more than 90 days, you will need to apply for a visa.
2. *Can I use my cell phone in France?*
 - Using a U.S. cell phone abroad to make local and/or international calls can be very costly. Check with your service provider for details.
 - One option is purchasing a mobile phone for approximately 30 Euros once you arrive at the program.
 - You could also purchase phone cards once you arrive in France. It is not recommended to purchase international calling cards while in the United States because they often will not function once you are abroad.
 - PicCell Wireless and other such companies allow students to rent a phone with a global SIM card and charger appropriate for France.
 - The cheapest option is to set up Skype or QQ, a free internet-based calling service. Look online for details.
3. *Will I have internet access at school? Should I bring my laptop?*
 - It is recommended that you bring your own laptop and take advantage of the numerous internet cafes around the city. There may be public computers available with internet access at the school center, but this is not guaranteed.
4. *What kinds of public transportation options will I have?*
 - Marseille has an extensive bus system which reaches all parts of the city.
 - There is also a relatively inexpensive subway system
 - There are numerous taxis around Marseille which are available for both short and long distance hire, and are generally used to travel to places not serviced by the metro or city buses
5. *Who can I contact if I have questions about the application process, or general questions about the AUCP program?*
 - Your first point of contact should be the AUCP official website (www.aucp.org).
 - If your questions aren't answered by thoroughly checking the website, e-mail the staff at info@aucp.org
 - Off-Campus Studies staff are always available to help answer your questions.