

CIEE Rennes: Quick Facts

Academics

- *Admissions Requirements*
 - 2.75 minimum overall GPA
 - 3.0 minimum GPA in French
 - Two years + college-level French
- *Program Academics*
 - Upon arrival, complete intensive French course, then placement test, then enroll in other courses.
 - Typical course load: 16-18 CIEE credits/semester; minimum of 14
 - Required preliminary language and culture course = 2 CIEE credits
 - Required language course at level of placement (Levels I–IV) = 6 CIEE credits (average)
 - 3-5 content courses, 2-3 CIEE credits each
 - Students placed in the advanced level take one or two courses, depending on credit load.
 - Students also have the opportunity to directly enroll in courses at the Université de Haute Bretagne Rennes II (UHB)
 - Academic focus: Art & Art History, Cultural Studies, French Language, History, Performing Arts, Political Science, Religion, Sociology, Teaching English as a Second Language, Theology, Urban Studies
 - Fall term: Student fulfills “S” course requirement
 - Winter term: Student fulfills “S” course *spring term* requirement because it runs into May. Students must confirm this with Registrar upon publication of program dates.
 - 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 an Incomplete grade.

Housing

- Housing and all meals are included in the program fee.
- Students live in French homes, either in Rennes or in a close suburb.
- Breakfast and dinner Monday through Friday and all weekend meals at the place of residence provided.
- Meal tickets are distributed for lunches during the week.
- The Resident Director and the Student Services Coordinator meet with students individually to confirm their housing.

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 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.
 - Check with CIEE for more suggestions and details about cell phone use in France.

3. *Will I have internet access at school? Should I bring my laptop?*
 - UHB grants free Internet access and assigns email accounts to students.
 - Some host families have Internet access. Students must check with their host-families before using the internet, and respect rules regarding computer use.
 - The Rennes II campus has wireless access as do a number of cafés in Rennes. Students are encouraged to bring wireless-enabled laptops.

4. *Who can I contact if I have questions about the application process, or general questions about the CIEE France program?*
 - Your first point of contact should be the official CIEE website (www.ciee.org/study).
 - If your questions aren't answered by thoroughly checking the website, you can call CIEE by phone at 1-800-407-8839 , or by e-mail at studyinfo@ciee.org
 - Off-Campus Studies staff are always available to help answer your questions.