



Summer Study in Paris

July 1-30, 2026

Program Highlights

- ◆ French language classes for all levels – beginning to advanced - either with ESA's Survival French program or at the *Institut Catholique de Paris*
- ◆ Lodging in central Paris dorms in the St. Germain or Montparnasse neighborhoods, or in family stays
- ◆ Pass for unlimited bus and metro use in the central and greater Paris region
- ◆ Unsurpassed cultural activities– museums, day trips, monument tours, cheese tasting, walks and more
- ◆ Ticket to the musical comedy *La Vie Parisienne* at the historic Théâtre du Châtelet
- ◆ Guided visits to the Louvre and the Musée d'Orsay
- ◆ 3-day weekend trip to the Loire Valley with excursions to Chenonceau castle, Chartres Cathedral, and charming nearby market towns of Amboise and Loches



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with:

East Los Angeles College
Los Angeles Valley College

Free Zoom Previews (see website)

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If you are lucky enough to have lived in Paris as a young man, then whenever you go for the rest of your life it stays with you, for Paris is a moveable feast.

-Ernest Hemingway



Los Angeles Valley College, East Los Angeles College and the European Studies Association [ESA] invite you to participate in an exceptional educational experience: **Summer Study in Paris 2026**. Since the Middle Ages, Paris has drawn students from around the world for university studies, its culture and the experience of its cosmopolitan lifestyle.

Celebrating our **forty-seventh annual program**, we have the faculty, the background and the knowledge to make your month in Paris worthy of one of the world's great capital cities. In addition to language classes, you will improve your knowledge of French culture through our rich civilization course—museum visits, lectures, out of town trips and walking tours.

We include the **Louvre**, the **Musée d'Orsay**, the iconic **Dôme des Invalides** where Napoleon is buried, as well as highlights of French culture. Get out of town for our two weekend day trips to Van Gogh's **Auvers-sur-Oise**, and the stunning **Vaux-le-Vicomte castle** for a candlelit evening and fireworks in its gardens. This year's 3-day, 2-night trip is to **the Loire Valley** whose castles, markets and cuisine are sure to delight.

We won't neglect the pleasures of daily life in Paris either. Additional activities include **culinary tastings**, a performance of **La Vie Parisienne** at the historic Théâtre du Châtelet, a tour of the **Stade de France** or **Palais Garnier** opera house and more. The quality of our program is shown in the number of participants who repeat it!

ESA offers you two language program choices in addition to the cultural lectures and activities:

* **Survival French**- a French culture and basic language program taught by ESA faculty. You will learn the basic French needed for speaking with store keepers, café personnel and others in order to feel at ease in the Parisian environment, as well as an introduction to French life—music, food, etc. We'll even give you tips on how to make the French love you! *We recommend Survival French for those with little to no background in French.*

OR

* 15 hours of French class per week at the **Institut Catholique de Paris** (see page 4)



L'Institut Catholique

The *Institut Catholique de Paris*, (ICP) an internationally recognized private French university, provides excellent French language instruction at all levels. Universities world-wide recognize and regularly grant credit for its excellent language courses.

The Institut is in the St. Germain des Prés area in central Paris, a short walk or bus ride from our dorms. At the ICP you will **meet students from around the world**, who, like you, have come to Paris to take advantage of the Institut's offerings. Like many private universities in the United States, the Institut has a religious affiliation, but instruction is non-sectarian.

ESA will handle pre-enrollment formalities. A placement test will determine which course level is most appropriate for you. **Institut Catholique Courses are highly recommended for intermediate and advanced students.**

Classes take place 9AM–12PM Monday through Friday [equivalent of 3–5 semester units]† These classes offer high quality language instruction in conversation, grammar, culture and reading. Classes average 20–25 students.

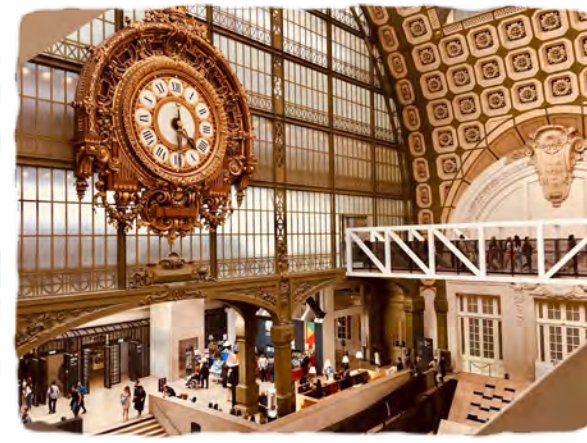
There is a **\$950 supplemental fee** associated with the Institut Catholique option. Note that this is a discounted rate from their advertised costs as ESA subsidizes tuition for participants who choose this option.

† *Credits are given as a guideline only—see academic credit section (p. 10).*



ESA CIVILIZATION PROGRAM

ESA's CIVILIZATION PROGRAM is designed to help you make the most of your time in Paris. ESA students are welcome to participate in all activities to be confirmed in June 2026. **All ESA group activities are included in the program fee.**



Cultural Activities

Experience Paris through your senses.

- ✓ Ticket to Offenbach's famed musical comedy *La Vie Parisienne* at the historic Théâtre du Châtelet
- ✓ *Aura*- a spectacular sound and light show inside the Dôme des Invalides where Napoleon is buried
- ✓ A guided tour to either the *Stade de France*- Paris' premier sports and event stadium- or the *Palais Garnier* opera house.
- ✓ A Seine boat ride, cheese tasting, farmer's market visits and more

Beyond Paris

Experience greater France and get out of town to visit iconic and unique locations.

- ✓ Auvers-sur-Oise, the charming town where Van Gogh painted his last masterpieces
- ✓ An evening visit and fireworks show at Vaux-le-Vicomte's elegant castle and gardens (above).
- ✓ 3-day weekend trip to the Loire Valley with excursions to the elegant Chenonceau castle, the Chartres cathedral, and charming nearby market towns of Amboise and Loches

Museums & Walks

Enjoy guided tours and no waiting in line for Paris' first-class museums.

- ✓ Musée du Louvre guided visit
- ✓ Musée d'Orsay guided visit
- ✓ Choice of the Cluny, Picasso or Carnavalet (Paris History) Museums
- ✓ Faculty-guided walks focused on history, art, food and popular culture make your neighborhoods come to life

Rooms, Meals, Flights & Medical Insurance

Housing

Students stay in well-located dorms in the St. Germain-des-Prés and Montparnasse areas of central Paris. Each dorm has private bathrooms and comfortable community areas: lounge, student kitchen, library, etc. Both dorms provide daily breakfast and one also includes weeknight dinners. More detailed descriptions of the dorms with photos can be found on our website esaparis.org. Apply early for maximum choice.

Single rooms or family stays are available at a supplement (\$350-750).

Meals

Continental breakfast is provided at the dorms and with family stays. One dorm also provides weeknight dinners (except on holidays). In both dorms, you may also take advantage of the student kitchens.

We have recommended restaurants on our *Paris Pratique* website.

Optional Group Flight

ESA has arranged an optional group flight on Condor Airlines from LAX and SFO. See esaparis.org for price details. Students taking the group flights receive transfers to/from the dorms/Paris airport at no charge. Students may choose to make other arrangements, but they are then responsible for arranging transportation to/from the dorm.

Medical Insurance

The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCCD) provides all program participants medical insurance coverage while studying abroad in Paris. Inquire with your professor for more details. You might also consider adding travel insurance to cover flight delays and/or delayed luggage.



Chenonceau Castle, photo by Bert Kaufmann



Kornfeld in Auvers, photo by Achim Ebenau



Cheese and Meats, photo by Alex Proimos

Program Fees Include:

- ✓ Language Program
 - ✓ Performance ticket to the musical comedy *La Vie Parisienne*
 - ✓ ESA Survival French course, Tuition at the *Institut Catholique de Paris* (\$950 supplement, includes Certificate), or Tutoring (\$350 supplement)
 - ✓ All ESA excursions including transportation, hotel and activities on the Loire Valley weekend
 - ✓ Twin Accommodation and meal plan selected. Single rooms are an additional \$750.
 - ✓ Museum / monument entry fees on ESA excursions
 - ✓ Special courses, activities and lectures organized by ESA
 - ✓ Bus / metro pass for Paris
- Note that students are required to enroll in classes for credit with their affiliate college. Tuition fees for academic credit are NOT included in the program fee (\$46/credit unit + fees).

The Program Fee Does NOT Include: Transportation to and from the program, independent travel; personal items, passport, visas, laundry, accident, baggage loss, personal liability, trip cancellation insurance [see insurance section above], lunches, dinners in some dorms; US college tuition.

Refunds: Anyone whose application cannot be accepted will have all payments refunded. Refund requests postmarked before April 1, 2026, are subject to a \$150 cancellation fee. **Cancellations** postmarked April 1 to May 14, 2026 will be subject to a \$500 cancellation fee. Cancellations postmarked after May 14, 2026, will be subject to a \$1000 cancellation fee. Cancellations postmarked after May 31, 2026, are subject to a \$1800 cancellation fee. As of June 20, 2026 there are no refunds.

Although ESA will try to effect necessary changes in academic courses after the beginning of a program, no refunds for course changes can be made. Because of flight scheduling, weather or unforeseen changes at the campus, ESA reserves the right to modify itinerary, program dates and curriculum accordingly.



PARIS: French Language, Civilization & Culture

JULY 1– JULY 30, 2026

Survival French: \$4475

Includes program fees (see p. 6) and a twin room in one of our dorms. *Participants must also register for Survival French for credit with East Los Angeles or LA Valley College (cost is \$138 for California residents.)*

or Institut Catholique: \$5425

Includes program fees (see p. 6 for more information), twin room in one of our dorms, and language classes at the Institut Catholique.

Individual Tutoring Supplement: \$350

Meet with a French tutor for 10-hours throughout the program for conversational, reading or writing practice.

Alternate Rooming Options

Upgrade to a single room for \$750; includes single room on weekend trip. A limited number of family stays (single or twin rooms w/shared baths) are also available (\$350 supplement).

Group Flights Available from LAX or SFO

ESA has arranged a group flight on Condor Airlines for the roundtrip price of \$1440. See esaparis.org for more information and details.

Tentative Schedule July 2026- *Dates Subject to Change*

lundi Monday	mardi Tuesday	mercredi Wednesday	jeudi Thursday	vendredi Friday	samedi Saturday	dimanche Sunday
		1 July Arrive Paris, Dorm Orientations,	2 July Program Orientation, Institut Catholique classes start, Seine Boat Ride	3 July Survival French and Art Classes begin; St. Germain or Montparnasse walk	4 July Visit Auvers-sur- Oise where Van Gogh painted	5 July Organic Market visit & potluck; Museum Visits: - Picasso - Carnavalet - Cluny
6 July Terroirs cheese tasting workshop	7 July La Vie Parisienne performance	8 July La Vie Parisienne performance	9 July My Favorite Paris faculty talk	10 July Louvre Museum	11 July Vaux-le-Vicomte evening visit , tour and fireworks show	12 July Free Day
13 July Stade de France or Palais Garnier tour	14 July Bastille Day Holiday	15 July Afternoon Classes Loire Preview & Chartres Talk	16 July St. Germain or Montparnasse walk	17 July Coach trip to Tours, Chartres cathedral	18 July Loches guided tour, Chenonceau Castle luncheon and entry	19 July Amboise market, castle visit, return to Paris
20 July Free afternoon	21 July Aura Invalides show where Napoleon is buried	22 July Hollywood goes to Paris Walk	23 July Orsay Museum	24 July Farewell Party	25 July Last day of Survival French Classes	26 July Free Day
27 July Free Day except for IC students	28 July Last IC day Free for all others	29 July Free day	30 July Return to US End of Program			

The program is led by a team of eight professors: Dr. Tom Blair, Prof. Jennifer Saito, Prof. Jaklin Yermian, Dr. Lynn Vogel-Zuiderweg, Prof. Eric Sanchez, Prof. Camilo Bonilla and Prof. Philippe Kreiter.

Our faculty help introduce you to French life through its language, customs, history and culture. They have spent extensive time in Paris and most speak French fluently. They can help guide you to the secret spots in the city loved by locals but ignored by tourists. They'll also tell you about their favorite places to eat (Paris is the gastronomic capital of the world), take you on impromptu visits of Parisian neighborhoods and help you find sites that match your interests (e.g. music, architecture, art and sports). Each brings their teaching experience, love of France and enthusiasm for sharing Paris with you to the ESA program.

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ESA FACULTY

ACADEMIC CREDIT

Options for academic credit are available for an additional fee, depending on the college granting credit and the number of units taken. Our affiliate colleges require course enrollment. Information may be found on the program website, esaparis.org, and is distributed at program orientation meetings. Enrollment must be completed before departure and submitted no later than May 25.

PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY

All persons interested in participating in a study program are invited to enroll with ESA. Minimum age is 18. ESA does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, age or gender in any of its practices. The ESA program is designed for people without mobility impairment because of the restrictions placed upon us by the foreign locale.

APPLICATION

ESA encourages early application as the number of places in the program is limited to about 75-100 participants. The application period will begin Nov. 15, 2025. The program is often full by March. In addition, early application will better permit you to plan for the trip. All applications must be received by May 15, 2026.

To apply, complete the online application on our website and pay the \$300 deposit. You can pay this deposit online with a credit card, or mail a check payable to ESA, 424 Dorado Terrace, SF, CA 94112.

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ESA participates in the Calif. Sellers of Travel program CST214 1485. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Payments for the program fee may be made by check, bill pay, money order or credit card.

Those who pay their program fee via check or Bill Pay receive a 3% discount on the program fee. In addition, students who apply and pay all fees by March 1, 2026, are entitled to a 2% early payment reduction on the program fee.

The balance of the fee is due April 1, 2026.

Students applying after April 1 should check with ESA to set up a payment schedule.

LATE PAYMENT FEES

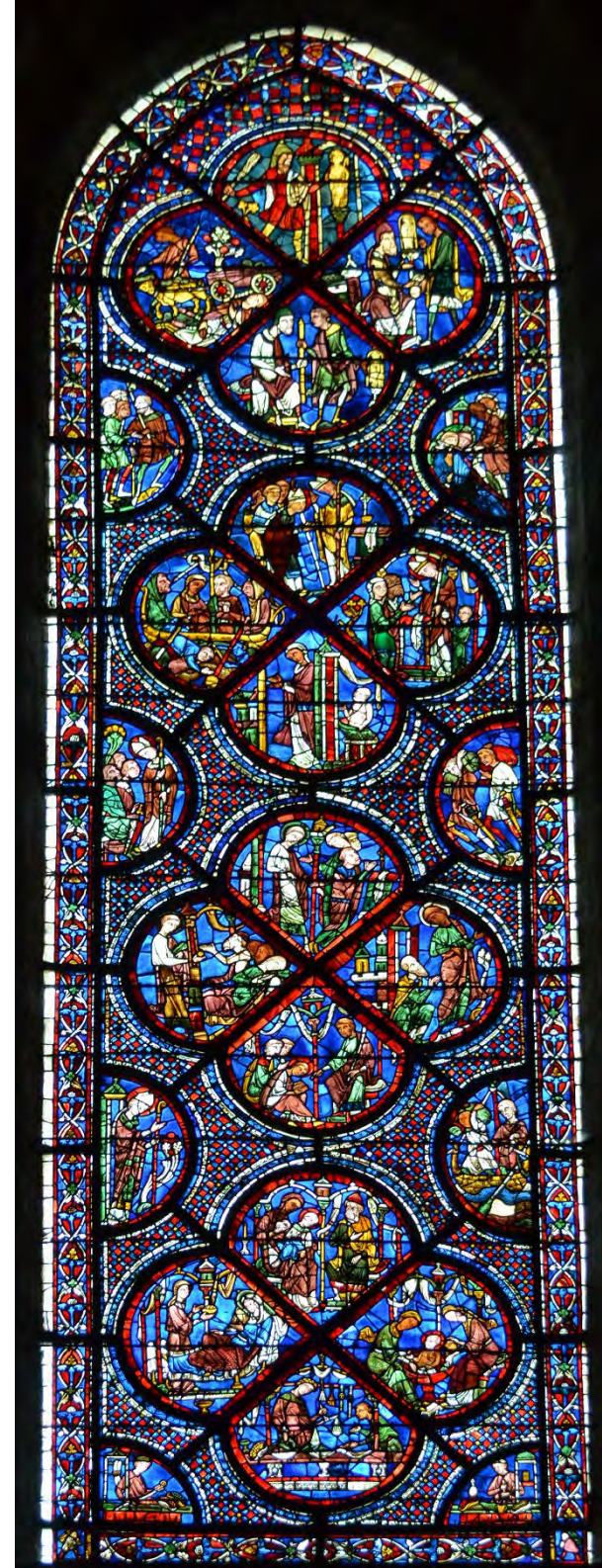
Any payment made after May 25 will be assessed a **late fee** of \$250 and must be made by cashier's check, or credit card. ESA reserves the right to cancel, with appropriate penalties, any registration which has not completed all payments by May 25, 2026. All prices reflect exchange rates in effect at the time of publication (September 2025) and are subject to change.

CANCELLATION FEES

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