

A tall, golden-brown Eiffel Tower stands against a clear blue sky. The tower's intricate lattice structure is visible. At its base, there are green trees and a body of water. To the right of the tower, a large, leafy green tree is partially visible.

ELAC Center for Global Education & Engagement
Los Angeles Valley College Study Away

PARIS

July 3 - August 2, 2027

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

Unsurpassed cultural activities— day trips, monuments, cheese tasting, walking tours and more

3-day Loire Valley trip including a gourmet lunch at Chenonceau, and visits to Chaumont, Tours and Loches

Guided visits to the **Louvre** and the **Musée d'Orsay**

Performance ticket to a ballet, opera or comedy show

Pass for **unlimited bus and metro use** in Paris region

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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 2027**. 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-eighth 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**, and a dynamic **virtual reality Notre Dame experience**, as well as highlights of French culture. Get out of town for our two weekend day trips to Monet's famous gardens at **Giverny**, and a delightful trip to **Reims**, home of kings and champagne. This year's 3-day, 2-night trip is to **the Loire Valley** whose castles, markets, gardens and cuisine are sure to delight.

We won't neglect the pleasures of daily life in Paris either. Additional activities include a **culinary tasting**; a **ballet, opera or comedy performance**; a visit to the **Catacombs** or **Arc de Triomphe** and more. The quality of our program is shown in the number of participants who repeat it!

ESA offers you two language program choices:

* **Survival French**- a French culture and language program taught by ESA faculty which is appropriate for beginners to intermediate French language students. 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 that total beginners in French consider this course.*

OR

* 15 hours of French class per week at the **Institut Catholique de Paris**



L'Institut Catholique

The *Institut Catholique de Paris*, (ICP) an internationally recognized private French university, provides excellent French language instruction at all levels. Universities worldwide 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 **\$1050 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.*



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 finalized in June 2027. **All ESA group activities are included in the program fee.**



Cultural Activities

- ✓ Ticket to a ballet, opera or comedy performance
- ✓ *Éternelle Notre Dame*: a spectacular and immersive virtual reality journey through time to see the cathedral's birth and rebirth after the recent tragic fire
- ✓ A visit either to the Catacombs, spooky underground graveyard tunnels, or the Arc de Triomphe, Napoleon's stately tribute to France's military victories.
- ✓ 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.

- ✓ Giverny: wander through Monet's magnificent gardens followed by a visit to the Marmottan Monet Museum
- ✓ Reims: a charming town with deep history and a champagne cellar visit and tasting
- ✓ 3-day weekend trip to the Loire Valley with excursions to the elegant Chenonceau castle for a gourmet luncheon, the lovely gardens of Chaumont, and the captivating towns of Loches and Tours.

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 Carnavalet (Paris History) Petit Palais or Paris Liberation Museums.
- ✓ Faculty-guided walks focused on history, art, food and popular culture make your neighborhoods come to life

Tentative Schedule- <i>Dates Subject to Change</i>						
samedi Saturday	dimanche Sunday	lundi Monday	mardi Tuesday	mercredi Wednesday	jeudi Thursday	vendredi Friday
3 July ARRIVE PARIS <i>Departures from USA on July 2</i>	4 July Program Orientation Seine Boat Ride	5 July Classes Begin	6 July St. Germain or Montparnasse Walks	7 July Romeo & Juliet Opera	8 July Raymonda Classic Ballet	9 July Louvre Museum AFTERNOON CLASSES
10 July Day Trip: Giverny & Marmottan Monet Museum	11 July Market Potluck Museum Visits • Carnavalet • Petit Palais • Paris Liberation	12 July Giselle Contemporary Ballet	13 July Terroirs cheese tasting workshop Firemen's Balls	14 July Bastille Day Parade & Fireworks NO CLASSES	15 July AFTERNOON CLASSES	16 July How to Be Parisian in 1 Hour Comedy Show
17 July Reims Day Trip: Kings & Champagne	18 July FREE DAY	19 July Arc de Triomphe Visit Loire Preview -EJ	20 July Éternelle Notre Dame VR Experience	21 July Catacombs Visit Loire Preview- Condé	22 July Orsay Museum AFTERNOON CLASSES	23 July Chaumont: <i>Catherine's Revenge, Evening in Tours</i> Loire Valley
24 July Loches guided history tour & market visit Loire Valley Weekend	25 July Chenonceau Castle gourmet luncheon and entry	26 July Farewell Party & Talent Show	27 July Survival French & Creative Writing LAST DAY	28 July Free Day except for IC students	29 July Free Day except for IC students	30 July Institut Catholique LAST DAY
31 July Free Day	1 August Free Day	2 August Return to US End of Program				



PARIS: French Language, Civilization & Culture

July 3– August 2, 2027

Survival French: \$4650

Includes program fees 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: \$5700

Includes program fees, a twin room in one of our dorms, and language classes at the Institut Catholique.

Individual Tutoring Supplement: \$400

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

Single Room Upgrade: \$850

Upgrade to a single room for \$850; includes single room on Loire trip.

Group Flights Available from LAX or SFO: \$1460

ESA has arranged a group flight on Condor Airlines for the roundtrip price of \$1460. See esaparis.org for more information and details.



Chenonceau Castle, photo by Bert Kaufmann



Program Fees Include:

- ✓ **ESA Survival French course, Tuition at the *Institut Catholique de Paris* (\$1050 supplement), or Tutoring (\$400 supplement)**
- ✓ **All ESA excursions including transportation, hotel and activities on the Loire Valley weekend**
- ✓ **Museum / monument entry fees on ESA excursions in Paris and to Giverny and Reims**
- ✓ **Bus / metro pass for Paris**
- ✓ **Twin Accommodation and meal plan selected. Single rooms are an additional \$850.**
- ✓ **Special courses, activities and lectures organized by ESA**
- ✓ **Performance ticket to a ballet, opera or comedy show.**

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, medical, accident, baggage loss, personal liability, trip cancellation insurance [see insurance section above]; lunches, dinners in some dorms; US college tuition.

Refunds: If you cancel your registration, you will be refunded your paid fees less the following date-specific cancellation fee amount.

Cancellation Date	Cancellation Fee	Cancellation Date	Cancellation Fee
Before March 31	\$150	May 1 to May 15	\$2000
April 1 to April 15	\$500	May 16 to May 31	\$2500
April 16 to April 30	\$1000	June 1 or later	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.

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 are available at a supplement of \$850.

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, exclusive to ESA participants.

Optional Group Flight

ESA has arranged an optional group flight on Condor Airlines from LAX and SFO for \$1460. See esaparis.org for price. 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.

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, 2026. 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, 2027.

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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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, 2027.

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

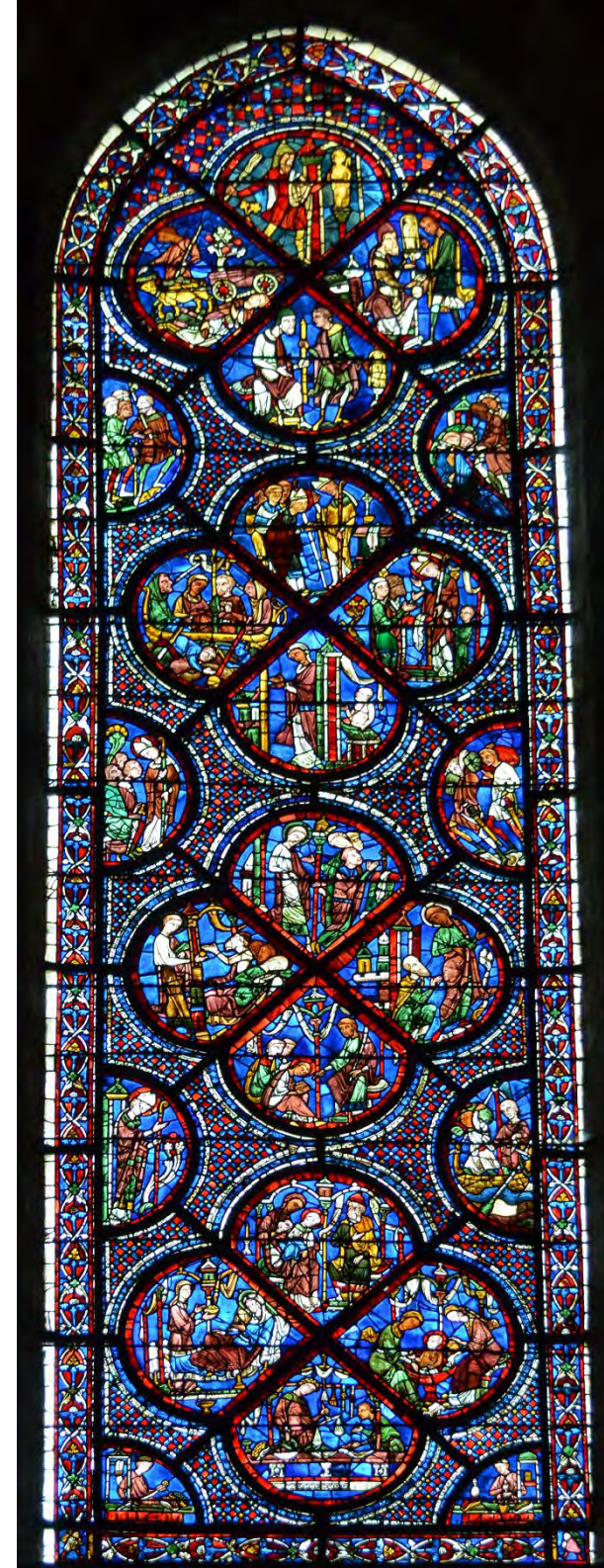
CANCELLATION FEES

Registrants who need to cancel will receive a refund of Program Fees paid after deducting the date-appropriate cancellation fee per the schedule below.

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Entrance to Abbesses by Steve Cadman

FACULTY LEADERS

The program is led by a team of eight professors: Dr. Tom Blair, Prof. Jennifer Saito, Prof. Jaklin Yermian, Dr. Lynn Vogel-Zuiderweg, Dr. Yollotl Lopez, 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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