



Summer Study in Paris

July 1-30, 2025

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 the heart of Paris in dorms near the Luxembourg Gardens or in family stays
- ◆ Pass for unlimited bus and metro use in the Paris region
- ◆ Unsurpassed cultural activities– museums, performances, cheese tasting, guided walks and more
- ◆ Ballet (*Sleeping Beauty*) or opera (*Barber of Seville* or *Les Brigands*)
- ◆ Guided visits to the Louvre and the Musée d'Orsay
- ◆ Weekend in picturesque Colmar with excursions to charming Alsatian villages and the Haut-Koenigsbourg Castle



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East Los Angeles College
Los Angeles Valley College

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www.esaparis.org

Free Zoom Previews (see website)!

*“A walk about Paris will provide lessons in history,
beauty, and in the point of life.”*

—Thomas Jefferson



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 2025**. 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-sixth 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—visits, lectures and walking tours.

We include the **Louvre**, the **Musée d'Orsay**, the iconic **Arc de Triomphe** and

Parisian neighborhoods, as well as an introduction to French history. On weekends we will also visit **Alsace** spending two nights in charming **Colmar**; visiting **Giverny** where Monet painted his waterlily masterpieces and enjoying a medieval knights' tournament in **Provins**.

We won't neglect daily life in Paris either. Additional activities include **gourmet meals**, a **ballet or opera ticket**, 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:

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

OR

* **Survival French** (a French culture and basic language program taught by ESA faculty). You will learn the basic French you'll need to speak 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.*

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 located in the St. Germain des Prés area in central Paris, very near 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 US, 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 **\$850 supplemental fee** associated with the *Institut Catholique* 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 2025. **All ESA group activities are included in the program fee.**



Cultural Activities

Experience Paris through your senses

- ✓ Ballet (*Sleeping Beauty*) or Opera (*Barber of Seville* or *Les Brigands*)
- ✓ Eternal Notre-Dame a virtual reality experience not to be missed
- ✓ Landscape painting: Learn how to sketch & watercolor with our in-house artist
- ✓ French specialties (terroir) with cheese-tasting
- ✓ Seine boat ride

Beyond Paris

Get out of town to visit iconic and unique locations

- ✓ Monet's gardens at Giverny (photo above)
- ✓ The medieval town of Provins with a knights' tournament
- ✓ Three-day trip to charming Alsace with two nights in Colmar and a visit to the Haut-Koenigsbourg Castle

Museum Visits

No waiting in line for tickets with ESA

- ✓ Musée du Louvre guided visit
- ✓ Musée d'Orsay guided visit
- ✓ Choice of the Orangerie, the Musée of Arts & Métiers or the Cluny

Rooms, Meals, Flights & Medical Insurance

Housing

Students stay in well-located dorms in the St. Germain-des-Prés area of Paris. Each dorm has comfortable community areas: lounge, TV room, student kitchen, library, etc. Each dorm provides either daily breakfast and dinner or breakfast only. 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 (\$300-650).

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. With your student ID, you can also use Paris university cafeterias.

Flying to Paris

ESA has arranged an optional group flight on French Bee Airlines from LAX and Lufthansa from 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. Info about shuttles and taxis will be discussed at orientation in May.

Medical Insurance Required

ESA participants must provide proof of medical insurance to cover against the cost of medical treatment abroad. You can do this by taking out a travel medical insurance policy or by using your own insurance (but it must be listed on your program contract). Consider adding travel insurance to cover flight delays and/or delayed luggage.

Please see website for more detailed information.



Provins Castle, photo by Erik Cooper



Claude Monet's Giverny house, photo by Michal Osmenda



Little Venice in Colmar, photo by Krzysztof Golik

Program Fees Include

✓ ESA Survival French course.

Or choose the *Institut Catholique* (+\$850), or Private Tutoring (\$250 supplement)

✓ Twin Accommodation and meal plan selected. Single rooms are an additional \$300-650.

✓ Special courses and lectures organized by ESA

✓ Performance ticket (opera or ballet)

✓ All ESA excursions including transportation, hotel and activities on the Alsace weekend

✓ Museum/ monument entry fees on ESA excursions

✓ 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, medical, 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, 2025, are subject to a \$150 cancellation fee. **Cancellations** postmarked April 1 to May 14, 2025 will be subject to a \$500 cancellation fee. Cancellations postmarked after May 14, 2025, will be subject to a \$1000 cancellation fee. Cancellations postmarked after May 31, 2025, are subject to a \$1800 cancellation fee. As of June 20, 2025 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

JULY 1– JULY 30, 2025



Option One- Survival French: \$4250

Includes program fees (see p. 6 for more information), twin room in one of our dorms, Survival French language classes.

Option Two- Institut Catholique: \$5100

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

Individual Tutoring Supplement: \$250

Meet with a French tutor for three hours/week for conversational, reading or writing practice.

Alternate Rooming Supplement Options

Upgrade to a single room (\$300-650); includes single room on weekend trip. A limited number of family stays (single rooms w/shared baths) are also available (\$350 supplement).

Group Flights Available from LAX or SFO

See esaparis.org for more information and prices.



Tentative Calendar

July 2025



lundi Monday	mardi Tuesday	mercredi Wednesday	jeudi Thursday	vendredi Friday	samedi Saturday	dimanche Sunday
	<i>1 July</i> Arrive Paris; settle into your dorm;	<i>2 July</i> Orientation; Neighborhood Walks; Seine Boat Ride	<i>3 July</i> Classes begin; Lunch at university cafeteria; Movie night	<i>4 July</i> Virtual Reality Eternal Notre Dame	<i>5 July</i> Visit Monet's Giverny garden and the Bizy Castle	<i>6 July</i> Museum Visits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orangerie • Arts & Métiers • Cluny
<i>7 July</i> Latin Quarter Walk Opera preview	<i>8 July</i> Luxembourg Garden Art Class; Opera: <i>Barber of Seville</i>	<i>9 July</i> Louvre Museum; Opera: <i>Les Brigands</i>	<i>10 July</i> Market Pot-luck; Ballet: <i>Sleeping Beauty</i>	<i>11 July</i> Arc de Triomphe visit	<i>12 July</i> Medieval Town of Provins with Knights' Tournament	<i>13 July</i> Free Day or Raspail Organic Market Visit
<i>14 July</i> Bastille Day Holiday	<i>15 July</i> Choice of Walks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fashion House Walk • Galeries Lafayette 	<i>16 July</i> Worth Fashion Exhibit, Petit Palais Alsace Preview	<i>17 July</i> Orsay Museum	<i>18 July</i> TGV to Colmar; Walking Tour of city; Group Dinner	<i>19 July</i> Haut Koenigsbourg Castle & Kayserberg	<i>20 July</i> Unterlinden Museum; Return to Paris
				<div>Alsace Weekend</div>		
<i>21 July</i> Talk: Lost Paris	<i>22 July</i> Art class at the <i>Places des Vosges</i>	<i>23 July</i> Talk: French Specialties (terroir) with cheese tasting	<i>24 July</i> Farewell Party	<i>25 July</i> Last day of Survival French Classes	<i>26 July</i> Free Weekend	<i>27 July</i> Free Weekend
<i>28 July</i> Free Day except for IC students	<i>29 July</i> Last IC day Free for all others	<i>30 July</i> Return to US End of Program				

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

Our faculty help introduce you to Paris (and French) life through its language, customs, history and culture. All our faculty have spent extensive time in Paris and speak French. 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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Colmar

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 17. 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, 2024. 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, 2025.

To apply, complete the online application on our website and pay the deposit online or fill out the application section below and mail your deposit check or credit card information for \$300 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. **All payments made via check, money order or Bill Pay will receive a 3% discount.** This includes group airfare, the base program fee and any optional upgrades such as single rooms etc. In addition, a 2% discount on the base program price of \$4250 is offered to all participants who pay all fees in full by March 1, 2025.

The balance of the fee is due April 1, 2025. 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, 2025. All prices reflect exchange rates in effect at the time of publication (September 2024) and are subject to change.

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Church spire, Eguisheim

ACADEMIC CREDIT ELIGIBILITY, REFUNDS APPLICATION & PAYMENT

APPLICATION

Please complete form and mail to address below **or** visit ESA website to complete this form [online](#).

I have read the brochure for the Summer Study in Paris 2025 program and wish to apply. I agree to the payment and refund schedule as indicated in the brochure. /2025/

Signature: _____

Name: ☐ Ms. ☐ Mr. _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

e-mail _____

Telephone _____

Flight plan (details at [esaparis.org](#)) ☐ Group Flight (LAX/ORY) ☐ Group Flight (SFO/CDG) ☐ I will make my own flight arrangements

Program selection: ☐ Survival French ☐ Institut Catholique (supplemental fee of \$850) ☐ Tutoring (supplemental fee of \$250)

I would like to earn **academic credit** from: ___ LAVC ___ ELAC

Lodging choice:

☐ Condé Dorm Twin _____ Single _____ (supplemental fee of \$650)

☐ Ste. Famille Dorm Twin _____ Single _____ (supplemental fee of \$300-\$650)

☐ Family stay (supplemental fee of \$350)

☐ Other: _____

If you wish to pay by credit card.: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Amex Card (Note that payments by check, money order or Bill Pay yield a 3% discount.)

Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature of cardholder _____ Card billing address Card billing Zip code: _____

Secure your reservation by providing a check for \$300 or your credit card information for a \$300 payment to: **ESA, 424 Dorado Ter, San Francisco, CA 94112-111**