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France Summer Program

Paris & Arcachon, France 



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OVERVIEW

For more than 30 years, the University of Iowa College of Law has operated an intellectually stimulating and culturally rewarding international and comparative law study abroad program in France. The program starts in Paris where students visit the courts and other institutions, while attending lectures from prominent judges and lawyers. The program then travels to Arcachon for the remainder of the stay. Arcachon is a scenic seaside town that is ideal for study and exposure to French culture. It is located less than one hour from Bordeaux, a major city and an area well known for its rich history and touristic appeal.

Dean Adrien K. Wing, Associate Dean for International and Comparative Law Programs and Bessie Dutton Murray Professor of Law, has been the program director for twenty years. She is one of the core faculty members in Iowa's major specialty in international and comparative law. In addition to acting as Program Director, Dean Wing teaches the program's second course, "Law in the Muslim World." Michael Amado, a Parisian lawyer, teaches "Introduction to French Law," and the final course is selected and taught each year by visiting faculty from the University of Iowa. For summer 2022, Associate Dean Emily Hughes and adjunct professor/Iowa City Chief Public Defender Peter Persaud will teach "Comparative Criminal Procedure."

For more information on the France program, visit our [website](#), download this brochure, and view the program's [Facebook page](#). Additionally, you may contact Dean Wing, any of the program instructors listed below, students who have attended before, or the program assistant, Amanda Bibb. Contact information is provided at the end of this brochure.

PROGRAM DATES

The 2022 program will run from May 17 - June 17, 2022.

APPLICATION AND FEES

This program is open to law students who are attending ABA accredited schools and have completed their first year. In 2019, 15 students attended—12 from The University of Iowa and three from other law schools. We were also pleased to welcome the partner of one of our students, who joined the group in many of our social activities. The program was not offered in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID pandemic. Students from other accredited American law schools are welcome and often join our program.

The cost of the program is \$7700, which includes tuition for 3 courses; housing in Paris and Arcachon; group activities such as city tours in Paris and Arcachon; an opening dinner and a good-bye meal; an Arcachon bay cruise; a Dune de Pyla tour; and small group meals. The financial aid budget includes the previously mentioned costs plus money for transportation, food, books, insurance and other incidental expenses. If a student will be accompanied for all or part of the program by a non-participant, a separate fee will apply for housing and program activities. Please contact the program director for more information on this option.

Applications and deposits will be accepted beginning January 1, 2022. All applications must be accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of \$200, which will be applied toward the academic program fee. The remainder of the program fee, \$7500, is payable on or before April 20, 2022. Options for payment are indicated on the application. Those students not attending University of Iowa College of Law must submit a certificate of good standing from their school's registrar as soon as possible after being notified of acceptance into the program.

Deadline for submission of applications is March 1, 2022. Late applications may be accepted at the discretion of the program director, but students are encouraged to apply early.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Courses

All courses are taught in English, with American and French instructors. None of the courses offered have prerequisites. After four days in Paris, the program will settle at the Villa Regina Hotel in Arcachon, which provides both housing and a classroom for the program. Classes take place in the hotel's solarium. The program also maintains an office in the hotel, which is utilized by the Program Director and program faculty. French speaking research assistants complete the staff.

The [schedule of classes](#) can be found on the [program website](#).

The following courses are offered for Summer 2022:

Introduction to the Law of France *(with an Emphasis on Labor Law) (2 s.h. credit)*

This two-unit course will introduce the students to the laws of France, their characteristic features, and the role of France's main institutions. The subjects will include Civil Law, Contracts, Tort, Family Law, Commercial Law, Criminal Law and Labor Law. As part of the course, we will visit a French law school, a Paris court, and the National Judge School (ENM) in Bordeaux.

Taught by [Michael Amado](#), Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Paris; Avocat à la Cour, Amado-Cabinet D'Avocats, Paris, LLM, MBA (University of Paris I Sorbonne)

Law in the Muslim World *(2 s.h. credit)*

This course will survey a selection of the various types of laws existing in the nearly 60 countries of the Muslim world. The subjects will include: Islamic law; unwritten customary law; civil law including constitutional, commercial, and criminal law; international human rights law, particularly women's rights, and a case study on the right to self-determination; and public international law relating to terrorism.

Taught by Program Director [Adrien Wing](#), Associate Dean for International and Comparative Law Programs, Bessie Dutton Murray Distinguished Professor of Law, University of Iowa College of Law, AB (Princeton), MA (UCLA), JD (Stanford)

Comparative Criminal Procedure (2 s.h. credit)

This course compares and analyzes the criminal procedure systems in France and the United States through hands-on exercises and discussion. The class begins by investigating a simulated crime scene. Assuming roles in France and the United States (such a prosecutor, defense attorney, and judge), students take charge of the prosecution and defense of the individual(s) alleged to have committed the crime. Conducting simultaneous prosecutions in France and the United States in order to understand each criminal procedure system—from investigation through pre-trial and trial—students will analyze and compare the roles of the prosecutor, defense attorney, judge, jury, and police in both countries.

Co-taught by [Emily Hughes](#), Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, University of Iowa College of Law Professor and Bouma Fellow in Law, AB (University of Michigan), MA (Yale), JD (University of Michigan) in conjunction with [Peter Persaud](#), Adjunct Professor and Iowa City Chief Public Defender, BA (Iowa), and JD (Drake)

Credits

Each of the courses counts for 2 semester hours of credit. Those attending law schools using the quarter system should speak with their school's administrators to determine the equivalent credit hours. Students are required to enroll in a minimum of two courses. There is no difference in the program fee, however, regardless of the number of courses selected.

Grading policies in the program will be the same as regular courses of study at the University of Iowa College of Law. Details are outlined on our website's [Grading and Class Ranking Policy page](#). Regular class attendance and class participation are required. Grades may be determined by various methods including a final examination, class participation, and other exercises.

Non-Iowa law students should consult with their own schools about transfer of credits earned in the program; transfer credit and grades are subject to acceptance by the student's school. It is unlikely that participation in this, or any, summer session at another law school may be used to accelerate graduation. Students should consult with their home school concerning this matter.

Knowledge of French

Participants are not required to speak French. All academic work (instructions and examinations) will be in English. However, a minimal knowledge of French will greatly enhance the experience of living in France. Participants lacking knowledge of French might consider taking introductory French lessons prior to departure. Limited French lessons may be offered in Arcachon through the program. In addition to the program director, French-speaking research assistants will also be available to help students. Computer or phone apps like Duolingo or Busuu may be helpful in exposing you to French ahead of time. Google translate or other apps can assist you in France as well.

Co-Curricular Activities

Co-curricular events may include trips to: a Paris trial court, Bar Association, a law school, or National

Assembly, Senate; Bordeaux trial court; Bordeaux Court of Appeals; and the National Judge School (ENM). Guest speakers may also provide their personal perspectives on topics related to the courses.

Non-Academic Activities

Non-academic activities will include: a tour of Paris; a tour of Arcachon; a visit to Europe's tallest sand dune at Pyla; Arcachon Bay boat cruise; faculty-student small group meal; Paris opening dinner; and a good-bye meal in Arcachon. Students may organize a group trip to the Bordeaux wine country. Students may also wish to travel over the weekends while in France. In the past, students have visited Greece, Ireland, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, London, Denmark, and Spain, as well as Nice, Normandy, and Monaco.

PREPARATION MANUAL

The Student Preparation Manual provides information to assist students after their acceptance into the program. The Preparation Manual can be downloaded from this brochure or from the website. It has very specific information to assist you with all the details of getting ready for the trip.

[Participant Manual](#) [pdf]

FINANCING YOUR TRIP

Students may apply for financial aid to cover the program fee, transportation, and the cost-of-living expenses. Students must make arrangements for financial assistance through their school's financial aid office. The students' school may also have other financial assistance available.

The University of Iowa College of Law also participates in consortium loan agreements. Students attending law schools other than the University of Iowa should send their consortium forms to:

Mr. Bob Upmeyer
University of Iowa Financial Aid Office
208 [Calvin Hall](#)
Iowa City, Iowa 52242
Tel.: 319-335-3950 Fax: 319-335-3060
robert-upmeyer@uiowa.edu

INSURANCE

In accordance with university policy, students traveling abroad through a University of Iowa sponsored program must be registered with the Office of Study Abroad and enrolled in a University international health insurance policy provided through Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI). Students will be billed for this policy at a cost of \$1.21 per day for the duration of the trip. Cost of the insurance is calculated into the student financial aid budget. See details of the policy at the [University of Iowa Office of Study Abroad website](#).

PASSPORT AND STUDENT ID CARD

Participants who do not have a valid passport should apply for one promptly. Please note that visas are not required of U.S. citizens for entry into France in connection with stays of less than 90 days. If you are not a U.S. citizen, you should contact the [French Consulate](#) at once to determine what steps you may need to take to obtain a visa to enter France. Do not delay.

Students may also choose to apply for an International Student Identity Card (ISIC). These cards may provide you student discounts at some museums and other tourist attractions. A University of Iowa or other university student ID may get you many of the same discounts, but the International Student Identity Card offers some exclusive discounts that might make it worth getting. There is no age limit to get a card and all that is required is that you are a full-time student. For more information about the International Student ID, contact the [Study Abroad Office](#) or visit the [ISIC website](#).

For those students who are **not** from the University of Iowa, ISIC cards may also be obtained from your respective universities; you are encouraged to check with your Registrar or university study abroad office.

HOUSING

In 2022, the program will begin in Paris. The group will stay in Paris from May 17 until May 21, then travel together to Arcachon to live at the Hotel Villa Regina until June 17. Detailed information will be provided on the Paris housing when these arrangements are finalized in the spring. In Arcachon, participants may choose to live in a single or double occupancy apartment at the Villa Regina. Those considering single occupancy apartments should be aware that there may be a significant additional cost for this option. Contact [Amanda Bibb](#) for additional information if you are interested.

The Hotel Villa Regina is a beautiful facility located at 11 allée Corrigan in the “winter village” section of Arcachon. Each apartment has a bedroom or bedroom area, bathroom, toilet, equipped kitchenette, refrigerator, microwave, and television. Housing costs are included in the program fee, and includes weekly cleaning service, linen change, and Wi-Fi. The hotel has a beautiful solarium for study and leisure activities, as well as an outdoor swimming pool. It is located a short distance from the scenic Mauresque Park, downtown Arcachon, and the beachfront. Laundry services are available. The hotel has a wheelchair accessible entrance, hallways, elevator, and wheelchair accessible bedrooms, as well. There is free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel, which is also non-smoking. More information about the hotel is [available here](#).

FOOD

All apartments include equipped kitchen facilities. Groceries may be somewhat expensive in Arcachon compared to the United States. There are several nearby grocery stores. Students should allocate at least \$100 per week for food (\$500 for the entire program); more if one eats out with any frequency.

There are also many sandwich shops and bakeries where small meals or snacks can be had for \$5-10.

The average price of a modest lunch or dinner at an Arcachon restaurant was about \$15 to \$20 in 2019. In addition, those interested in sampling the renowned French gourmet cuisine will have several restaurants to choose from, but at a somewhat higher cost.

Participants should remember that out-of-pocket expenses in France may fluctuate depending upon the daily fluctuations in exchange rates between dollars and euros.

TRANSPORTATION

Participants must arrange and pay for their own transportation, including transportation between Paris and Arcachon. While airfare can be purchased at your convenience, train tickets from Paris to Arcachon should not be purchased prior to notification by the program director. All students must travel to Arcachon as a group and the director will provide the necessary information when itinerary details are finalized in the Spring. The train trip from Paris to Bordeaux takes about 2.5 hours via the high-speed T.G.V. Then you will switch to a local train to Arcachon, which takes another hour. Alternatively, you may purchase a Eurail Pass and utilize it for the trip between Arcachon and Paris. You will still be required to travel with the group, but may utilize the Pass when you are provided with the itinerary. The cost of airfare and train travel will be part of the financial aid budget.

Participants should fly into one of the Paris airports, and arrive no later than Tuesday, May 17. If you arrive earlier than the 17th and want to stay at the program hotel, which will be chosen in the early spring, let Dean Wing know. She may be able to book you there at your own expense until the program starts paying for your room on the 17th.

If you plan to return to the United States directly after the program, there are two options:

First: You must check out of the Arcachon Villa Regina hotel on June 17th no later than 11am. You will then take a train up to Paris, but by the time you get there, almost all planes to the US will probably have left for the day. Thus, you will probably have to spend the night in Paris at your own expense before your June 18th flight. Some people stay downtown so they can hang out on the 17th evening. Some people may stay at a Paris airport hotel, so they can just rest and be close to the terminal for their June 18th morning flight. There are many hotels at every price point at the airport. One common choice is the IBIS Roissypole. For security reasons, in the past, there has been no actual camping out in the terminal.

Second: You will notice the schedule states the last exam and evaluations are on June 16th, and there is the possibility of early check out. Thus, a second option for your return to the US is to leave Arcachon by train on the 16th in the afternoon. You will arrive in Paris that evening and probably will still need a hotel at your own expense. Some people then fly on the morning of the 17th instead of the 18th. Some people may stay 2 nights in Paris and leave on the 19th.

During the month of February, some airlines often offer discount fares for their summer flights. Absent discounted fares, ticket consolidators usually have relatively inexpensive tickets for flights from Chicago to Paris via Air France or other carriers. These fares often provide greater flexibility in arranging return flights (e.g., from a European city other than Paris, or without trip-length limitations that often apply to traditional airline tickets). Many students also use websites like Student Universe or Kayak.com to find cheaper rates for flights; however, these are often inflexible and it will be difficult if you want to change

your return ticket.

Eurail passes are often useful, especially if the student expects to travel before or after the academic program. Students must purchase these passes in the United States before departure for Europe and the price will depend on the number of countries visited. Also, it is usually possible to purchase reduced-fare group and youth (age 27 and under) passes in France. These fares often include date and time restrictions.

Travel agencies are a good source of information regarding flight availability, Eurail passes, and ticket prices. In addition, reduced fares may be available when purchased directly from the airlines online, or from online ticket consolidators.

COVID: check with your airline as to any restrictions requiring proof of COVID vaccination or a negative test within a certain time period before departure. Also check to see if France (and any other country you plan to visit) has put restrictions on people coming from the United States or Americans. Alternatively, the United States may have restrictions on Americans traveling to France or other countries.

Due to possibilities of flight changes or cancellations in the post-COVID world, you should definitely consider purchasing a refundable ticket or flight insurance. Check coverage carefully !!!

ACCESSIBILITY

France, like many European countries, has many older buildings that do not meet newer accessibility standards. Some parts of Arcachon are fully accessible. The Villa Regina hotel where everyone will stay and where classes are held is fully accessible. Students requiring assistance with flights should make requests directly through the airline. French trains, buses, taxis and many tourist attractions are not usually accessible. **Any student needing accommodation should contact Dean Wing prior to submitting the application.**

INTERNET ACCESS

Free wireless internet access is provided in the Paris hotel and in the Arcachon Villa Regina. Internet is also available at many other locations throughout both cities, and there is an Arcachon city Wi-Fi that is expanding its coverage in public areas.

MORE INFORMATION

Interested in learning more about Arcachon? Information is available about the city and surrounding areas here:

[Arcachon Tourism](#)

CANCELLATION

The \$200 program deposit is normally nonrefundable. The remainder of the program fee is normally nonrefundable after April 20, except in case of certifiable personal medical emergency. If the program cancels, the deposit and any program fees will be refunded. Program cancellation due to COVID could be affected by State Department announcements, Iowa State Regents or University of Iowa pronouncements.

Although the program has never been canceled other than the COVID-related cancellations in 2020 and 2021, the University of Iowa College of Law reserves the right to cancel the program should circumstances warrant such, including lack of sufficient registrations, or acts of war. In the event of cancellation, all fees and deposits paid will be refunded within twenty days of the cancellation. The program director will assist the students in finding another suitable program, if the students so desire and such programs exist.

SECURITY

Terrorism remains a worldwide potential problem, and there is currently a U.S. State Department global worldwide caution for all Americans. For up-to-date information about travel, security, and health conditions, visit the [U.S. State Department Consular Information Page for France](#).

If the State Department issues an alert or warning applicable to France before or during the program, we will notify all participants. If a student withdraws prior to the commencement of the program due to an alert or warning, the student will receive a full refund of all monies advanced within twenty days of their withdrawal. If a student withdraws during the course of the program due to an alert or warning, or if the program is terminated, students will be refunded fees paid, except for room and board payments utilized prior to the date of termination or withdrawal.

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