

Undergraduate Course Policy: NYU in France Academic Year 2008-2009

1. Students will usually take 18 credits (4 courses @ 4 credits each, plus 2 credits for the obligatory Workshop in French Language and Culture). Students who wish to enroll for more than 18 credits will be asked to pay additional registration fees, with the exception of students in intensive French language courses (see below).

All students will take a minimum of 12 credits. Beginning and Intermediate students taking a 6-credit intensive language course will take a minimum of 14 credits.

Beginning and Intermediate students taking a 6-credit intensive language course and who wish to take 3 additional courses during the semester for a total of 20 credits, may do so at no extra cost by having the 2 credits from the Preliminary Course incorporated into their semester-long language course. In these instances, the Preliminary Course will not appear on the student's transcript but will be counted as extra credit toward the semester-long language course and may raise the semester grade one step (B+ to A-, for example).

Students whose universities do not accept 2 credit courses must nevertheless take the Preliminary Course. In these instances credits from the Preliminary Course will not appear on the student's transcript but will be counted as extra credit toward the semester-long language course, and may help boost the semester grade one step (from B+ to A-, for example).

2. All NYU in France students will take at least one French language course at the appropriate level for credit and a grade in order to help them achieve their highest level of proficiency. Students who are already quite fluent may be exempted from taking a language course *but only with permission of his/her academic advisor*.

3. Students may take one course pass-fail (provided it is not a language course and provided this does not conflict with their major or minor requirements).

4. Students may audit any course, other than a language course, at the NYU Center, after having discussed auditing procedures with the professor of the course. Students may also audit courses in the University of Paris system at the universities where NYU has reciprocity agreements.

5. Students at the level of "Conversation and Composition" or higher are encouraged to take a course (or courses) in French if they find, on consultation with their academic advisor, that their level of French is high enough to allow them to succeed in the course.

6. Students at the level of "Spoken Contemporary French" or "Written Contemporary French" or higher are encouraged not to take any courses in English. These students will be allowed, however, to take one content course in English if they can demonstrate a specific need to take such a course to fulfill their major requirements.

7. Students at a very advanced level of French may take up to three courses within the University of Paris system; but they must take at least one course at NYU in France. Most students who enter the University of Paris system will take one or two courses only and the rest of the courses at NYU in France.

8. Motivated students at the "Conversation and Composition" level or lower may take a course in English (literature or Anglo-American civilization) at the University of Paris in an Anglo-American Studies Department.

9. Independent Studies: There are very few independent studies available to students at NYU in France, but students may carry through on projects with professors at their home universities. Students interested in conducting an independent study in Paris must do so on a topic that falls within the competency of permanent staff members at NYU-France (French and Francophone literature, language and culture; anthropology, and social/cultural history.)

10. Science and math courses: There are major incompatibilities between science education in France and in the United States. We can guarantee no courses in math or in the hard sciences. Students are encouraged to take these courses in the United States.

11. Limited courses in photography, dance, and painting are available to students at specialized fine arts schools in Paris. Students will be asked to pay extra for such courses to the schools in question.

12. Only studio arts majors and minors will be allowed to take studio art courses for credit.

13. *Science Po. (Institut des Sciences Politiques)* Only the most advanced students in French can take courses at Science Po. Only the five most qualified students will be enrolled each semester.

14. No language courses, other than French, can be taken for credit. (Literature and culture courses in another language may be taken for credit.)

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