

NYU in Paris

Fall 2009 pre-departure orientation



Preparing to Go

Destination : Paris, France

- You will be living abroad, be prepared to manage your life in much more complex ways than when you travel for vacation. **This needs to be addressed before you depart.**
- **Do your research** about the city and areas you will be traveling to—familiarize yourself with local norms as much as possible before you arrive.
- Take advantage of the resources available to you. Use the **Admitted Students** website, talk to NYU **Global Ambassadors** and the **Global Programs** staff, read your **guide book** and weekly **What's Next Wednesday** emails!
- The vast majority of questions are addressed in the materials we provide for you. *Global Programs and the NYU in Paris staff expect you to read this information.*



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The FIAP



Your first few days will be spent at the FIAP - your temporary orientation housing. You will receive your permanent assignment your second or third day at the FIAP.



You must arrive in Paris no later than the early afternoon of September 8, 2009.

A mandatory orientation program begins that afternoon.

Courses

- For the list of all classes offered at the NYU-Paris Center, please consult online at <http://www.nyu.edu/fas/program/nyuinparis/undergrad.html>
 - We do our best to ensure that courses within each program do not overlap. In this way students can take all the courses of their choice within either Program I or Program II.
 - If ever there are too many students in a class, we generally open a second section. All classes are open to all students assuming they have the appropriate language level.
 - All students will meet with an advisor at NYU-Paris upon their arrival to confirm their course selection.
- Students in Program II have the option of taking classes in French at NYU-Paris as well as at the Universités de Paris (I, III, VII, X) and at the prestigious Sciences-Politiques de Paris.
- Students in Program I have the option of taking classes in English in Departments of Anglophone Studies at the Université of Paris VII and X.
- You can find the most recent University of Paris courses taken by NYU-P students online at http://www.nyu.edu/fas/program/nyuinparis/ug_up_courses.html
- Université de Paris and Sciences-Politiques classes will be chosen by you and your advisor once you arrive in Paris.

NYU in France Course Policy

“Students attending New York University Study Abroad are expected to show both within and without the University such respect for order, morality, personal honor, and the rights of others as is demanded of good citizens. Failure to do this will be sufficient cause for removal from the Study Abroad Programs.”

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.
Students whose universities do not accept 2 credit courses must nevertheless take the Preliminary Course. In these instances credits from the Preliminary Course will be counted as extra credit in the student’s semester-long language courses, and may help boost the semester grade one step (from B+ to A-, for example).
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 18 credits, Preliminary Course credits not included) may do so by having the 2 credits from the Preliminary Course incorporated into their semester-long language course. In these instances, the Preliminary Course will be counted as extra credit and may raise the semester grade one step (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 fluent in French may be exempted from taking a language course.
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. *Science Po. (Institut des Sciences Politiques)* Only students with an advanced level of French can take courses at Science Po. They must receive at least a 12 (out of 20) on the language proficiency exam they will take at the NYU Center. Only the five most qualified students will be enrolled each semester.
13. Only studio arts majors and minors will be allowed to take studio art courses for credit.
14. No language courses, other than French, can be taken for credit. (Literature and culture courses in another language may be taken for credit.)



Computer Information



COMPUTER LAB AND LAPTOP COMPUTERS :

The NYU in France Center is equipped with 15 computer terminals. These computers are located in the basement-level library and have full word processing and Internet capabilities.

Students abide by a "sign-up" system to reserve the terminals in 45-minute increments (you can sign up for 2 at a time).

If you have your own laptop computer, **we strongly advise you to bring it to Paris.** We have a **WIRELESS NETWORK** throughout the Center. This WIFI network will give you printer and internet access throughout the Center and the gardens. Your computer **must** be compatible with WIFI 802.11 B and G protocols. It is also possible to connect your laptop to our network if it is equipped with an RJ-45 network adaptor.



In some cases it is possible to arrange for Internet access where you will be housed in Paris— we have some good addresses of Paris-based Internet providers that you will find in your "Living in Paris" Guide (which you will receive during orientation). If you are a customer of AOL, for example, you may even have access to a local Paris number for dial-up networking.

Due to the proportionally small numbers of terminals, we impose certain restrictions during midterm and final exam periods so that students needing to use the computers for their school work have priority.

Housing



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- The deadline for completing NYU housing webforms is **May 30th**.

Each demand for NYU housing is taken very seriously; therefore, if you have submitted your form in but have since found independent housing, you must notify the Housing Coordinator immediately (otherwise, a Parisian landlord will be expecting you in September).


- **Rest assured that the needs and preferences specified on your housing form are considered very carefully in the placement process.** Don't hesitate to contact the Housing Coordinator if you feel that pertinent information has been omitted from your housing form: Amanda.Herold@nyu.edu.
- You will not pay for NYU in Paris housing via your NYU term bill. Instead, **you will pay rent in Euros each month.** You will be expected to pay a security deposit with your first month's rent, so remember that when planning your budget.

Cultural Activities

- Museum Visits
- Walking Tours
- Theatre
- Ballet
- Opera
- Conferences
- Ciné Club
- Day trips
- Weekends



To give you an idea of what's in store for the Fall semester, here is a page from the Fall 2008 cultural events calendar.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 12	November 13	November 14	November 15	November 16	November 17	November 18
		18h30 Conférence sur l'oeuvre <i>Il Sant'Assisio</i> Avec Ch. Von Koehler et des membres de l'équipe 21h00 Scène Théâtre <i>Rodrigo Garcia</i> Théâtre du Rond Point Avenue Franklin Roosevelt Métro Roosevelt bus Land 9	Conférence "Les trois soirs" Conférence de Christophe Galfand 19h30, salle 6	10h00, Visite de l'Union Européenne Occidentale 43, avenue du Président Wilson Métro Iéna	10h00 Séminaire littéraire et cinéma : "Sacha Guitry et le cinéma", avec Marc Cerisuelo, salle 6	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 19	November 20	November 21	November 22	November 23	November 24	November 25
19h30 Bibliothèque Lecture par le groupe Atlas d'ex- traits de l'oeuvre de J.P. Lagarde	18h Séminaire ETOS "Les technologies de la sécurité et leur ac- ceptabilité en ques- tion" par P.A.Chardel 54 bd Raspail, salle 214	Opéra Il Goe'Alonso Mise en scène de Benjamin Lantier Théâtre des Champs Elysées	 THANKSGIVING !! 20h00 au restaurant Sud-Ouest 40, rue Montagne Ste. Geneviève 75005 Paris Métro Mairie de Montreuil		Battuta de Zingaro Fort d'Aubervilliers	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 26	November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30	DECEMBER 1	December 2
Mandatory Meeting for All-Year Students	Conférence: "Mémoire résistante" avec Michel Wievorka & Fabrice Virgili 19h30, salle 6 10h00 Cours sur Casse Noventa Avec Prof Von Koehler salle 13 18h30 ANW Casse Noventa de Tchaikowski Opéra Baude Métro Iéna 1, 5 and 8	<i>Cours de classe</i> <i>Un chapeau de paille</i> Théâtre de Chaillot, 20h50 Métro Trocadéro Cours-partie <i>Le malade imaginaire</i> Comédie française	Concert Eglise St Germain des prés Mozart 20h50	scène Théâtre <i>Insigne roi</i> de Julien Costes Théâtre de l'Opéra Parisien 1 place Bernard Palissy, 92100 Métro Sotogno Pré de St Cloud Ligne 10		20h30 Les Fables de la Fontaine Comédie française 27/11/2007



Banking in Paris

Upon arrival, and with assistance from the NYU in Paris staff, students may open a non-resident bank account with the local HSBC office in close vicinity of NYU in Paris. You will be able to obtain a checkbook and a withdrawal card that will allow you to withdraw funds anywhere in France. It takes about 2 weeks for your bank account to become completely operative. We advise that you avoid depositing US checks, especially personal checks, into this account because they take up to 20 days to clear at a high service charge. You can deposit and withdraw euros and traveler's checks in euros at any time. You can also have money wired to your account in Paris. As in the U.S., you earn interest on savings accounts. **Please note also that, as in the U.S., negative balances are prohibited in France.**

In addition, you will need to provide **proof of housing in the United States** in order to open your bank account in France. Therefore, please bring the following with you from the States:

- A recent electricity or water bill (less than 3 months old)
- If the bill is under your parents' name, your parents must write a letter affirming:

"I, Mr./Mrs. _____ certify that Miss/Mr. _____
is our daughter/son and that s/he lives with us at the following address in the United
States: _____"

Student Visa

- It is critical you start this process as soon as possible. Begin to secure any documentation of a personal nature which is required immediately.
- Guidelines on how to apply for a visa are posted at www.nyu.edu/studyabroad
- Make copies of all documents (when you receive them, when you submit them, when you receive your visa, and before your departure!)
- NYU Global Programs can offer you guidance, but it is your responsibility to secure the visa and meet all deadlines.

Webforms and Blackboard

- **Webforms** is a system that allows you to submit information on-line AND check the status of almost all information we need from you. ALL YOUR INFORMATION EXCEPT MEDICAL HISTORY AND TRAVEL RELEASE IS SUBMITTED VIA WEBFORMS.
- **NOTE:** YOU CAN SAVE INFORMATION BEFORE YOU SUBMIT, BUT ONCE YOU CLICK SUBMIT THE INFORMATION IS “FINAL” AND CANNOT BE RESUBMITTED - INCLUDING HOUSING.

www.nyu.edu/studyabroad/ghana/admitted.students.html

******* All forms – EXCEPT HOUSING - are due by JUNE 30th *******

- Like NYU in New York, NYU in Paris uses Blackboard. This shell will be your primary source for information about the site.
- Log in through NYUHome - Academics Tab. Keep checking Blackboard throughout the summer!

Health Insurance

- You will need to bring all of your insurance and medical information with you to Paris. Make sure you also bring copies of any prescription medications you are currently taking.
- International health insurance is a requirement of enrollment. All admitted students will receive HTH Worldwide Insurance for the duration of their study abroad program free of charge. HTH Worldwide is an international health insurance plan. It is your responsibility to understand the details of your plan. Information contained in your acceptance packet.
- We highly recommend you have an effective US-based insurance policy while you are in France in the rare event that you would need to fly home for any unexpected or on-going medical treatment.
- You will not have to pay on-site for any medical treatment you receive in France. This is to assist with immediate treatment and access. In some instances, you may need to pay for medical care you received abroad once you return to the United States.

Safety & Security

All students studying abroad through NYU and will receive “International Evacuation Service.” It is mandatory and will appear on your NYU tuition bill as “International Evacuation Service” for \$79.00 per semester.

We REQUIRE your assistance with safety/security:

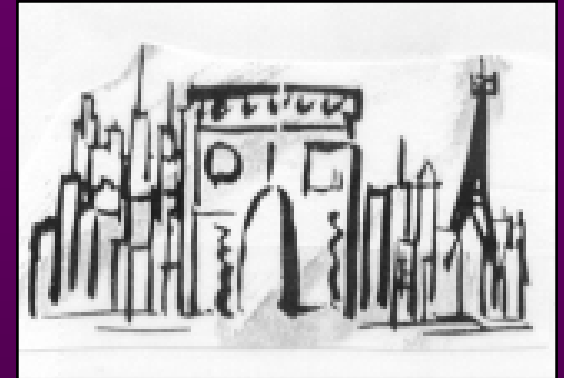
- Follow all staff recommendations.
- Advise staff if procedures are not being followed.
- Show caution in who you bring to the residences; accompany anyone you bring
- ALWAYS lock your doors and store your valuables.
- Avoid going out alone at night.
- Do NOT become complacent.

Remember, in large part personal safety depends upon your actions and the situations/circumstances you put yourself into!

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