About the Faculty Program Advisors

Benjamin Hirt is a French instructor at Wright State University. Ben earned an M.A. degree from the University of Kentucky, and is A.B.D from the Ohio State University. Formerly a student in France and Quebec, Ben has a very personal connection to the life-altering importance of study abroad. He has also taught in France and Switzerland, and has led numerous student trips to both countries since 2002.

Marie Hertzler, PhD, is chair of the Department of Modern Languages and Associate Professor of French. She has studied, traveled and worked in Quebec, studied and led academic programs in France, and directed study abroad in the French-speaking part of Switzerland. She is an enthusiastic supporter of study trips abroad and believes that the world as the classroom fosters in-depth cultural and linguistic, life-changing learning.

Academic Credit

Students will register for three credit hours in one of the following:
ML 3500 Ambassador Program Abroad (for undergraduate students who have studied beginning French)
FR 3500 French Immersion Quebec Ambassador Program (for undergraduate students who have completed intermediate French, FR 2020)
FR 6030 French Immersion Quebec Ambassador Program (for graduate students)

The topics covered in the course include history, culture and language. Prior to each visit, students will complete short readings to be discussed as a group. During excursions, they will participate in interactive activities and talks for maximum engagement. Each of these experiences will be followed up by a variety of group and self-reflections. Students will use French in all group settings in order to have a true language immersion experience.

Free time, particularly in the evenings, allows participants to relax and explore additional areas of interest at their own pace.

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WSU Ambassador Program

Summer B
June 19 - July 2, 2017
Come explore the rich history and cultural heritage of French in North America on this two-week adventure in Montreal and Quebec City!

Experience life in Quebec past and present, by retracing the audacious steps of such founders of New France as Jacques Cartier and Samuel de Champlain to the glory of the French monarchy. Discover the incredible and inspiring role that contact with Native American Peoples played in the development of la Belle Province and break bread in a traditional Huron village in Wendake. Explore the glorious Notre Dame of Montreal cathedral and learn about the powerful role of the Catholic Church in the growth of a population of French speakers whose idiom led to illustrious struggles with the British and English speakers of Canada. Discover Quebec’s natural beauty at the majestic Montmorency Waterfall, Bio-Dome, Botanical Gardens, and vistas along the striking Saint Lawrence Seaway. Live the artistic facets of Quebecker culture—attend a Cirque-du-Soleil-inspired outdoor performance and navigate a labyrinth of lively street art. Eat from the melting pot of traditional and modern cuisine of Quebec in the historic and trendy neighborhoods of Montreal and Quebec City!

Cost & Enrollment Deadlines

The program cost is $1480. This includes housing, transportation within Quebec, entrance fees, all meals, and health and accident insurance. Not included: bus, car or airfare to and from Montreal, tuition, passport application costs, and personal expenses. An application fee of $100 and a deposit of $250 are due at the time of application, and both are non-refundable. The final payment of $1230 is due by January 2, 2017. The UCIE reserves the right to adjust the program price up to 10%.

Meals & Accommodations

The program provides all meals and a variety of eating experiences to discover local foods. Choices will range from food trucks and outdoor markets to sit-down meals with the group as well as a meal prepared with a Quebecker family. Students will have single rooms in the heart of Montreal in a dormitory of the University of Quebec, and will have a roommate in the dorms at Laval University in Quebec City.

Eligibility

The course is open to Undergraduate and Graduate students. Acceptance into the program will be based upon several factors including a 2.5 GPA, an interview with the program advisors, motivation, and interest in the program.