**Georgetown University Summer Study Abroad**

# Tours, France

**Program Dates**
June 8 - July 23, 2016

**Language**
French

**Requirements**
This program is open to undergraduate and graduate students (from Georgetown or other colleges and universities) who are not full beginners in French, preferably with at least a 2.7 GPA.

**Open to non-GU students**
Yes

**Tuition and Fees**
The program cost for summer 2016 is $8,300. Program fees include tuition, room and board (homestay with two meals daily), academic fees, health insurance, and official field trips/activities costs. Transportation to/from Tours, passport fees, any additional meals, and other individual expenses are not included in this cost.

**Application Deadlines**
December 3, 2015 and February 4, 2016

**Apply Online at:**
studyabroad.georgetown.edu

## Program Description

Georgetown University’s Office of Global Education and Department of French & Francoophone Studies are offering a six week academic program in Tours, France, which provides participants with an exciting opportunity to experience French language and culture first hand in an immersion environment.

### Site and Accommodation

Located in the fabled Loire Valley, Tours combines the advantages of small-town size and large-town amenities (shopping, museums, festivals), with Old-World charm: the historic town center, with its 15th- and 16th-century half-timber houses, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Students stay in a hotel for the first two nights in Tours, then with a host family for the remainder of the program. Hosts provide lodging, two meals a day (breakfast and dinner), and laundry facilities. We do our very best to accommodate student's lifestyle or health-related requests such as nonsmoking environments or special dietary needs.

### Field Trips and Co-curricular Activities

The Georgetown program includes a number of co-curricular activities:

- Trips to several historical sites in/near Tours and in the Loire Valley region (Amboise, Chambord, Chenonceau, just to name a few)
- A guided visit of Tours’ historical district
- A lecture on the history of Tours and the region
- A wine and cheese tasting session
- A visit to a wine cooperative in Vouvray, and to a goat farm that produces Appelation contrôlée cheese
- A meeting with French students preparing for the Grandes Écoles
- A current movie in French
- A group visit to Les Halles, a traditional French food and produce market in Tours

Myriad festivals and cultural events take place in Tours and its vicinity in June and July, some of them free of charge, such as the Fête de la Musique (music) and Rayon Frais (performance). Participants may also take advantage of the field trips organized by the Institut de Touraine to Paris, Mont Saint-Michel, Chartres and other sites.

The Institut has a weekly movie night and sponsors various sports activities. High-speed Internet access is available free of charge in the Institut computer lab, or, if you bring your own laptop, through a WiFi network.
Academics

The program has two distinct components, each bearing 3 academic credits:

- First, all students attend a two-week "French Cultural Integration Workshop" (FREN-119-62) surveying current socio-cultural and linguistic realities in France. This workshop is taught by the program director, Professor Aaron Emmitte, and additional Georgetown instructors; it includes classroom instruction three-and-a-half hours a day (Monday-Friday), field trips, guest lectures and assignments.

- Each student is then placed on the basis of a test in one of 9 levels of a four-week, multi-level intensive language session at the Institut de Touraine, a renowned institution specializing in French-language programs for foreigners. The session at the Institut includes 19-24 hours of classes weekly, taught by its own native instructors. Advanced levels include classes on content areas.

The grade for FREN-119-62: French Cultural Integration Workshop is based on homework and participation in class and in program activities.

The grade for the four-week session, given by Institut faculty, reflects performance in oral and written expression as well as listening and reading comprehension; it is translated into a GU letter grade according to a standard conversion scale, for either FREN-222-62: Lang/Cult Immersion 1: Tours, FREN-223-62: Lang/Cult Immersion 2: Tours, FREN-224-62: Lang/Cult Immersion 3: Tours, or FREN-282-62: Lang/Cult Elective: Tours - based on the highest French course completed prior to enrolling in the program.

Because students earn 6 dedicated "study-abroad" credits, they retain a great deal of flexibility as to what course(s) they may take next from GU's Department of French & Francophone Studies (their choice of courses may be constrained by Major/Minor requirements, however).

SFS students who have already completed Advanced French II (dispensations can be granted to students at a lower level under specific conditions) have the option to take the oral proficiency exam at the end of the program, with excellent chances of success.

Students also have the option of taking the DELF B2, an internationally recognized language certificate.
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Withdrawals, Refunds, and Cancellation

Your acceptance form and program deposit are considered a good-faith commitment to participate on your Georgetown University summer program. Withdrawal from a summer program must be made in writing to the summer program coordinator. Please note that application fees and program deposits are non-refundable. Georgetown University will refund recoverable tuition and costs as determined by our partner institutions. Refunds will be calculated from the date the Office of Global Education is notified in writing of your intent to withdraw. Georgetown University is not responsible for indirect costs paid directly by the student, including but not limited to passport fees, vaccinations, and transportation costs.

Georgetown University reserves the right to adjust program fees or cancel any program without prior notification; however, every effort will be made to provide information on cancellations in a timely manner. In the event of cancellation, Georgetown University will refund program deposits and 100% of recoverable program fees.