

Paris Study Center

89 rue du Faubourg Saint-Antoine, 75011 Paris, France



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ACCENT Paris Study Center

Each year, the Paris team supports more than 40 customized study abroad programs, including short-term and semester programs with courses taught by local faculty, a variety of faculty-directed programs, and comprehensive direct-enroll programs at local universities. ACCENT Paris provides complete risk management, logistical, and cultural support, as well as a wide network of local faculty to design and teach topical, experiential courses using the city as a classroom. U.S. college and university partners include the University of California Education Abroad Program, University of Southern California, Purdue University, Duke University, Coast Community College District, and many more.



Led by Center Director **Melissa Smith-Simonet**, the ACCENT Paris Study Center has a full-time [team](#) of experienced, multinational professionals, including multiple programs coordinators, housing and homestay specialists, and local university student interns. With nearly 30 years' experience in international education, Melissa has worked with ACCENT since its founding and as Center Director since 1998. A past board member of the APUAF consortium of American university programs in France, she is a respected leader in the Paris study abroad community and has contributed to numerous panels and best practice handbooks.

Location | 89 rue du Faubourg Saint-Antoine - [map](#)

- Tucked into a courtyard off the historic Rue du Faubourg Saint-Antoine, the Study Center occupies a light-filled, two-story historic building that once served as the industrial space for one of the many furniture makers for which this district of Paris was known
- Bastille is a central and vibrant neighborhood in the 11th arrondissement filled with cafés and restaurants, quiet residential squares and lively commercial avenues, and one of the best markets in Paris, Marche d'Aligre
- Transport: two metro stops within five minutes' walk provide access to three lines (1, 5, 8), and the nearby Gare du Lyon station houses two RER rail lines and high-speed trains to south and eastern France





Classrooms

- Seven classrooms throughout the building with capacities ranging from 10-60 students
- Equipped with WIFI and basic audiovisual equipment, including video projectors, DVD and CD players, slide projectors, and speakers

Student services

- Reception area, welcoming students and providing general assistance, in addition to an active Facebook [page](#) and bulletin boards that highlight local lectures, festivals, and events
- Ongoing cultural series open to all programs, featuring free and low-cost activities, such as language mixers with local student interns, walking tours, group dinners, day trips, and more
- Support in making appointments with local doctors, specialists, and mental health professionals who are experienced with U.S. students
- Student lounge space and tables for group work and studying, as well as access to Mac computers and printing services
- Resource library including English and French books, language manuals, and travel guides



Visiting faculty services

- Each visiting faculty is assigned a point person on the ACCENT team with whom to collaborate on program resources, logistics, and support throughout the program
- Shared office and lounge space with other visiting and local faculty
- Access to shared computers, as well as printing and copying

