



Business in France FRANCE

Fall Semester
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Academic Year



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



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LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English | French



HOST INSTITUTION

University of Montpellier



HOUSING

Apartment | Homestay



ELIGIBILITY

2.5 GPA
Sophomores and above
No language prerequisite



WEBSITE

[UMabroad.umn.edu/
programs/europe/
business-france](http://UMabroad.umn.edu/programs/europe/business-france)



About Business in France

This program, developed in conjunction with the Carlson School of Management, allows you to study finance, marketing, management and other areas of business through courses offered at the University of Montpellier. Take English- or French-taught classes alongside French, international, or American students in addition to a French language course.

Housing & Meals

Immerse yourself in the culture and strengthen your language skills while living and sharing most meals with a French host family. Or opt to live in a centrally located studio or shared apartment with other program participants. For the apartment options, you can shop for and cook your own meals or explore French cuisine at nearby restaurants.

Excursions

Local excursions are included each term to introduce you to the unique character of southern France. In addition, social assistants organize activities to help familiarize you with Montpellier and French students. You can also join skiing, hiking, and photography clubs or take optional excursions visiting Paris, touring the castles in France, or seeing the wonders of nearby Morocco.

Learning Outcomes

- Deepen cross-cultural understanding through interaction with local students, host families, and community members
- Gain French, European, and international perspectives on business
- Increase independence and self-reliance by learning to navigate French society
- Develop professional skills such as problem-solving and teamwork
- Build your professional network through connections with fellow students and faculty



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COURSEWORK

Course options at the University of Montpellier include *Contemporary Economic Problems*, *Strategic Marketing*, *International Negotiation & Sales*, and more. Through the core course *Global Business & Industry: France at the Crossroads*, examine the development and current state of the European business environment from a French perspective.

Those with more advanced French language skills can enroll in business courses in French.

CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

Montpellier has been one of the fastest-growing cities in France for the last ten years and attracts thousands of students to its prestigious universities each year. With access to the Mediterranean Sea, a rich cultural scene, sports activities, and a vibrant academic environment, young people flock to Montpellier to live and study. The city also has a centuries-old tradition of intellectual advances and social tolerance. That, combined with its entrepreneurial business environment,

makes Montpellier a great place to live and work. This program is a unique opportunity to gain a true international perspective on business and to build connections with current and future business leaders.

INTERNSHIPS

For students with advanced French language skills, credit-bearing internships are available. An accompanying course provides the opportunity to reflect on the cultural dynamics of work life in France. Students without prior advanced French language skills can participate in the *Community Engagement* course, which includes a placement in the local community.

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Most financial aid may be applied to study abroad. In addition, University of Minnesota students are eligible for \$1.5 million in University of Minnesota study abroad scholarships. For more information about other financial resources, visit the Learning Abroad Center website.

STUDY ABROAD FITS YOUR DEGREE

Study abroad credits can count toward your major, minor, liberal education, and second language requirements. Contact an adviser on your campus to find out how this program fits for you.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

“The program was well organized and provided me with opportunities to go on excursions and participate in activities in the city. Studying abroad awoke an appreciation of multiculturalism and broadened my mind.”

— Kieran

SOUTHERN FRANCE BECKONS

Live and study in Montpellier, one of France's fastest-growing cities and home to thousands of students from around the world. Stroll the narrow, intimate streets. Explore the hub of the city, the Place de la Comédie, which is the center of Montpellier's social scene. Participate in French daily life through conversation with Montpelliérains, shopping at markets, and commuting to class. Take excursions to the beautiful Provence region, nearby Medieval towns, and the famous historic cities of Avignon and Arles. Situated within easy reach of both the Cévennes mountains and the Mediterranean Sea, Montpellier is an ideal location for cultural exploration.

