



Engineering in France

# FRANCE

Fall Semester  
Spring Semester  
Academic Year



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



### TERM

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### LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English | French



### HOUSING

Apartment | Homestay



### ELIGIBILITY

2.5 GPA  
Sophomores and above  
No language prerequisite



### WEBSITE

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



### About Engineering in France

Study a wide range of engineering and computer science coursework at Polytech Montpellier, the engineering school within the University of Montpellier. Take English- or French-taught classes alongside French, international, and American students in addition to a French language course.

### Housing

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 touring the castles in France, or seeing the wonders of nearby Morocco.

### Learning Outcomes

- Gain new perspectives on science and industry through dedicated coursework in engineering
- Develop or strengthen French language skills
- Increase independence and self-reliance through integration into French society
- Develop networking skills and contacts through interaction with faculty and peers
- Deepen cross-cultural understanding through interaction with faculty, local students, host families, and community members



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## COURSEWORK

Home to 100,000 university students, Montpellier is a youthful city with a centuries-old history of intellectual advances and social tolerance. It is an ideal place to study engineering while experiencing French daily life.

### Polytech at the University of Montpellier

You have access to engineering courses in English or French at the University of Montpellier, highly regarded for its science fields and its long-standing reputation as a premier university in France. Select from a range of classes in computer science and management; electrical engineering; biological and food engineering; materials science and engineering; mechanical engineering and interactive design; and water science and engineering.

In addition, you'll enroll in a French language course—levels are available from beginning through advanced. Pair your engineering and French courses with a wide variety of courses in French or a limited number of courses in English to fulfill other degree requirements.

## Program Center

The program center is centrally located in downtown Montpellier and provides you a home base with on-site staff, a common space, and classrooms.

The center offers courses in English exclusively to program participants on global business and industry, comparative education, and psychology. It also offers access to a variety of exclusive courses in French, including French civilization, literature, internships, and directed research.

## 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.

"I made amazing friends, and I made connections with international researchers. The tours of the labs and research facilities were a once in a lifetime opportunity that I will always remember. Studying abroad was a fantastic choice for me and I highly recommend it to all students."

—College of Science & Engineering student

## ENGINEERING: AN INTERNATIONAL ENDEAVOR

Live and study engineering in Montpellier, one of France's fastest-growing cities and home to thousands of students from around the world. Experience the exciting hub of modern technological industries alongside historic traditions. 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 or walking 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.

