



Teaching Practicum in France

# FRANCE

Fall Semester  
Spring Semester



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



### TERM

Fall Semester  
Spring Semester



### 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/teaching-france](http://UMabroad.umn.edu/programs/europe/teaching-france)

### About Teaching Practicum in France

Study at the University of Montpellier, founded in 1289 and one of the oldest universities in the world. Designed in partnership with the University of Minnesota's College of Education and Human Development, this program is designed to meet the rigorous standards of the Minnesota Teaching Licensure requirements. Key coursework is based on University of Minnesota syllabi, carefully adapted to reflect the French educational environment, and taught by local faculty.

### Housing & Meals

Homestays provide a vital connection to the local culture and social life, as well as the opportunity to experience French daily life. Host families provide breakfast and dinner during the week and all meals on the weekend. For more independent students, shared apartment and student studio apartment options are available.

### Excursions

Each semester, local excursions 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 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

- Develop or strengthen French linguistic skills
- Deepen cross-cultural understanding through interaction with faculty, students, host families, and community members
- Gain French, European, and international perspectives on education and teaching
- Increase independence and self-reliance by learning to navigate French society
- Develop teaching skills such as classroom management, creating lesson plans, teaching English as a Second Language, and working with students of different cultural backgrounds



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## COURSEWORK

Study French educational practices in this vibrant city while also completing an English-language teaching practicum in a French school.

Courses taught in English and focused on teaching include:

- *Introduction to Teaching* (3 credits)
- *Teaching Practicum* (2 credits)
- *Language Development in Cross-Cultural Perspective* (3 credits)
- *Comparative Education & Pedagogy* (3 credits)
- *French for Educators* (beginning, intermediate, or advanced level) (3 or 5 credits)

Additional course options in English include:

- *Directed Research* (3 credits)
- *Global Business & Industry: France at the Crossroads* (3 credits)
- *English Literature*
- *American Studies*

Students with more advanced French language skills can engage in a teaching practicum and enroll in courses taught in French.

## CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

Montpellier has been the fastest-growing city in France for the last ten years, and it 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.

## PRACTICUM

The teaching practicum provides you with the unique opportunity to interact with French children learning English, advance your teaching skills, and be tutored by experts in elementary and secondary educational practices. You will engage daily with the teachers in your school, help design curriculum, and develop skills for working with students from diverse backgrounds. Placements are in a variety of school settings, working with children ages 3–18, and include early childhood, elementary education, secondary education, and special education.

## 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 am so incredibly grateful to have participated in this wonderful program. The support and guidance of my professors, host teachers, and students greatly strengthened my teaching skills but also helped me to recognize my own potential both within the classroom and out.”

– Julia

## SOUTHERN FRANCE BECKONS

Live and study in Montpellier, France’s fastest-growing city 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 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 Pyrenees Mountains and the Mediterranean Sea, Montpellier is an ideal location for cultural exploration.

