

Youth Development & Psychology
in France

FRANCE

Fall Semester
Spring Semester



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



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LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English



HOUSING

Apartment | Homestay



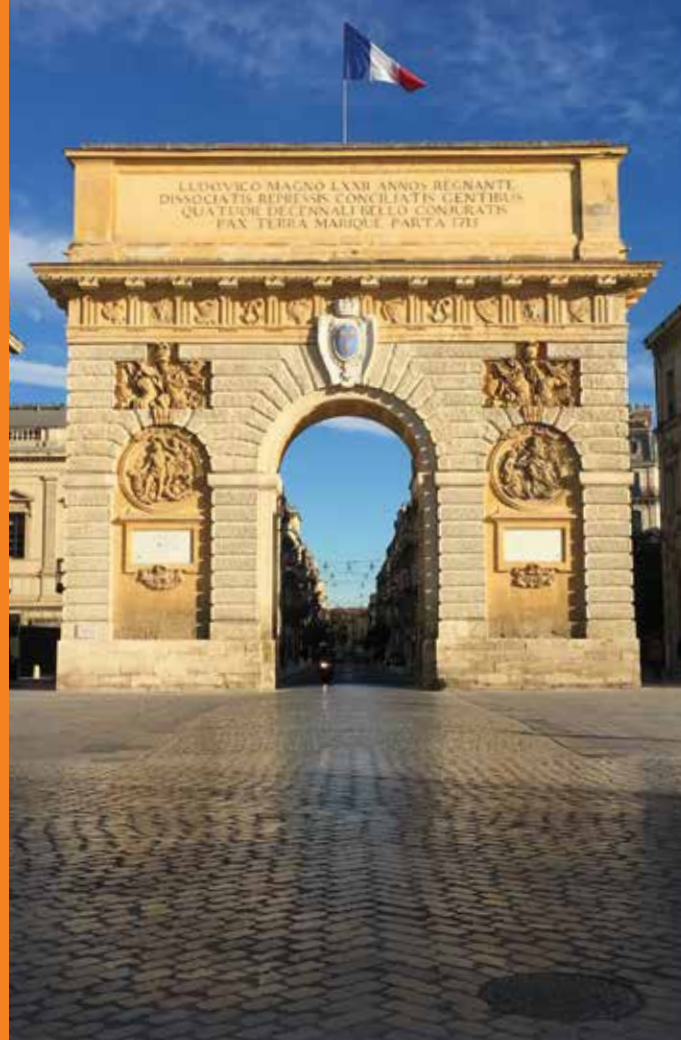
ELIGIBILITY

2.5 GPA
Sophomores and above
No language
prerequisite



WEBSITE

[UMabroad.umn.edu/
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About Youth Development & Psychology in France

Study resilience in young populations through a course co-created by a University of Minnesota developmental psychology professor and a French psychology professor.

Gain a deep intercultural perspective on trauma, immigration, and other global issues that affect children and youth. In this cohort-based program, you will also engage with local children and youth in Montpellier.

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 studio and apartment options, you can shop for and cook your own meals or explore French cuisine at nearby restaurants.

Excursions

Each semester, local excursions introduce you to the unique character of southern France. In addition, social assistants organize activities to help you become familiar with Montpellier and meet 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

- Gain French, European, and international perspectives on youth development and psychology
- Investigate factors of resilience in French and migrant communities
- Deepen cross-cultural understanding through interaction with local students, host families, and community members
- Increase independence and self-reliance by learning to navigate French society
- Develop professional skills such as problem-solving and teamwork



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COURSEWORK

Study psychology in a cross-cultural context while living in Montpellier, an emerging cultural and educational center in southern France.

Centrally located downtown, the program center provides you a home base with on-site staff, a common space, and classrooms.

All courses are taught in English with the exception of the French language course. Students from a variety of fields of study—including developmental psychology, psychology, sociology, and youth studies—will find this program of interest.

The core course, *Resilience in Children & Youth: Global Perspectives*, offers you the opportunity gain a deep understanding of the current research on resilience in human development.

The course was developed from the massive open online course (MOOC) version, which appeals to professionals around the world in relief agencies, nonprofits, social work, and professional psychology practice. You will benefit from the MOOC groundwork and its unique format, which combines in-person discussion, local guest speakers, and online learning and interaction.

Required courses:

- *Resilience in Children & Youth: Global Perspectives*
- *Community Engagement*
- *French Language*

Elective courses:

- *Adolescent Psychology*
- *Cross-Cultural Psychology*
- *Introduction to Child Psychology*
- *Language Development from a Cross-Cultural Perspective*

CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

Montpellier has been one of the fastest-growing cities in France 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. Participate in French daily life through conversation with *Montpelliérains*, shopping at markets, and commuting or walking to class.

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 found Montpellier to be a vibrant, exciting city with so much to offer! The citizens welcome students and foreigners as they would welcome a friend—they want to show you how wonderful their city is. After all, how can you be bitter in the constant sunshine of southern France?"

— Amanda

BRING YOUR DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY STUDIES TO FRANCE

Earn credit toward your developmental psychology or psychology degree while living in the student-centered community of Montpellier, France. Learn directly from professors in child psychology and French psychology. Study resilience in young populations. Engage with the local community. 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 the Cévennes mountains or the Alps and the Mediterranean Sea, and well-connected train lines, Montpellier is an ideal location for cultural exploration.

