The International Programs Office at the University of Idaho requests approval of two USAC Specialty programs. All USAC Specialty programs require UCC’s approval before the Office of the Registrar will begin accepting the credit as institutional credit.

Lyon, France – Fall & Spring semesters
Reggio Emilia, Italy – Fall & Spring semesters
About the Lyon, France Program

- Live in France’s third-largest city, home to an international mix of people and architecture from over two millennia
- Study intensive French language, from Second-Year French and up, and an array of electives taught in both French and English
- Enjoy field trips to the French Alps and Bourgogne
- Take the optional tour through Provence including visits to Orange, Avignon, Arles and the Mediterranean coast
- Walk or bike along the banks of the scenic Rhône and Saône rivers; take weekend trips to ski or snowboard in the French Alps; enjoy some of Lyon’s famous home-style cooking; explore shops and make international friends

Why Study In Lyon?

Lyon is one of the most attractive cities in France, creating a fresh combination of the hustle of a large, European city and the simplicity of French tradition. The Presqu’ile of Lyon serves as the city center with towering business buildings, blocks of busy shops, and streets lined with cafés full of Lyonnais taking their afternoon break. The charm of the city lies in your ability to escape the crowds by turning onto a quiet cobblestone street and ducking into a small bistro, where you are sure to get a chance to practice your French. Spend your weekends biking or strolling along the Rhône or Saône rivers, planning a Sunday picnic with friends, or wandering through some of the most well-preserved Renaissance architecture in the world. Choosing a homestay while you are abroad will give you the opportunity to see into the heart of French home life, culture, and cooking.

The Lyon semester and yearlong program offers an intensive language approach at L’Université Lumière Lyon 2 (University of Lyon 2), where you will be able to earn up to 12 credits of French in one semester. Depending upon your language level, you will choose electives in culture, political science, cinema, economics, or literature taught specifically for USAC students. The university itself also offers the opportunity to enroll in courses with French students, taught in either English or French. You may choose to stay for one semester or a full year.

However, the academic courses are only part of the intended value of the program. Participation in a homestay, cultural events and local festivals, and program field trips also form an integral part of the program. You can spend your weekdays taking language courses, your evenings chatting over dinner with your host family, and your weekends meeting up with French friends at cultural events and social gatherings.

Related Pages

- About Lyon
- On-Site Staff
- Host University
- Living Accommodations
- Passport and Visa
- Recommended Reading
Quick Details

App. Deadlines
Fall or Year: June 15
Spring: Nov. 1

If deadline has passed, contact USAC to see if applications are still being accepted.

Eligibility
Minimum GPA: 2.5 and 1 year college-level French

Program Type
Specialty

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Course Information

Lyon, France | 2014-15 Yearlong

Whether you are inside or outside the classroom, remember that studying abroad can be more invigorating, meaningful, and long-lasting simply by its nature. You are more alert, curious, and willing to explore because you are in a new place. That eagerness extended to your studies could make you a different kind of student; take full advantage of this opportunity.

Courses

USAC students enroll in a minimum of 12 credits in intensive French language and/or literature courses at the Institute of French Studies with other international students. A placement test will be administered before the semester to help place students into the appropriate language level.

You must also enroll in one USAC elective course in French and European Studies (see below) or a course at L’Université Lumière Lyon 2. The Resident Director will assist you in identifying an appropriate course. A maximum of 18 credits may be taken per semester. This list of courses is subject to minor changes; course availability is conditional on student interest and enrollment. Please visit the USAC website for complete course descriptions.

French Language and Literature Courses

- Second Year French I (FLL/FREN, 200-level, 3 credits) Prerequisite: two semesters of college French.
- Second Year French II (FLL/FREN, 200-level, 3 credits) Prerequisite: three semesters of college French.
- Third Year French I (FLL/FREN, 300-level, 3 credits) Prerequisite: four semesters of college French.
- Third Year French II (FLL/FREN, 300-level, 3 credits) Prerequisite: five semesters of college French.
- Fourth Year French I (FLL/FREN, 400-level, 3 credits) Prerequisite: six semesters of college French.
- Fourth Year French II (FLL/FREN, 400-level, 3 credits) Prerequisite: seven semesters of college French.
- French Conversation (FLL/FREN, 300-level, 3 credits) Prerequisite: two semesters of college French (second year students and above).
- French Stylistics (FLL/FREN, 400-level, 3 credits) Prerequisite: six semesters of college French.
- Seminar in French Language (FLL/FREN, 400/600-level, 3 credits, taught in French) Prerequisite: six semesters of college French.

French and European Studies

Taught in English or French

The following elective courses are designed to familiarize you with the region and provide a multi-disciplinary approach to your studies. Courses are taught in English unless noted; courses taught in French are appropriate for third-year students or above unless otherwise indicated.

Fall Semester

- French Cinema (ART/FILM, 300-levels, 3 credits)

http://usac.unr.edu/study-abroad-programs/france/lyon/courses/2014-15/yearlong

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- French Cuisine (NUTR, 400-level, 1 credit) This course has an additional fee for supplies and materials.
- Government and Politics in France and Europe (PSC, 400/600-level, 3 credits)
- Intercultural Communication (COM, 400-level, 3 credits)
- Survey of French Literature I (FLL, 300-level, 3 credits, taught in French) Prerequisite: four semesters of college French

Spring Semester
- French Culture and Civilization (FLL/ANTH, 200-level, 3 credits) This course has an additional fee for the Provence Tour.
- International Management (BUS/MGT, 400-level, 3 credits)
- Politics and Economics in the European Union (ECON/PSC, 300-level, 3 credits)
- Provence Field Study (FLL/ANTH, 200-level, 1 credit) This course has an additional fee for the Provence Tour.
- Survey of French Literature II (FLL, 300-level, 3 credits, taught in French) Prerequisite: four semesters of college French
- Travel Photography (JOUR/ART/PHOTO, 200-level, 1 credit)

Field Studies
USAC helps you explore the historical, cultural, and natural features of the region with carefully planned tours. If taken for credit, added academic requirements (readings, research, written assignments, reports etc.) deepen your experience. This turns a tour into a Field Study which counts as part of your credit load. The optional Provence Tour can be taken as a Field Study course.

Host University Courses
Taught in French or English
L’Université Lumière Lyon 2 provides the unique opportunity to enroll in regular courses taught by French university professors. This will give you a chance to meet students outside of USAC and experience a typical French class. Courses are offered in business, economics, international relations, English literature and grammar, and more. Keep in mind that these courses need to be taken in addition to your full-time USAC course load and transfer of credit is not guaranteed. Your Resident Director must approve and will help you to compile a course schedule that will accommodate both USAC and the L’Université Lumière Lyon 2 calendars.

You may choose a host university course to fulfill your 3-credit elective requirement. Work with your Resident Director to determine your options and to avoid conflicts with your USAC class schedule. L’Université Lumière Lyon 2 course grades will not be part of your official USAC record, however USAC will forward a letter or certificate of completion that is provided by the host university.

Work closely with your home advisor and prepare to describe your Lyon course carefully when you return. Be ready to provide a copy of your syllabus, all class materials, and your graded assignments for evaluation. Any other courses taken at L’Université Lumière Lyon 2 are taken in addition to your USAC classes and do not replace USAC credits for full-time status.

French as Foreign Language Exams
As an official “examiner” center, L’Université Lumière Lyon 2 offers French proficiency exams (Diplôme Universitaire d’Études Françaises) at all levels: beginner, intermediate and advanced exams.

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Course Descriptions

Fourth Year French I

Fall (French, 3 credits, 400-level)
Spring (French, 3 credits, 400-level)

This advanced level course of French has been designed for students who have completed three years of French and although they may manage in completing daily tasks and interactions, they still need to improve their control over different oral and written registers. In addition, this course offers the students the opportunity to enhance their vocabulary in specific and technical areas, and to improve their grammatical accuracy in oral and written production.

Fourth Year French II

Fall (French, 3 credits, 400-level)
Spring (French, 3 credits, 400-level)

Fourth Year French II has been designed for students who have completed more than three years of French and although they may manage in daily tasks and interactions, they still need to improve their control over different oral and written registers. In addition, this course will offer them the opportunity to enhance the coherence and cohesion of their production, and to improve their grammatical accuracy.

French Cinema

Fall (Art, Film, French, 3 credits, 300-level)

Description not available at this time

French Conversation

Fall (French, 3 credits, 300-level)
Spring (French, 3 credits, 300-level)

Compulsory three-credit course that complements the development of the linguistic skills facilitated in composition courses emphasizing the oral mode of the French language. It aims to improve students' ability to maintain a sustained monologue as well as oral interactions.

French Cuisine

Fall (1 credit, 400-level)

Description not available at this time

French Culture and Civilization

Spring (3 credits, 200-level)

This course aims at showing the specificities of the French culture, while trying to go against clichés and stereotypes. It will cover various fields such as the French political system, the French social system, the French education system as well as the study of recent press releases about some currently debated issues: immigration, religious signs in public places.

This course will also help students while they stay in France to better understand what they see and hear. A few minutes will be spent in the beginning of each class to answer students' questions. France is not always like it is depicted in some books.

This class also aims at helping students learn new words in French. They will have to work on lots of sources in French as well as topical press releases in French.

French Stylistics

Fall (French, 3 credits, 400-level)
Spring (French, 3 credits, 400-level)

French Stylistics is an elective course for students of French as a second language at an advanced level, who have probably taken at least three years of college French. The goal of this course is to enhance the writing abilities, taking the written text as a contextualized communication event, addressed to an audience and with a clear and defined purpose. Therefore, class activities are centered around the analysis and the understanding of different written genres, so that they can be produced latter. In addition, this course does not neglect the oral interaction and expression, since the class is conducted entirely in French, reinforcing collaboration through group work.

Government and Politics in France and Europe

Fall (3 credits, 400-level)

Description not available at this time

Intercultural Communication

Fall (Speech Communications, 3 credits, 400-level)

Description not available at this time

International Management

Spring (International Business, Management, 3 credits, 400-level)

Description not available at this time

Politics and Economics in the European Union

Spring (3 credits, 300-level)

Description not available at this time

Provence Field Study

Spring (1 credit, 200-level)

This field study course is designed to optimize the benefits of the Provence tour by providing a solid historic and artistic base for studies of French language and culture. The point of departure for the course will be the sites visited on Provence.

Second Year French I

Fall (French, 3 credits, 200-level)
Spring (French, 3 credits, 200-level)

Second Year French I is a three-credit course offered to students who have completed a year of college French or its equivalent. In this course, the students will learn to narrate in the main time-frames, as well as to recognize the different uses of the subjunctive mood in the expression of different degrees of certainty, the expression of wishes and advice.
Second Year French II

**Fall** (French, 3 credits, 200-level)
**Spring** (French, 3 credits, 200-level)

Second Year French II is a course designed for students who have completed a year and a half of college French or its equivalent and want to learn how to use the language with increasing syntactic complexity and grammatical accuracy, paying special attention to the change of time-frames, as well as the expression of hypothesis and different degrees of certainty.

Seminar in French Language

**Fall** (French, 3 credits, 400-level)
**Spring** (French, 3 credits, 400-level)

Seminar is a course designed for students who have taken at least three years of French at college and want to improve the four skills in a balanced way: speaking, listening, writing and reading, as well as enhance their vocabulary and improve their grammatical accuracy.

Survey of French Literature I

**Fall** (French, 3 credits, 300-level)

Description not available at this time

Survey of French Literature II

**Spring** (French, 3 credits, 300-level)

A study of the development of French literature through the analysis of literary movements and the comparison of the most important authors of each period. Texts from different literary genres are selected which demonstrate underlying ideas, the idiosyncrasies of the French people, and universal values, as well as the literary characteristics of the works themselves.

Third Year French I

**Fall** (French, 3 credits, 300-level)
**Spring** (French, 3 credits, 300-level)

This is a third year course for students who have completed two years of French at the college level or their equivalent. Emphasis is placed in improving the students’ writing abilities with the analysis first, and the subsequent production of different types of texts. In addition, a number of grammatical topics are reviewed in order to enhance and improve learners’ grammatical competence. The extensive reading of a novel or short stories will accompany and strengthen the formal instruction.

Third Year French II

**Fall** (French, 3 credits, 300-level)
**Spring** (French, 3 credits, 300-level)

The focus of the course is improving the learners’ writing abilities with the analysis and the production of different types of texts. In addition, a number of grammatical topics will be reviewed in order to enhance and increase learners’ grammatical competence. The extensive reading of a novel or a collection of short stories will strengthen the formal instruction.
Travel Photography

Spring (Art, Journalism, 1 credit, 200-level)

Regards sur la ville : une approche de la photographie pour découvrir un environnement urbain, se l’approprier et partager sa vision. Construire une mémoire commune à partir de regards individuels différents

Quick Details

App. Deadline
Jun. 15, 2014

Max Enrollment
40 students

Credit
U.S. credit

Program Type
Specialty

Eligibility
Minimum GPA: 2.5 and 1 year college-level French

Instruction
English | French

Member
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Activities for Lyon, France

As a USAC student, there are various activities and experiences offered to you, many of which include building relationships with local students. You are encouraged to participate in university activities, student clubs, and community organizations. These can be a natural way for you to meet French students. Sports may include basketball, dance, rock climbing, gymnastics, karate, swimming, rugby, tennis, archery, volleyball, yoga and others.

Community Activities

Several community organizations in Lyon offer courses in drawing, painting, cooking, music, and dance. Information concerning enrollment in these activities is available from the Resident Director on site. These activities may have a modest fee.

Cultural Immersion Opportunities

- Participate with local students in the many different sports activities offered at the university
- Interact with French locals in homestays or residence halls
- Take part in campus activities and festivals
- Volunteer to teach English in French schools
- Participate in student clubs aimed towards social consciousness, business, arts and many more
- Practice French with conversation partners
- Take courses with local students

You are also encouraged to participate in the opportunities listed below.

Related Pages

- Field Trips
- Tours and Field Studies

Quick Details

App. Deadlines

Fall or Year: June 15
Spring: Nov. 1

If deadline has passed, contact USAC to see if applications are still being accepted.

Eligibility

Minimum GPA: 2.5 and 1 year college-level French

Program Type

Specialty
About the Reggio Emilia, Italy Program

- Live and study in a charming city known for having one of the highest qualities of life in Italy. Many locals enjoy riding bikes throughout the city as part of a slow-paced lifestyle.
- Take courses in Italian language, education, health, and communications at an award-winning university.
- Enjoy field trips, optional tours, and other opportunities to explore Emilia-Romagna—this culturally and naturally rich and varied region of Italy.
- Truly savor the cuisine of the region—some say the country’s best food! The region is known for parmesan cheese, balsamic vinegar, and more.

Why Study In Reggio Emilia?

The Reggio Emilia program is ideal for students interested in studying Italian language, education, communications, and health issues in a charming midsize city in north-central Italy. With fewer than 200,000 inhabitants, and an award-winning university, Reggio Emilia is a perfect location for students looking to immerse themselves in Italian culture away from crowded tourist destinations. This city of Roman origin, where the Italian tricolor flag was born, is rich in history, culture, and tradition.

Reggio, as it is called simply by its inhabitants, is known for having one of the highest qualities of life in Italy, and many say that it is home to the country’s best food! Students love its active student campus life, and the community’s focus on the outdoors, whether riding a bike on the city’s 41 kilometers of bike paths or enjoying some of the city’s 31 parks. You will enjoy strolling through the recently renovated city center, many cobblestone streets, and spacious piazzas where open markets are held at least three days per week. An added advantage to Reggio Emilia is the free wifi available throughout the city.

You can take courses in Italian language, health, education, and communications. Through a variety of field trips you will have firsthand exposure to the history, food, culture and beautiful natural surroundings of the city of Reggio Emilia and the region of Emilia-Romagna. In addition to various high-quality courses taught by local and international professors, the program includes field trips and local visits in the city and neighboring towns, countryside, and nearby sites of unique interest.

Related Pages

- About Reggio Emilia
- On-Site Staff
- Host University
- Living Accommodations
- Passport and Visa
- Recommended Reading
Quick Details

App. Deadlines
Summer I or I & II: Apr. 1
Summer II: May 1
Fall or Year: June 15
Spring: Nov. 1

If deadline has passed, contact USAC to see if applications are still being accepted.

Eligibility
Minimum GPA: 2.5

Program Type
Specialty
Course Information

Reggio Emilia, Italy | 2014-15 Yearlong

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Courses

You may enroll in 12-18 credits. This list of courses is subject to minor changes; course availability is subject to student interest and enrollment.

Italian Language Studies

All students are required to spend the beginning of the fall and spring semesters taking an intensive six-week Italian language course, which allows for rapid acquisition of language and culture. Language courses generally have a maximum enrollment of 15 students each, but may vary by level. All language courses focus on the skills of speaking, reading, writing, and listening. You may choose one of the following courses:

Intensive Language Period

- Elementary Italian I (FLL, 100-level, 4 credits, intensive period) Prerequisite: none.
- Intermediate Italian I (FLL, 200-level, 3 credits, intensive period) Prerequisite: two semesters of college Italian or Elementary Italian II.
- Italian Composition I (FLL, 300-level, 3 credits, intensive period) Prerequisite: four semesters of college Italian or Intermediate Italian II.

After the intensive period, students have the option to take an additional language course listed below. They are recommended but not required. You may choose one of the following:

- Elementary Italian II (FLL, 100-level, 4 credits)
- Intermediate Italian II (FLL, 200-level, 3 credits)
- Italian Composition II (FLL, 300-level, 3 credits)

Education, Communications, Health, Economics, and Italian Studies

Taught in English
The following courses are designed to familiarize you with the region as well as provide a multidisciplinary approach to your studies.

Fall Semester 2014

- Comparative Economic Systems (ECON, 300-level, 3 credits)
- Early Childhood Education (EDU/HDFS, 200-level, 3 credits)
- Education for a Changing World (EDU, 400-level, 3 credits)
- Foundations for Personal Health and Wellness (HE/CHS, 200-level, 3 credits)
- Global Health Issues (HE/SOC/CHS, 300-level, 3 credits)
- Intercultural Communication (COM, 300-level, 3 credits)
- Italian Cuisine (NUTR, 400-level, 1 credit) This course has an additional fee for materials.
- Italian Culture and Civilization (ANTH/FLL, 200-level, 3 credits)

**Spring Semester 2015**

- Aging: An Interdisciplinary Approach (HE/SOC, 300-level, 3 credits)
- Comparative Education (EDU/SOC, 400-level, 3 credits)
- Economic and Political Institutions of the European Union (ECON/PSC, 300-level, 3 credits)
- Health and Wellness Communication (HE/COM, 300-level, 3 credits)
- Intercultural Communication (COM, 300-level, 3 credits)
- Italian Cuisine (NUTR, 400-level, 1 credit) This course has an additional fee for materials.
- Italian Culture and Civilization (ANTH/FLL, 200-level, 3 credits)
- Italian/International Education Approaches: Reggio and Montessori (EDU, 400/600-level, 3 credits)

**Course Descriptions**

**Aging: An Interdisciplinary Approach**

*Spring (General Health Sciences, Sociology, 3 credits, 300-level)*

Description not available at this time

**Comparative Education**

*Spring (General Education, Sociology, 3 credits, 400-level)*

Description not available at this time

**Early Childhood Education**

*Fall (Human Development and Family Studies, 3 credits, 200-level)*

Description not available at this time

**Education for a Changing World**

*Fall (General Education, 3 credits, 400-level)*

Description not available at this time

**Elementary Italian I**

*Fall (Italian, 4 credits, 100-level)*

*Spring (Italian, 4 credits, 100-level)*

Introduction to the language through the development of language skills and through structural analysis. The fundamentals of grammar (all verb tenses), vocabulary, and useful expressions are studied. The objective of these courses is to build reading, writing, listening, and above all, speaking skills.

**Elementary Italian II**

*Fall (Italian, 4 credits, 100-level)*

*Spring (Italian, 4 credits, 100-level)*

Introduction to the language through the development of language skills and through structural analysis. The fundamentals of grammar (all verb tenses), vocabulary, and useful expressions are studied. The objective of these courses is to build reading, writing, listening, and above all, speaking skills.

Prerequisite: one semester of college Italian.
Foundations for Personal Health and Wellness  
*Fall (Community Health Sciences, 3 credits, 200-level)*  
Description not available at this time

Global Health Issues  
*Fall (Community Health Sciences, Sociology, 3 credits, 300-level)*  
Description not available at this time

Health and Wellness Communication  
*Spring (General Health Sciences, Speech Communications, 3 credits, 300-level)*  
Description not available at this time

Intercultural Communication  
*Fall (Speech Communications, 3 credits, 300-level)*  
*Spring (Speech Communications, 3 credits, 300-level)*  
Description not available at this time

Intermediate Italian I  
*Fall (Italian, 3 credits, 200-level)*  
*Spring (Italian, 3 credits, 200-level)*  
Intended to further develop Italian language skills, both oral and written. Conversation, reading, and writing focus on culture and modern literature. Particular emphasis on oral skills. Prerequisite: two semesters of college Italian.

Intermediate Italian II  
*Fall (Italian, 3 credits, 200-level)*  
*Spring (Italian, 3 credits, 200-level)*  
Intended to further develop Italian language skills, both oral and written. Conversation, reading, and writing focus on culture and modern literature. Particular emphasis on oral skills. Prerequisite: three semesters of college Italian.

Italian Composition I  
*Fall (Italian, 3 credits, 300-level)*  
*Spring (Italian, 3 credits, 300-level)*  
Designed to continue expanding accuracy in writing Italian. Covers syntax and idiomatic usage. Prerequisite: four semesters of college Italian.

Italian Composition II  
*Fall (Italian, 3 credits, 300-level)*  
*Spring (Italian, 3 credits, 300-level)*  
Designed to continue expanding accuracy in writing Italian. Covers syntax and idiomatic usage. Prerequisite: five semesters of college Italian.
Italian Cuisine

Fall (Nutrition, 1 credit, 400-level)
Spring (Nutrition, 1 credit, 400-level)

This course is based on the principle that cooking is a way to get to learn the culture, and learning the culture is a way to appreciate the cooking better. It has both a theoretical and a practical side.

The theoretical side consists in discussions and readings on regional history, geography, and social customs. We will discuss Italian food and products, where they came from, how they were used in the past or in the present, and how popular they are, etc. The course should give you some knowledge of the most common dishes of Italian cuisine, especially Northern Italian cuisine.

The practical side consists in learning to prepare typical Italian regional dishes and in sampling them. You will be encouraged to participate by assisting in the preparation of the dishes.

Italian Culture and Civilization

Fall (Anthropology, Italian, 3 credits, 200-level)
Spring (Anthropology, Italian, 3 credits, 200-level)

This course analyzes various aspects of Italian culture through lectures, readings, discussions, and observation research projects. The main course objectives are to develop an understanding of contemporary Italy, encompassing its recent history, regional differences, social institutions, and contemporary issues. Students will be asked to reflect on their cultural upbringings and beliefs, and to share their Italian culture experiences in class. Particular attention will be given to breaking down commonly held stereotypes and revealing the realities of contemporary Italian life.

Italian/International Educational Approaches: Reggio and Montessori

Spring (General Education, 3 credits, 400-level)

Description not available at this time
Quick Details

App. Deadline
Jun. 15, 2014

Max Enrollment
30 students

Credit
U.S. credit

Program Type
Specialty

Eligibility
Minimum GPA: 2.5

Instruction
English / Italian

Member
AACUPI—Association of American Colleges and Universities in Italy