Xavier University Intersession

Seminar in Paris & Brussels
May 7-21, 2016

"If you are lucky enough to have lived in Paris as a young man, then wherever you go for the rest of your life, it stays with you, for Paris is a movable feast." - Ernest Hemingway

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This unique program brings together faculty and students from the University of Paris with students from Xavier to discuss relations between the United States and Europe. Topics include Economic Policy, Environmental Issues, Church – State relations, Federalism, International Relations, and International Law.

The seminar will meet each day from May 7-21 from 9am-noon. After the seminar, there will be a chance to study the art and architecture of Paris with on-site visits led by Prof. Erikson. A weekend trip to Versailles has also been scheduled.

From May 19-21, we will travel to Brussels to meet with US Representatives from NATO and the EU. Prof. Erikson will also take the students to the Royal Museum.

Students who successfully complete the course will receive three credits in either philosophy or political science as well as three credits in Fine Arts. The price for the trip, which includes accommodations, airfare, local transportation, museum and theatre entry fee, field trips, meals and 6 course credit hours, is $4000.

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Saturday 7 May
Depart for Paris from Cincinnati (CVG)

Sunday 8 May
Arrival in Paris, CDG 9:00am
Transfer to Dormitory in St. Germain des Pres, check in Orientation, Neighborhood Walk, Dinner (served between 6:45 pm-8:45pm)

Monday 9 May
Breakfast (served daily between 6:45am – 8:45am)
Depart for University 8:45am
Introduction  9am-noon
L’universalisme occidental (“Western Universalism”)
Professors Chantal Delsol and Antoine Assaf
Lunch with students and faculty from the University of Paris: noon-1:30pm
Meeting at US Embassy 2-3pm: debriefing with State Department officials; career opportunities in the foreign service
Visit: Arc de Triomphe and Champs-Élysées, 3-5pm
Dinner: 6:45 pm-8:45pm

Tuesday 10 May
Breakfast 6:45am – 8:45am
Depart for University 8:45am
9-noon:Centralisme et fédéralisme : les organisations politiques (Centralism and Federalism: The political organizations),
Prof. Gaëlle Demelemestre
Lunch with students and faculty from the University of Paris: noon-2pm
2pm – 5pm Architectural Visit: Notre Dame Cathedral, Hotel de Ville, the Marais, Place des Vosges
Dinner 6:45 pm-8:45pm

Wednesday 11 May
Breakfast served daily between 6:45am – 8:45am
Depart for University 8:15am
9-noon: Ecologie et développement durable (Ecology and Sustainable Development)
Professor Bertrand Alliot
Lunch with students and faculty from the University of Paris: noon-2pm
Musee D’orsay, Guided Visit with Prof. Erikson 2:15pm-3:45pm
Dinner 6:45 pm-8:45pm

Thursday 12 May
Breakfast 6:45am – 8:45am
Depart for University 8:45am
9-noon: Culture and education -- Professor Catherine Mayaux
Noon-2pm: Lunch with students and faculty from the University of Paris
2:15pm-3:45pm Guided visit to Invalides
(4-6pm optional visit to Rodin Museum, with Prof. Erikson)
Dinner: 6:45 pm-8:45pm

Friday 13 May
Breakfast 6:45am – 8:45am
Depart for University 8:45am
9-noon: Politiques commerciales et protectionnisme (Politics, Commercialism, and Protectionism), Professor Françoise Nicolas
Visit to Musee l’Orangerie with Prof. Erikson
Dinner 6:45 pm-8:45pm

Saturday 14 May
Breakfast 6:45am – 8:45am
Visit and tour of the Louvre Museum with Prof. Erikson
Dinner 6:45 pm-8:45pm followed by Lecture/Discussion with Professor Terence Marshall 7:30-8:30pm.
Topic: The French and American Revolutions

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- Gertrude Stein

Sunday 15 May
Breakfast 6:45am – 8:45am
Depart for Versailles, 9am. Visit Chateau and Gardens 10am – 2pm.
Dinner with Prof. Edith Taieb at authentic French Restaurant 7pm. Prof. Taieb will introduce you to French Cuisine.

Monday 16 May
Breakfast 6:45am – 8:45am
Depart for University 8:45am
9-noon: Regards croisés (ce que chaque pays pense de l’autre), National misperceptions: France and America,
Professor Philippe Mahrer
Picnic Dinner in St Germaine des Pres Gardens 5-6pm

Tuesday 17 May
Breakfast (6:45am – 8:45am)
Depart for University 8:45am
9-noon: Etats-Unis d’Amérique, Etats-Unis d’Europe, (United States of America, United States of Europe),
Professor Joanna Nowicki
Visit to Montmartre and Sacre Cour with Professor Erikson
Dinner 6:45 pm-8:45pm
Wednesday 18 May
Breakfast served daily between 6:45am – 8:45am
Depart for University 8:15am
9-noon: Libéralisme et laïcité (Liberalism and Secularism)
Professors Laurent Godmer, David Smadja
2-5pm: Guided visit and discussion of French Social Welfare System with Prof. Brian Schiff, American University of Paris;
16:00 -18:30 Visit Museum with Prof. Erikson
Dinner: 6:45 pm-8:45pm

Thursday 19 May
Breakfast 6:45am – 8:45am
Bus ride to Brussels 9:15am
Arrive in Brussels 11:45am
12:30 - 14:00 Lunch in Brussels
15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break
16:00 - 17:30 Grand Place Tour
18:00 – 19:00 French fries at the famous 'Maison Antoine', place Jourdan
Dinner: 6:45 pm-8:45pm

Friday 20 May
European Institutions and Conference Day. European Commission and Parliament
08:30- 9:30 Breakfast and Debriefing
09:30-10:00 The group goes to the European Commission
10:00 Gathering in front of European Commission (dress code smart, IDs needed)
10.15 - 12.00 Panel Discussion in the European Commission (speakers and venue to be confirmed); ‘Human Dignity: foundation of the European Rights System’. Guests: Mr. Jakob Cornides (EU Commission, Lawyer)), Prof. Von Geusau (European Phoenix Institute, Vienna),
12:15-13.30 Lunch
13.30 – 14.00 Walk to the European Parliament (dress code smart, IDs needed)
14:00 -16:00 European Parliament Presentations and Tour
16:00 -18:30 Visit Museum of Fine Arts with Prof. Erikson
18:30- 21:00 Final Dinner Party

Saturday 21 May
7:30- 8:00am Breakfast
Transfer to Brussels Airport 8:15 am
Depart Brussels for Cincinnati 11:05am

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