

CIEE-Suffolk Dakar Campus Dakar, Senegal

French/Francophone Studies, African Studies, International Relations, Environmental Development Studies

The CIEE Study Center in Dakar, Senegal operates from Suffolk University's Dakar Campus, and works in partnership with the Baobab Center and Université Cheikh Anta Diop (UCAD). French, Wolof, and CIEE academic courses take place in classrooms at Suffolk University. Additional content courses are taught in French at the Baobab Center, a cultural resource and training center operated by Africa Consultants International. Students with advanced French language skills who are studying for the academic year or spring semester may enroll in courses at UCAD.

Website link: http://ciee.org/study/study_africa.aspx

Internships: As an elective, students may participate in a community service project or internship for credit, consisting of 60 hours of practical experience, and a 30-hour seminar taught and coordinated by a CIEE hired instructor. Internship placements are determined on-site and based on students' academic or research interests as well as their French language proficiency.

Semester Dates (approx.)

Fall: mid-August – mid-December
Spring: mid-January – mid-May

Application Deadline

Mar 1 for Fall study
Oct 1 for Spring study

Location Facts

The Republic of Senegal, which achieved independence in 1960 after more than a century of French colonial rule, is one of the most democratic and developed countries in West Africa. Senegal has a population of nearly ten million, with two million living in Dakar. Dakar is the political and economic capital of Senegal and one of West Africa's most important and vibrant cities. Although French is the country's official language and Wolof the predominant language, other languages are spoken by the country's multiethnic population which is more than 90% Muslim.

For **Senegal Map** and other information: <http://geology.com/world/senegal-satellite-image.shtml>

ACADEMICS: Students take five courses each semester: three required (Contemporary Senegalese Society and Culture, French language, and Wolof language) and two electives. Week 1 in Dakar is devoted to language instruction and intensive orientation sessions. In addition to two elective courses, chosen from a selection of English or French-taught courses described below, students receive French and Wolof instruction throughout the semester.

(Note: Students complete a French placement test upon arrival. Test results determine students' placement in French and their eligibility to enroll in French content courses. Based on the test results, students who demonstrate outstanding French language skills may be allowed to take an elective instead of the required French language course.)

REQUIRED COURSES:

AFST 3001: Contemporary Senegalese Society and Culture

This course explores diverse aspects of Senegalese culture, including political, social, and

family structures; rural vs. urban realities; religions and belief systems; health, education and cultural policies; and women's roles.

WOLO 1001: Wolof Language for Beginners

This course provides students with basic, functional knowledge of Wolof so they can comprehend and use the language in everyday situations. The focus is on cultural immersion through oral communication.

French Language Courses, include FREN 1002, Intermediate 2001 and 2002, Advanced 3001 and 3002

Baobab Center and Université Cheikh Anta Diop offers additional elective courses, including Francophone African Literature, International Organizations, People and Cultures of Africa, Urban Sociology, Development Sociology.

For more information, <http://ciee.org/study/programOverview.aspx?pID=136#1subjects>

Language of Instruction: English, French

Eligibility:

- * Sophomore standing and above
- * Minimum 2.75 GPA
- * Language requirement = FREN 102

Housing and Meals: There are two housing options available. Students live in homestays with families in the local area. Upon acceptance into the program, students will fill out a placement questionnaire. Daily meals are part of the program fee.

Excursions: Included in the program cost are day trips to historic Gorée Island, including the Slave House and Women's Museum; Touba, and other important religious centers; and to Toubab Dialaw, a fishing village and artist's colony. In previous semesters, we have also taken students on weekend trips to the mangroves of the Sine-Saloum region; Saint Louis, the former capital of French West Africa; and other parts of Senegal where they experience rural life. Depending upon student interests, additional trips and cultural activities in and around Dakar may be organized or subsidized by the program.

Costs: Amounts in US dollars. Winthrop students pay Winthrop tuition, room and board fees which include the CIEE program items checked (✓) below:

200	Study Abroad Application Fee
325	Study Abroad Participation Fee
✓	Tuition
✓	Housing, standard
✓	Meals
✓	On-site Pick-up and Orientation Fee
✓	Program Excursion Fee
77	CIEE International Health Insurance
✓	Cultural Activities

200	Books/Academic Supplies
250	Immunizations for entering Senegal
1000	Personal Spending Money
1500	R/T Transportation to Location
135	Passport
√	Student Visa

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