

University of Burgundy Dijon, France

French Language and Culture Program

The academic year or one-semester program in Dijon, France is held at the University of Burgundy (Bourgogne). Winthrop students have the option of the language immersion program offered through Centre International d'Études Françaises (CIEF) or, if bilingual, matriculation into the university. The language program is complemented by various courses in French culture. The university offers a comprehensive range of courses.

Website link: <http://www.u-bourgogne.fr>

Semester Dates

AY Late Aug – Early June
Spring Early Feb – Early June

Application Deadline

Mar 1 for Academic Year study
Oct 1 for Spring study

Location Facts

The Burgundy region of France is proud of its famous gingerbread, Dijon mustard and burgundy wines. Dijon, once the prestigious city of the Dukes of Burgundy and now the capital of the Duchy of Burgundy, has more than 200,000 inhabitants. It is located between Lyon and Paris. Its history goes back to the Middle Ages as is evidenced in the cobblestone streets. Its exceptional architectural heritage, including glazed rooftops, half-timbered houses, private mansions of the 17th and 18th centuries, the Saint Benign Cathedral, the Palace of the Dukes of Burgundy, is renown. Besides the University of Burgundy on its outskirts, eight museums and also a botanical garden enrich the town.

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

Academics: In the intensive language program, students take the equivalent of 15 credit hours of language/culture classes. The 15-week semester includes the first week introduction activities, 13 weeks of classes and a final week of exams. Courses are taught by native French language instructors with experience in the field of teaching non-French speaking students. Students take a placement test upon arrival and are placed in the appropriate level of French.

- * *Level 1: Beginners, little or no command of French*
- * *Level 2: Advanced Beginners, minimal command of French, low level of formal study*
The above level students receive 220 teaching hours, including 150 hours of textbook-based activities using contemporary language acquisition methods and tools, plus 70 hours of didactic activities (workshops, role-playing games, language games, creative writing and field trips). Evaluation is in the form of oral and written class tests as well as a final exam.
- * *Level 3: Intermediate, average skills, need to develop automatic language speaking skills; that is, to help understand meaning more clearly and to be able to respond in any situation.*
The above students receive 220 teaching hours, including 190 hours of textbook-based language classes, including oral comprehension and expression, written and reading

comprehension, and 30 hours of grammar. Students also receive 30 hours of French culture classes and have access to an additional 120 hours of optional cultural classes.

- * *Level 4: Intermediate, high skills, need to strengthen the level of expression and the fluency in communication situations.*

The above students receive 210 teaching hours, including 180 hours of customized didactic teaching material, including oral and written comprehension and expression, grammar, phonetics, colloquial French and a course called French in Motion. Students also receive 30 hours of French culture classes and have access to an additional 120 hours of optional cultural classes.

- * *Level 5 and 6 (no level 6 in first semester): Good to very good command of French skills, need to further the expression of complex meaning, to maximize use of idiomatic structures and various linguistic registers of French; also enable students to prepare for higher education curricula in France.*

The above students receive 215 teaching hours, including 155 hours of customized didactic teaching material, including oral and written comprehension and expression, grammar, stylistics, idiomatic French vocabulary, plus 60 hours of French culture classes and have access to an additional 90 hours of optional cultural classes.

French culture classes include, but are not limited to:

Art History	Drama	Economics/Business
French Cinema	French Music	History of French Cooking
French Literature	Modern French History	Philosophy

Language of Instruction: French

Eligibility:

- * Second semester sophomore standing and above
- * Winthrop students annual enrollment limit of 10 students
- * Minimum 2.5 GPA
- * Language requirement = minimum FREN 101 (and FREN 102 recommended)

Housing and Meals: Students can opt to stay with families or at the International Student Residence (RIE).

Homestays: Homestay capability is limited. CIEF will do its best to place students with families but cannot guarantee all requests. CIEF also helps the students by providing addresses and all necessary practical details, but are not responsible for the agreement between the host and the family. Those arrangements are worked out between the student and the family upon arrival. General conditions of a homestay include accommodation in a single bedroom as well as a breakfast and dinner. The daily rate (2006-2007) is € 20 with each month payable upfront.

RIE: Students stay in single rooms that are equipped with a fridge and a telephone. Toilets and showers are located on each floor. There are communal kitchens (cooking utensils not supplied) on every floor of the residence. Bed linens and towels are not supplied. The RIE has a laundry and two TV rooms. Kitchens, corridors and washrooms are cleaned every morning; individual rooms every other week. The RIE is reserved for the CIEF students who come from all over the world, but it is also open to French students.

During university semesters from October to June, a cafeteria is open with student-priced meals. The cafeteria is closed on week-ends, Christmas holidays and Easter, when meals

are available at the university restaurants and cafeterias. The town center is fifteen minutes away, but there are lots of recreational facilities and local shops located near The RIE.

Orientation Course: At the beginning of the fall semester, CIEF offers a 4-week preparatory course that covers all aspects of being a student in France, learning about the Dijon and greater Burgundy area, and getting intensive language instruction by U-B faculty. This course, MLAN 330/530, 6 credit hours, is highly recommended and covered in the fall tuition charge.

Excursions: Throughout the year, guided excursions are organized, day trips in and around Burgundy, as well as 2-3 day excursions to other areas of France. Trips are optional, affordable and paid for at CIEF by the student.

Costs: Amounts are either in US dollars or euros. Some costs may be approximate due to the changing value of the US dollar against international currencies.

Checked (√) items included in Winthrop tuition fees.

200	Study Abroad Application Fee
325	Study Abroad Participation Fee
√	Tuition
€22-25/day	Homestay with 2 meals daily
€1210	International Residence Hall Housing
1000	Meals (self-catered)
225	Host Country Student Health Plan
√	Orientation and Intensive French Course (held in September)
100	Books/Academic Supplies
1500	Personal Spending Money
650	R/T Transportation to Location
135	Passport
135	Student Visa
40/mo	CISI International Health Insurance (optional)

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