

Fifteen whole days in Europe over the Winter Session in France and Switzerland! New Year's Eve in Paris! The Louvre and all of the world famous art and architectural treasures of Paris and surroundings for five nights. Seven nights in Strasbourg in the heart of the Alsatian region, with visits to the European Parliament, to Germany's "Black Forest", and other excursions in the region. Culminating with three nights in Engelberg, Switzerland and the Alps!

Course:

ILAS 2350 Introduction to Liberal Studies

Students can take the 3 credit hour course ILAS 2350 "Introduction to Liberal Studies", a learning how to learn course, a hybrid course with seminars interspersed between cultural and sightseeing activities. The online portion of the class students will complete from their homes in December before the trip. Students from any department, college or university can participate.



City of Freiburg

Program Costs

(based on a group size of at least 15 participants)

Program fee \$ 2,975*

Fee includes: 5 nights at a 3-star hotel in Paris, 7 nights at the CEPA study center Château de Pourtalès in Strasbourg and 3 nights at a 3-star hotel in Engelberg. Use of classroom, library, computer lab, community kitchen at the Château de Pourtalès, on-site coordinator, local guides, museum and excursion expenses as listed, welcome reception, welcome dinner, group dinner and farewell dinner, train ticket, 2-day gondola ticket in Engelberg and public transportation pass in Paris.

Not included in the fee: round-trip airfare, tuition, meals not listed, insurances, personal and misc. expenses

Note: Discount on UH fees of \$250 for 3 SCH's . Scholarships for UH students available at <http://www.uh.edu/studyabroad/>

Non-UH students will NOT have to pay tuition for course credit to the University of Houston. They pay only the program fee and other non-program costs like insurances and food. UH has only nominal registration and transcript fees for non-UH students to get study abroad credit applicable to their home institutions.

*Program costs are subject to change due to fluctuations in the value of the Euro in relation to the U.S. dollar.



**Introduction to Liberal Studies
Dec 27, 2012 – Jan 12, 2013**



City of Strasbourg

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**Winter Seminar
in France and Switzerland**

Introduction to Liberal Studies Winter Seminar in France

>> Dec 27, 2012 - Jan 12, 2013

Itinerary

Thurs. December 27

- Depart for Paris, France
(airfare is additional to the program costs)

Fri. December 28

- Arrival at Paris Airport Charles de Gaulle and meeting with your CEPA on-site coordinator
- Transportation by private bus to your hotel and check in
- Welcome reception and orientation session
- Walking tour of the Right Bank with your faculty leader
- Welcome Dinner at a typical French restaurant

Sat. December 29

- Visit to the Louvre
- Meet your CEPA on-site coordinator
- Guided boat tour on the famous Bateaux Parisiens

Sun. December 30 - *Free day in Paris*

Suggestion: Visit the famous Impressionist museum Quai d'Orsay and other famous museums in Paris, or make a trip to the Palace of Versailles

Mon. December 31 - *Free day in Paris*

Get prepared for New Year's Eve!

Tues. January 1 - *International Holiday - New Year's Day*

Suggestions: Discover the Jardin du Luxembourg, explore the Cathedral Sacré-Coeur or Notre-Dame

Wed. January 2

- Transportation by private bus to the train station



- Train ticket Paris - Strasbourg (travel time: approx. 2.5 hours)
- Transportation by private bus from the train station to the CEPA study center Château de Pourtalès
- Welcome Orientation
- Guided walking tour of Strasbourg

Thurs. January 3 - *Morning class*

- Transportation by private bus to the Oeuvre Notre Dame Museum

Fri. January 4 - *Morning class*

- Visit to the European Parliament
- Free afternoon at the Château de Pourtalès

Sat. January 5

- Travel by private bus to Freiburg and enjoy a free morning
Suggestions: Visit the cathedral "Minster" with the minster square (Münsterplatz), which is the focal point and heart of the town
- Visit a German bakery and discover the production of the famous "Black Forest Cake"

Sun. January 6

- Day excursion along the Alsatian „Route des Vins“ (wine route)
- Guided tour of the impressive castle Haut Koenigsbourg
- Visit to an Alsatian winery
- Group dinner at a typical Alsatian restaurant

Mon. January 7 - *Morning class*

- Free afternoon to explore Strasbourg
Suggestion: Visit the Alsatian Museum of Strasbourg

Tues. January 8 - *Morning class*

- Guided tour of a brewery in the Strasbourg region

Wed. January 9 - *Morning class*

- Transportation by private bus to the alpine town Engelberg
- Free afternoon in Engelberg to get settled

Thurs. January 10

- Guided tour of the Benedictine Monastery
- Ride to the top of Mount Titlis (gondola ticket included)

Fri. January 11

- Free day to discover the Glacier Park, the Glacier Cave or the Photo Studio and video room on Mount Titlis (gondola ticket included)
- Farewell Dinner at a restaurant in Engelberg

Sat. January 12

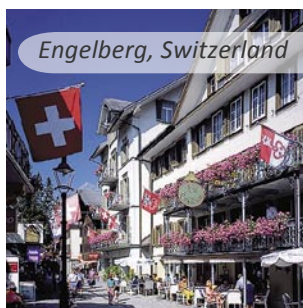
- Transportation by private bus to the airport in Zurich
- Departure back home
(airfare is additional to the program costs)

Applicable entrance fees included.

Itinerary is subject to change depending on availability.



Eiffel Tower, Paris



Engelberg, Switzerland



Route des Vins, Alsace



Louvre, Paris