

## Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

**Program Title:** Americans in Paris

**Locations:** Paris, France

**Dates:** May 14 - June 4, 2025

**Program Description:** An exploration of American and French identity and the cultural interactions between the two over time. Units on Americans during the French Revolution, WWI & II, the 1920s, etc. No French language ability required.

### Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations for Participation

Below is a list of academic, environmental and physical expectations and requirements for participation in this study away program. The list captures most, but not all, requirements. If you have questions about the expectations and requirements, please check with the study away office or the program directors. Students requiring a physical or academic accommodation should contact the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR) no less than 4 months prior to the start date of the program.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Frequency Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
Course work in a foreign language	Never
Course work in English	Always
Laptop Required	Tablets or iPads may be helpful for readings and assignments.
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Required
Traditional Classroom	Mostly out and abroad, but 4 classroom sessions.
Group Work	Sometimes
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Readings, tour mini quizzes, reflective journal, video assignment, discussion, participation, and oral presentation
Interactions with local residents	Sometimes

STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Frequency Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
Foreign Language Environment	Always
Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	Multiple types of surfaces, some hills, sandy/grassy at excursions
Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	Mostly urban
Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	Variable weather, can be mild to hot.
Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	No likely. Avoid tick bites.
Is tap water safe to drink	Yes
Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Pickpockets, risk of a strike that shuts down streets or transportation
Cultural Dress Code	There may be places that require students to remove a head scarf. Some churches have conservative dress codes.

PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Frequency Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Lifting/Carrying Own Luggage	Sometimes. Students will be responsible
Standing 60+ minutes	Frequently
Ability to walk up one or more flights of stairs (elevators may not be available)	Sometimes
Hiking (easy to strenuous; frequency; miles)	No
Walking 3+ miles per day	Several walking tours where students should anticipate walking more than 3 miles daily
Use of public transportation (buses, trams, trains, subways)	Yes, frequently
Other	

HEALTH & DIET	Frequency Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available at	Yes
Food Allergy Accommodations	Yes
Group Meals	1 breakfast, 4 lunches, and 2 dinners
Cooking for oneself	Optional - kitchenettes
Host family prepares meals	No
Healthcare easily accessible	Yes
Quality of Healthcare	Good

<b>LIVING ARRANGEMENTS</b>	<b>Frequency</b> Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Roommate	Yes
Shared Apartment	Apart-Hotel with Kitchenette (extended stay h
Hotel	1 night double occupancy
Cell phone signal available	Yes
Internet signal available	Yes
Refrigerator Access	Yes
Air Conditioning	Maybe, but often there is no AC
Laundry	facilities available at own cost

<b>WATER ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Frequency</b> Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Boat, canoes or other water activities	River boat cruise down Seine.
Sea sickness	No likely
Other	

**Center for Disease Control Recommendations:**

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