

Furman University Study Away Program: Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations

**Program:** Versailles, France

**Dates:** Fall Semester

**Program Description:** This is a language immersion with emphasis placed on learning and using the French language at all times. Students will live with host families and take five French intensive language and topical classes during this semester program. Students will be expected to commute from their host families to University of Versailles in St. Quentin and elsewhere in Versailles for classes. Several required group excursions will introduce students to other areas of France.

Request accommodations through the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR)

	Frequency						
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Optional	Recommended	Required
Course work in a foreign language				X			X
Course work in English	X						
Use of laptop				X			X
Use of smart device			X			X	
Traditional Classroom			X				X
Indoor Course Work			X				X
Outdoor Course Work			X				X
Group Work		X					
Presentations			X				
Interactions with local residents				X			X
Field Work		X					
Internship	X						
Research		X					
Comments: Program is linguistic immersion. Coursework is always in French.							

	Frequency				
STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Foreign Language Environment					X
Mountainous			X		
Tropical	X				
Desert	X				
Urban				X	
Rural			X		
High Elevation		X			
Dusty		X			
Air Pollution			X		
Recent Terrorism			X		
Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness		X			
Earthquakes	X				
Other Natural Disaster	X				
Comments: Rain can be frequent in northern Europe					

	Frequency				
PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Daily
Lifting luggage			X		
Carrying luggage upstairs			X		
Carrying equipment		X			
Carrying groceries		X			
Standing 30+ minutes				X	
Walking 1+ miles				X	
Hiking (easy)			X		
Hiking (strenuous)		X			
Sitting 5+ hours			X		
Use of public transportation					X
Flat terrain			X		
Hilly terrain			X		
Stairs				X	
Comments: Overnight travel, away from host families, for a total of about 3 1/2 weeks. Students will use public transportation daily.					

	Frequency				
HEALTH & DIET	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Vegetarian Options			X		
Vegan Options		X			
Food Allergy Accommodations				X	
Group Meals				X	
Cooking for oneself		X			
Host family prepares meals				X	
Healthcare easily accessible				X	
Comments: Vegan is very difficult to do in France, where dairy products are a big part of the standard diet. Studetns with dietary preferences or restrictions should let their program directors know about their needs well ahead of the program. Students live with host families and will not be able to cook for themselves.					

	Frequency				
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Always
Host Family					X
Roommate			X		
Shared Apartment	X				
Dormitory	X				
Camping	X				
Hotel				X	
Cell phone signal available				X	
Internet signal available				X	
Comments: Shared hotel rooms when traveling					

	Frequency				
WATER ACTIVITIES	Never	Seldom	Often	Optional	Required
Swimming		X		X	
Snorkeling	X				
SCUBA	X				
Boating (speed boat)	X				
Rowing		X		X	
Comments:					
<b>Center for Disease Control Recommendations:</b> Make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines before every trip. These vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine, and your yearly flu shot.					