

## F&M IN PARIS

Where better to broaden your liberal arts education than in the City of Light? Two-thousand years of history fill the streets. Discover some of the greatest architecture and museums in the world. Walk in the footsteps of Molière, Napoléon and the existentialist Simone de Beauvoir. Speak in a language famous for its precision and beauty. Get a taste of French *joie de vivre*.



### What is F&M in Paris?

F&M in Paris is a full-semester, four-credit program designed for sophomores and juniors. Two courses are taught by Kerry Whiteside, the Clair R. McCollough Professor of Government, and two courses are taught by our Paris affiliate.

### How is it different from other study-abroad programs?

It aims to attract students early in their college career so that they can boost their language skills in time to do higher-level studies in subsequent semesters. Moreover, an award-winning F&M professor leads the program.

All credits and grades count the same as courses taken on campus. Participants are abroad yet remain in contact with F&M students, advisers and curriculum. Additionally, they get special instruction in doing research in an international context.

### How does this program fit with F&M's general education requirements and majors?

F&M in Paris is not a detour in your education. It fulfills multiple requirements while opening many curricular options. It meets distribution requirements in the Humanities and Social Sciences. It takes you more than halfway to adding the International Studies concentration to any major (completing the International Studies Program also meets the Non-western cultures requirement). F&M in Paris offers at least one course toward a French minor. Government majors



get one major credit and fulfill their Cognate requirement. By teaching students how to do research abroad, F&M in Paris prepares participants to do Independent Studies in later semesters.

### COST

**Program fee:** We make every effort to keep your total costs in this program close to what you would pay for tuition, room and board for an on-campus semester. Your program fee includes costs of room occupancy, partial board, a \$750 travel allowance, all instructional costs and one out-of-Paris excursion.

**Financial aid and scholarship awards:** Students normally receive the same financial aid and scholarship package they would receive in residence at F&M. Consult with the Office of Financial Aid to determine

the details of your specific situation. Payments for Fall semester are due according to the College's regular billing schedule.

**Supplementary costs:** Students are responsible for one meal per day (lunch), three dinners per week, the cost of airfare in excess of \$750, passport and visa fees, books and personal travel and incidental expenses.

## THE COURSE PACKAGE

F&M in Paris consists of a package of four courses. All courses except French language are taught in English.

**International Studies 273: Cross-perceptions Europe-USA.** In this seminar, European and American perceptions of each other serve as the starting point for cultural analysis. The course examines the impact of four formative moments—the Roman Empire, Christianity, the Enlightenment and total war and the Holocaust—on European and American civilization. This course takes students into Paris many times during the semester to analyze historical sites, monuments and museums.

**Government 372: French Government and Politics.** A study of the evolution of French politics since 1958. Major themes include the functions of executive power, the changing party system and movements for government decentralization. Typically, this course includes consideration of the role of France in the European Union and includes a visit to the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

**French language:** Work on language skills adapted for practical situations. Placement is based on level of competence.

**French phonetics:** All students get special instruction in pronunciation and French conversation.

## INSTRUCTORS IN PARIS

Professor Kerry Whiteside leads the program and teaches two of its



Professor Kerry Whiteside, right, holds an impromptu class with a group of F&M in Paris students.

courses. The author of many articles and books on French politics, Whiteside is the 1998 winner of the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching and the 2009 winner of the Bradley R. Dewey Award for Outstanding Scholarship. Previously he has taught travel courses to London and Paris.

F&M works with a program provider in France. This partner group gives administrative support and supplies the French instructors for the program.

## ACCOMMODATIONS, MEALS AND CLASSROOMS

Students live with French families during their stay in Paris. There is no better way to understand France than from the inside. Host families provide three dinners per week and all breakfasts. The program organizes one group dinner per week, often at the food court of the Louvre museum. Students get to explore Paris' infinite eating possibilities for the three remaining dinners and all lunches.

## PREREQUISITES AND PRELIMINARIES

**Prerequisites:** Students must be in good academic and disciplinary

standing to participate in this program. Eligible students must have completed one year of college-level French or its equivalent. You can do this by:

- Passing French 101 and 102
- Testing at the equivalent level in F&M's language placement test
- Demonstrating an equivalent level of preparation in French

If more students apply than there are spaces available, preference will be given to students demonstrating an ongoing commitment to improving their French language skills.

## CONTACTS

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