

Hello, and thank you for your interest in the MSU-Mankato Summer Study in France Program.

Whatever your motivation, there is an excellent chance that one of our two programs options will fit your needs.

Undergraduate or graduate students working toward an intermediate or advanced level of language proficiency will thrive in intensive courses that focus on conversational and cultural fluency, complemented by an extended stay with a host family that are central features of our 6-week option.

For those contemplating a shorter experience, our 2-week option provides plenty of amazing opportunities for cultural immersion, even if you've never gotten past "Bonjour."

We have welcomed students from universities across Minnesota and the entire United States, and I will work with faculty at your home institution to facilitate the process or credit transfer.

Non-traditional students and advanced high-school students are also encouraged to apply.

I hope that you will find the information in this brochure informative. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or if wish to apply. Additional information may be obtained using the QR code below or on the last page.

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Estimated Costs

While all costs for the 2018 program have not yet been finalized, the estimated program fees are \$6,100 for the 6-week program and \$3,300 for the 2-week program. This includes room, most meals, all excursions, airfare and transportation while in France.

For 6-week participants, room and board with a host family, lunch at the university, additional tuition at the Institut d'Etudes de la Rochelle and excursions during the month of Julu are also included.

Most students are eligible to apply for financial aid to pay for this program, and there are opportunities for both internal and external scholarships.

Air transportation will be reserved on a regularly scheduled airline flight and, depending on the number of enrolled students, a group fare may be available.

Students wishing to travel on their own or visit friends and family in Europe are allowed to extend their stay beyond the end of the program.

Calendar and Deadlines

Travel Dates

2-week program: June 16 - July 2

6-week program: June 16 - July 30

<u>Application Deadlines</u>

Priority Application Deadline: January 1st

Regular Application Deadline: March 1st

Note: Applications may be accepted after March 1st, provided space is still available, so don't hesitate to ask!



Program Overview (Weeks 1 & 2)

This summer, the group will leave the United States on June 16th. The first 10 days will be spent in Paris, visiting major monuments, museums and neighborhoods. There will also be excursions to Saint-Denis, Versailles, Vaux-le-Vicomte,

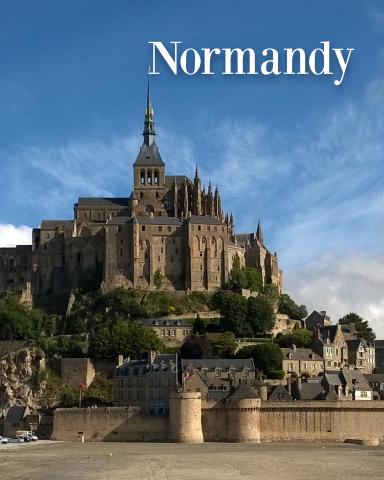
Épernay and Fontainebleau. On June 27th, they will leave for Normandy, visiting Monet's gardens and home at Giverny, Lisieux, Bayeux, the landing beaches at Arromanches, the American Cemetery and le Mont-Saint-Michel.

During the first two weeks of the program, all students are enrolled in a 3-credit course taught by the program director that touches on many of the most significant historical, political and cultural events in the development of France and its capital city.

For those without previous language ability enrolled in the 2-week option, all course materials and assignments are in English.







Program Overview (Weeks 3-6)

July will be spent in La Rochelle, a beautiful port city of more than 70,000 located on the Atlantic Ocean.

In addition to having one of Europe's most beautiful aquariums, la Rochelle possesses a number of fine museums.

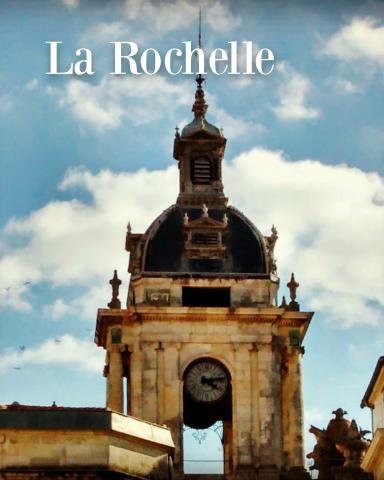
Thanks to a temperate climate, beautiful beaches and pleasant atmosphere, the city draws tourists from all over the world.

There is plenty of time to explore La Rochelle and have all sorts of fun on your own and with friends. During the Summer, there are many exciting events in the area, including a major music festival, Les Francofolies.



Organized cultural excursions are also scheduled during the month July.

In addition to weekend or afternoon trips to nearby castles and distilleries, faculty leader, native instructors and host family will help you discover some of the most interesting features of La Rochelle and its region.



Instructional Program

Minnesota State University, Mankato's summer program is a cooperative venture with the Institut d'Études Françaises de la Rochelle, which is under the direction of a local university.

The teaching staff is made up of native speakers familiar with the difficulties encountered by foreigners learning their language.

The Institute provides courses at the elementary, intermediate & advanced levels. They stress contemporary French civilization and grammar review. Students enrolled in the full 6-week program usually register for six additional credits in French.





