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SUMMER VACATION 2012
Lausanne University, Switzerland
French Language Short term Program
(Intermediate and Advanced Level)

Program Dates: January 30-February 17, 2012
Deadline: September 11th 2011

Overview

Lausanne is the county-town of the canton of Vaud, one of the twenty-three self-governing cantons of Switzerland. The town remains small and convivial while offering the various possibilities and the attractive features of a modern city. During your stay, you will enjoy visiting its different neighbourhoods that rise from the lake to the edges of the Jorat forests.

The University is ideally situated for discovering Lausanne and the surrounding regions of the Alps, the Jura and the Lake Lemman (Lake Geneva). You will find here rich and various cultural activities all year long. Lausanne has a long tradition as a University town; the Academy was created in 1537 to train protestant theologians. It developed gradually and became a University in 1890. The **Cours de vacances** exists since 1895 and has been committed from the beginning to the concern of teaching French to non-French speaking people and of spreading the French language around the world. The programs in Lausanne are a great option for intermediate and advanced students.

Program description

The 3 weeks course consisting of 51 periods of 45 minutes each. A qualified teacher will help you to improve your linguistic skills with the aid of appropriate activities. Students will have an assessment test at the beginning of the session and classes are reorganized according to the test results. This test takes place on the first day of your course (writing in the morning, oral in the afternoon). This is only to help Lausanne place students in the class suited to their level.

Courses available for [intermediate and advanced students](#) (B1 to C2).

One or two visits are organized by teachers; students can find a partner for language exchange: a networking meeting is organised during the "cours de vacances" session.

Student Profile

This program is specifically designed for French language students at Macquarie University. The short term programs are primarily for students undertaking a study program with a language major at Macquarie University (BA/BIntStud/Dipl.Lang.). Only in exceptional circumstances, students from other faculties who have been studying a language at Macquarie will be permitted to participate, provided the credit they gain from the program can be applied to their degree.

Student Numbers

A maximum of 25 Macquarie students can participate in the course. Priority will be given to those students who are currently enrolled in degree and diploma of languages programs in the field of French studies.

Outcome

- Advancement of French language skills
- Language immersion in Lausanne

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- Acquisition of credit points towards a Macquarie award program

Timing and Duration of the Program

The program will run for three weeks in from January 30th to February 17th, 2012. Courses take place every morning Monday to Friday from 8.45 am to 12.00 pm.

In the morning you study with your class, and in the afternoon you study on your own in the Multimedia Center, some free courses may be offered in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, you can work on your own in the Multimedia Center (CMM), where an assistant is on hand to help you find material suited to your needs.

Assignment and Assessment

Assessment will be by final examination in the last few days of the course.

Credit

- Students participating in the course will be enrolled in FRN 231 or FRN 331 according to the proficiency in the respective language
- All students must be enrolled for this credit, and standard tuition fees (HECS or full fee) for the enrollment are payable to Macquarie.
- The cost of enrolment at Macquarie is not included in the logistics fee.
- Students cannot enroll themselves into the unit until they have been accepted into the program and a waiver has been entered.
- The results will be recorded as “satisfactory” or “fail” and, provided they pass, will not affect their GPA.

Selection Criteria

- Students must be enrolled in a relevant Macquarie University degree award program at the time of application and also at the time of travel
- Students must have a satisfactory level of academic achievement with an expected Macquarie University GPA of a 2.5 or higher. In exceptional circumstances, students with a GPA of 2.0 - 2.5 may be considered for short term programs only on the advice of the Head of The Department of International Studies. Students should in the first instance contact Carolina Rodriguez carolina.rodriguez@mq.edu.au to outline their case for consideration.
- Students must receive credit points towards their MQ degree for their participation in this program
- Priority will be given to students that are currently enrolled in a degree with a language major at Macquarie University
- Students' eligibility will be assessed according to the guidelines in the Student Mobility Policy. http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/important/student_exchange
- Students will be selected to participate in the program based on academic merit, references and personal statement
- Students enrolled in a Certificate in Languages only are not eligible for travel grants
- Students enrolled in non award programs are not eligible to participate in the short term programs

Language students in their first year may participate in an in-country unit without having fulfilled the 18cp requirement on the following conditions:

- They are enrolled in a Bachelor degree program at Macquarie
- They are enrolled in both Semester 1 and Semester 2 units for their chosen language
- They obtain a recommendation from the Department of International Studies
- The short program they are participating in is one that has been specifically designed for students going between 1st and 2nd semester language units
- The program offered is specifically established for a group of students that do not comply with the regular policy. If this is the case, it will be clearly advised in documentation about the program

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Mobility Scholarships

Mobility Scholarships from Macquarie International are intended to assist students in participating in student mobility programs. While the grants will assist in meeting program expenses, they are not intended to cover all costs and cannot be processed on demand. Grants are processed after the pre-departure session, and so applicants may need to be able to meet the costs of the program independently of the travel grant, where a grant cannot be processed in time for travel.

- Eligible students participating in the program will receive a Macquarie mobility scholarship of \$2000
- You do NOT need to apply for the scholarship separately. Those accepted into the program will be assessed automatically.

OS – Help

In the event that you should require additional financial assistance, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has announced the provision of loans to assist Australian students undertake some of their study towards their undergraduate degree overseas. The scheme is known as OS-HELP.

See further information on this link

http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/process/accepted_exchange.

Accommodation

Students will be accommodated at the Youth Hostel Lausanne from Saturday 28th January to Saturday 18th February. 22 students would be placed in 2-bedded rooms, 3 students would be staying in a 4 bedded room.

The accommodation includes:

- Breakfast buffet
- Wireless connection in the common areas with possibility of connection in the rooms with a system of cards
- Public transport free tickets available for the entire stay

Further information on the hostel is available at <http://www.youthhostel.ch/en/hostels/lausanne>

Cost

The logistics Fee for this program is estimated to be **\$1,600**. We expect final fees to be confirmed by the end of September..

This fee includes:

- Accommodation
- Cultural activities

Macquarie International will provide:

- Travel insurance
- Pre-departure session
- Lonely planet guide - Switzerland

Additional costs:

Students should expect to also pay the following amounts:

- **\$110** Macquarie short term program application fee. For more information on this fee please visit

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<http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/shortterm/costs>

- Tuition fee for the Residential unit (FRN 231 or FRN 331) at Macquarie
- Airfare - \$2000-2500 depending on time of booking
- Living expenses – approx \$1,200 (varies per student taste, entertainment, souvenirs, etc)

How to Pay Application and Logistics Fees

Application Fees (110 AUD) and Logistics Fees can be paid in two ways:

In person

EFTPOS and Credit Card payments can be made, in person, at the MiShop on level 1 of building E3A. Please note that except in extenuating circumstances, it is not possible to make cash payments.

Online

Go to <http://www.international.mq.edu.au/mishop>

Select "Events for Exchange students" on the left-hand menu. Then, select the International Exchange Program Application Fee and add it to your cart to pay online.

How to apply

The application form is online at:

<http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/shortterm>

You will be asked for:

- Your application type ("Student Exchange")
- Your personal details
- Your passport details
- Emergency contact details
- Your current study details
- Your university preferences and the units you hope to study at those universities
- A supporting statement, i.e., why do you want to go on exchange and what qualities do you think you have that will make you a good choice for the exchange program?
- Contact details for two referees

Remember to click the 'Submit' button to submit your application.

It should take around 20 – 30 minutes to complete the application. You can log out and log back in to finish it at a later date if necessary, but please remember to submit it by the deadline.

Evaluation

Students will be required to complete an online evaluation on their return to Macquarie University.

Deadline

Student applications are due to Macquarie International by the **11th September, 2011.**

Notes for International Students

International students must still comply with Australian visa conditions for class attendance and pass rates whilst overseas – general requirements for international students, as dictated by the ESOS Act, must still be met.

For more information please visit

http://www.immi.gov.au/business-services/education-providers/third_country_exchanges.htm

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International students are permitted to travel home before and/or after their program, except where logistic fees include group flights that cannot be amended.

Further information

Students should direct initial enquiries to:

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