IECS Strasbourg, France
Beginners French Course - A1
Advanced Beginners French Course - A2
Program Dates for 2010: 18th January - 6th February

Overview
The EM Strasbourg Business School is just a short 10-minute tram or bike-ride from the city centre, is located in a prime position on the university campus of the Esplanade district. Built in the 60s, the Esplanade has grown around its university faculties and over a third of its inhabitants are students. The district offers comprehensive facilities, including shops and services, bookshops, estate-agencies, copy and binding shops, fast-food restaurants and the Citadelle and Orangerie parks.

As the intellectual, artistic and economic capital of Alsace, Strasbourg offers all the advantages of a large city, but at a manageable size. The city can boast an extraordinary array of architecture, excellent museums and a cycle and pedestrian -friendly atmosphere that make it a genuinely enjoyable place to live in, with a superb quality of life. Strasbourg is also one of the rare cities in the world whose city centre has been classified as a UNESCO world heritage site.

The programs in Strasbourg are a great option for beginners and advanced beginners students. Two language programs will be offered on January:

Beginner French program – A1
Designed for students with no background in French or a limited knowledge of French language.

Advanced beginner French program – A2
Designed for students that have studied two semesters of French at Macquarie University.

Student Profile
Beginner French program – A1
Any student undertaking an award program at Macquarie University is eligible for the program.

Advanced beginner French program – A2
Students that have completed FRN 122 and FRN 123 at Macquarie University

Topics
- French language course (approximately 40 hours).
- French culture (a number of lectures)
- Lectures on European Integration

Outcomes
- Basic understanding of the French language
- Cultural experience and understanding of the French way of life
- Increased understanding of the complexity of Europe

Student Numbers
Beginner French program (A1) 10 students are required for this class to run.
Advanced beginner French program (A2) 10 students are required for this class to run.

Timing and Duration of the Program
Three weeks commencing January 18th and concluding on February 6th. Students should plan to arrive in Strasbourg on Sunday the 17th of January.

Access to Strasbourg is easiest via train from either Paris (2.5 hours) or Frankfurt, Germany (2.5 hours). The airport at Strasbourg itself is quite a distance from the city centre and transport to and from the airport is by public bus.

Living Arrangements and Costs
Accommodation will be included as part of the logistics fee and all students will reside in the one accommodation option together.

Accommodation will be booked from Sunday the 17th of January (arrival) to Sunday February 7th (departure). Extensions will be possible for an additional charge. Students will be accommodated in CIARUS hostel in Strasbourg.

Accommodation details:
- Twin share, including a buffet breakfast and a petit plateau (1 main course + 1 dessert)
- Each room has its own bathroom and the hostel is equipped with computers, washing facilities and much more. The hostel does not have its own cooking facilities, but meals are available at a reasonable price (either from the hostel or at a number of discount eateries in the city).
- The hostel is an easy 10-15 minutes walk from the city centre. Public transport to the University is also very easy and within a short walk of the hostel.
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Cultural Components
This course will include lectures on French culture and visits to various cultural sites in Strasbourg, including castles, the EU parliament, city tours.
- Visit to European Parliament
- Visit to Council of Europe
- Visit to Haut-Koenigsbourg Castle

Proposed Itinerary
Will be sent with the acceptance letters

Assignment and Assessment
There will be classes each day – equivalent to 40 hours of language tuition over the period of the course. There will also be some classes on French culture, field trips and lectures on European integration.
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 131. All students must be enrolled for this credit, and standard tuition fees (HECS or full fee) are payable to Macquarie for the enrolment. The cost of enrolment at Macquarie is not included in the logistics fee listed below.
The results will be recorded as “satisfactory” or “fail” and, provided you pass, will not affect your GPA.
Please contact Carolina Rodriguez for further information regarding the enrolment process.

Costs

1) $110 application fee. For more on this fee please visit www.international.mq.edu.au/enhance/short_term/costs

2) Logistics fee 1,299 AUD

3) Cost of enrolment at Macquarie: each student participating in this program is required to enrol in, and pay for, the associated unit with this course (3cp of FRN 131)

This fee includes:

- Accommodation (21 nights)
- 2 meals per day (breakfast + 1 petit plateau)
- Transport pass (one month unlimited transport pass within the Strasbourg area).
- Travel insurance
- Welcome and Farewell dinner
- Visit to Haut-Koenigsbourg Castle
- Visit to European Parliament
- Visit to Council of Europe
- Pre-departure event
- Comprehensive pre-departure pack (including lonely planet guide)

This fee does not include the cost of enrolment at Macquarie, which attracts regular HECS or Full fee rates. The full amount of the logistics fee will be due to be paid to Macquarie by October 30th.

Please note that these fees are estimated, the fees could change according to the currency rate.

Additional Expenses:
- Airfare - $2000-2500 depending on time of booking
- Living expenses – approx $1500 (varies per student taste, entertainment, souvenirs, etc)

Travel Grant
The Macquarie travel grant for the program will be $2,000. All students who are accepted into this short term exchange program will have this grant generated automatically for them.

Application Process and Deadline and Selection Criteria
Student applications are due to Macquarie International by the 30th September, 2009. The application form is online at: http://www.international.mq.edu.au/enhance/short_term
Students will be selected to participate in the program based on academic merit, references and
personal statement.

Their eligibility will be assessed according to the guidelines in the Student Mobility Policy. Students must have a GPA of at least 2.0 (out of 4) and must receive credit points towards their MQ degree for their participation in this program.

**How to Pay Relevant Fees**

- **Application and Logistics Fees**
  - Application Fees 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](http://www.international.mq.edu.au/mishop)
        - Select 'Outbound Exchange' under Events, navigate to the intensive international programs page then select the relevant fee to pay and enter your details.

**Evaluation**

Students will be required to complete an online evaluation on their return to Macquarie University. Students must also complete any form of evaluation that IECS Strasbourg require prior to leaving Strasbourg.

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**Testimonials**

Student feedback 2007: *Please add any comments you would like to make about the academic side of the course.*

- Our lecturer was fantastic. Very friendly and able to establish a good rapport the class. The lessons were thorough yet flexible in order to discuss other cultural matters or review certain issues. Madame Brunache was for me the highlight of the course because she was a great teacher and always enthusiastic!
- The course was really relaxed, yet in saying that I still learned a good amount of French. Only having class for a few hours each day allowed us time to practise amongst ourselves and
explore Strasbourg. The professor was very good in both teaching us the language and giving us cultural information about France.