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

Program Dates for 2011: January 31st to February 18th
Deadline: September 5th 2010

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 neighborhoods 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 Leman (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.

Student Profile
The short term programs are primarily for students undertaking a study program with a language major at Macquarie University (BA/BIntStud/Dipl.Lang.) but, should space permit, students from other faculties will be permitted to participate, provided the credit they gain from the program can be applied to their degree.

This program is specifically designed for French language students of intermediate and advanced level.

Topics
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).

Student Numbers
This program accepts 15 students.

Timing and Duration of the Program
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.
Living Arrangements and Costs

Students will be accommodated in the halls of residence located in the city (UNIL is located in the suburbs of Lausanne, it takes 10 mins. to reach downtown Lausanne by subway). Students will appreciate to live in the city. It includes a single room (sheets cleaning) in a shared apartment (kitchen and bathroom are shared). Accommodation will be booked from January 30th to February 19th.

Cultural activities

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.

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 FRN231 or FRN331 according to the proficiency in the respective language. 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.

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 you pass, will not affect your 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 2.0 or higher
- 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
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.

The travel grants will be paid directly into the students’ Australian bank accounts, provided they attend all compulsory information sessions and complete all required application and other documentation by the deadlines stated on those documents.

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.

Costs

The logistics Fee for this program is estimated to be $1,500. We expect final fees to be confirmed by the end of August.

This fee includes:

- Accommodation (From January 30th to February 19th 2011)
- Cultural activities listed above
- Travel insurance

Students should also expect to pay the following amounts:

1) $110 application fee. For more details on this fee please visit http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/shortterm/costs
2) Cost of enrolment at Macquarie: each student participating in this program is required to enrol, and pay for the associated unit with this course (3cp of SPN 220)

Details on payment will be given once students have been accepted into the program.

Additional Expenses:

- 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 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
Successful students will then be guided through the rest of the application process to Monterrey University.

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 5th September, 2010

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.

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

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