EM Strasbourg Business School
Advanced Beginners French Course - A2
Strasbourg, France

Program Dates for 2011: 17th January - 4th February
Deadline: September 5th 2010

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 program in Strasbourg is a great option for advanced beginners students.

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

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 designed for French language students who have completed FRN 122 and FRN 123 at Macquarie University

Topics
- French language course (approximately 40 hours).
- French culture
- 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
This program accepts 20 students.

Timing and Duration of the Program
Three weeks commencing January 17th and concluding on February 4th. Students should plan to arrive in Strasbourg on Sunday the 16th 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.

**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 into the unit **FRN131**. 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](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 between $1,500 - $1,700. We expect final fees to be confirmed by the middle of September.

This fee includes:
- Accommodation (21 nights)
- Breakfast
- 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 Parlament
- Visit to Council of Europe

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 $1500 (varies per student taste, entertainment, souvenirs, etc)

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.
Students will be accommodated in CIARUS hostel in Strasbourg.

Accommodation details:
- Twin share, including a buffet breakfast
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.

Accommodation will be booked from Sunday the 16th of January (arrival) to Sunday February 6th (departure). Extensions will be possible for an additional charge.

**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 “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](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. Students must also complete any form of evaluation that IECS Strasbourg require prior to leaving Strasbourg.

**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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