

EXPLORATIONS IN FRENCH (3 credits)

This course is divided into three sections: Promenades, Appointments, and 3 Orientation Classes.

- 1) Promenades: Throughout the semester, students will have six *Promenades Historiques et Culturelles*. Each promenade will be led by a professor and will take place in a different section of Paris. Promenades last approximately 2 hours and will cover historical, social, and cultural information. There will also be 2 excursions outside the city that are included in this course. Promenades are conducted in French, although occasionally rapid translations or summaries will be given in English if the information becomes too technical.
- 2) Appointments: Every 2 weeks, students will have a one-on-one meeting with a professor. During the first interview, students will discuss their hobbies and interests to better acquaint themselves with the professor and to assign an activity. At the end of each appointment, students will be assigned an activity to complete before the next appointment. Activities will be tailor-made and are based off the student's personal interests and hobbies. They can include museum visits, sporting events, conversation exchanges, and much more. During the 20 minute appointment, students will discuss their completed assignment and will answer questions asked by the professor. Each week, the student's progression will be assessed. These appointments are designed to help improve skills in French language and culture through the individual assignments. All activities and appointments are conducted in French.
- 3) During students first week in Paris, orientation classes are held at the Foyer. In these classes, students will learn about the organization of Paris and daily city life. Students will be instructed on how to buy a Parisian cell phone for their time abroad and will also be informed about transportation in and out of the city, among other topics. At the end of orientation, students will have a test on the given information from orientation. During orientation, students will also have the time to choose which elective(s) they will take.