

Global Seminar: France and America: Connections through Time (Bordeaux, France)
Bordeaux, France

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Program Terms: Summer

Dates / Deadlines:

Term	Year	App Deadline	App Review Begins	Start Date	End Date
Summer	2014	02-FEB-2014 **	Variable	13-JUN-2014	28-JUN-2014
Summer	2015	01-FEB-2015**	Variable	12-JUN-2015	27-JUN-2015
Summer	2016	01-FEB-2016**	Variable	TBA	TBA

** For most programs, applications are reviewed on a rolling admissions basis (starting August 1st for Spring programs and starting January 15th for Summer and Fall programs). **NOTE: Applications for programs offering exchange positions will be reviewed AFTER the application deadline.**

Indicates that deadline has passed

Fact Sheet:

Type of Program:	Faculty-Led Global Seminar	Areas of Study:	History, International Affairs, Political Science
Minimum Required GPA (at time of application):	2.50	Minimum Class Standing (at program start):	2 - sophomore
Course Prerequisite(s):	Preferred (not required): previous coursework in ANTH, ECON, GEOG, HIST, IAFS, or PSCI	Housing Option(s):	Residence Hall
Open to students from:	CU-Boulder	Language(s) of Instruction:	English
Course Load for Summer/Winter Program:	3 credits	Length of Summer/Winter Program:	2 Weeks

Program Information:



- Learn how two of the world's most influential powers, France and the United States, are uniquely connected
- Fulfill the major degree requirements in IAFS, HIST or PSCI (see Academics section for more details)
- Earn 3 credits in 2 weeks in June
- Enjoy numerous excursions around Bordeaux and hear guest lectures by local faculty
- Missed the interest meeting? For more info click [here](#)
- Learn more about this program: [YouTube](#) and [Wordpress](#)

With a long and rich heritage as a political, economic, and cultural hub, Bordeaux has, for centuries, sat at the crossroads of history and contemporary affairs. Situated near the Atlantic coast (and excellent swimming and surfing beaches), Bordeaux offers both a unique and universal perspective on France. It is a French city but also a European and global center with a historic district that is a United Nations World Heritage site.

A few hours to the south lie the Basque country, the Pyrenees, and Spain. Paris is just three hours North by train, and Brittany and Normandy are also easily accessible. Bordeaux has a modern tram system, a maze of picturesque streets, and the largest pedestrian mall in Europe. Of course, the wine industry gives Bordeaux a special place in a network of vineyards, companies, and transportation links across Europe and the world.

You are expected to be full participants at the pre-departure meetings and at each visit and lecture in Bordeaux. In addition to on-site lectures in Bordeaux, the course will include site visits, guest lectures, and day trips.

With Bordeaux as a case study, French Connections will familiarize you with the history and contemporary relations of two of the world's most influential powers. Topics in the course include: revolution/democracy/nation-building, war and society, trade and business, education, immigration, security/diplomacy/terrorism, and regional/global integration. The course will also examine how France and America have, at times, embraced and also vilified each other. French Connections is targeted at students majoring in International Affairs, History, Political Science, Economics, Anthropology, and Geography, although students in other majors may also apply.

The course fulfills the Europe/Eurasia concentration for IAFS majors and counts as an upper division elective credit for PSCI majors. It also fulfills Historical Context for A&S core. A detailed course syllabus will be provided to all the students and is available from the program director.

- The program will take place the last two weeks of June. Check the Dates/Deadlines section above for exact program dates.

For information about arrival and departure, see the Program Specific Handbook at the bottom of this page.

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Course Levels	IAFS 3500: France and America: Connections through Time (cross-listed as HIST 4190)
Evaluation	This course is approved to fulfill the Arts & Sciences Historical Context core requirement. The course counts as Europe/Eurasia concentration and Functional Area 3 for IAFS majors, as an upper division elective credit for PSCI majors and 4190 for History majors.
Credit	3 University of Colorado credits

The program is directed by [Professor Tom Zeiler](#). He is a Professor of History and International Affairs and also the current Director of International Affairs. He was part of the Visiting Professor Program with L'Institut des Sciences Politiques Bordeaux in spring 2011. His experience leading and teaching groups of students abroad consists of spending two years as a Fulbright scholar in Tokyo, Japan and Buenos Aires, Argentina. During this time, he taught foreign students at their local universities, as well as groups of visiting students from the United States.

Professor Zeiler, along with staff from the Study Abroad Programs office, will select program participants.

[See Professor Zeiler's Faculty Spotlight.](#)

The program schedule is relatively busy but when students are not in class or doing a group visit they will have time to explore Bordeaux. There are many class site visits in and around Bordeaux, a guided tour, and two day excursions.

Students will be staying in a residential dormitory facility at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques. Each student will have his/her own bedroom and bathroom with fridge and microwave and will share general living space with four other students on the program.

A Welcome and Farewell dinner will be provided on the program.

Students are responsible for making their own transportation arrangements to France and back. The program begins and ends in Bordeaux.



Transportation on program-related field trips while in Bordeaux is provided as part of the program fee.

The following 3 scholarships are specifically for program participants. To be considered for any/all of these 3 awards below, you must apply for the Buffs Abroad Scholarship (see the link above in #1).

1. **Bordeaux grants for International Affairs majors:** Award amounts will vary from a pool of \$2,000.
 2. **Bordeaux grants for Political Science majors** (to be confirmed for summer 2015): The Department of Political Science will award small scholarships to PSCI majors who apply to the program/scholarship. Award amounts will vary.
 3. **Bordeaux grants for History majors** (to be confirmed for summer 2015): The Department of History will award up to \$2,000 in scholarships to HIST majors who apply to the program and to the scholarship. Award amounts will vary.
- **Global Grant for IAFS and G-RAP Students:** The International Affairs Program (IAFS) and Global Studies RAP (G-RAP) offer Global Grants for CU-Boulder Study Abroad Programs. The grants are \$1000 each and open to IAFS and G-RAP students only. To be considered you must apply for the CU-Boulder Study Abroad Scholarship (see the link above). Click [here](#) for more information on this scholarship.
 - **Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) Grants:** (up to \$2400/project) for undergraduate research or creative work projects including projects while studying abroad. Application, detailed descriptions, project archive (to get project ideas) are available on [the UROP website](#). Application deadline is EARLY - usually in late February/early March.
 - **Katherine J. Lamont Scholarship:** (for students studying abroad on a French program for the first time). Contact the French & Italian Department; frenital@colorado.edu.
 - **Alliance Française de Denver:** Visit [the Alliance website](#) for more information. The application deadline is usually March 31.
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- [Bordeaux 2014 Video](#)
- [France.com Guide to France](#)
- [Sciences Po website \(English\)](#)
- [Lonely Planet Bordeaux](#)

: "Bordeaux at Night" by Unknown Photographer. "Bordeaux" by Claudia Rebora. "Eating Escargot Like a French Person" by Tom Zeiler.

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