

CENTRE-IN-STRASBOURG: FALL 2024

Dates: Classes run from **Monday to Thursday**, to allow for independent travel on **select** weekends. The program also includes mandatory weekend excursions and course-related field trips within the region.

Fall 2024 Schedule

Student Arrival	September 10 th
1st Travel Weekend	September 27 th to 29 th
Mindfulness Retreat	October 11 th to 13 th
Visit of Struthoff & Hiking to Mt Ste Odile	October 18 th
Fall Break	October 28 th to November 4 th
2nd Travel Weekend	November 8 th to 11 th
Trip to Paris	November 22 nd to 24 th
Student Departure	December 7 th

Director: The 2024-25 program will be led by [Dr. Marc Démont](#), Assistant Professor of French and Humanities. Dr. Démont has taught at Centre since 2018 and is a French national born in Lille. He has studied philosophy and anthropology (M.A.), psychology (M.A.), French (M.A.), and Comparative Literature (PhD). In his own words, "Each of these disciplines has made me sensitive to culture and cultural differences, and a staunch advocate for cultural and linguistic diversity, global citizenship, and obviously for study abroad." Dr. Démont speaks French, English and Italian, and reads Spanish, Portuguese, Catalan, and Sardinian. He directed Centre-in-Strasbourg in 2021-2022 and 2023-2024 and has led courses in India, French Polynesia, and Portugal.

Housing: Students in Strasbourg will either share a **group apartment** in downtown Strasbourg or participate in homestays with a **French or German-speaking** household.

Classroom Facilities: The classroom area is near the University of Strasbourg, a short walk from the main cathedral. It includes classrooms, an office, a small library, and a study area.

Our Partners: Centre-in-Strasbourg operates in close partnership with [Accès Study Abroad](#), an organization directed by Andrea and Alex Neff, Americans who have lived and worked in Strasbourg for many years. Andrea and Alex are an ongoing source of information about daily life in Strasbourg and are eager to share tips about local activities and events.

French Language Study: Previous study in French is **not required for admission** however, all students are required to enroll in one of the below French language courses during their time in Strasbourg. You are placed in the next logical French course by the Registrar based on your experience or placement.

FRE 110 (section c) Intro French Lang. & Culture-I

FRE 221 (section c) Intermediate French

FRE 350 (section a) Contemporary French Culture

Other Courses: In addition to a French course at the appropriate level, all students will take:

HUM 210 – Mindfully Living in France. The course will offer an overview of French Literature through the lens of the 5 senses. It will focus on texts such as Proust's famous "La Madeleine," Merleau-Ponty's analysis of the red color, Delerme's minute description of the ritual of buying croissants at the bakery. This textual analysis will be articulated with direct experiences, whether it is museum visits, concerts, art practice (Photography), or mindful meditations. **Taught by Marc Démont.**

Students will also take **two** of the following three courses:

POL 461 The Construction of Europe. A study of the three European institutions housed in Strasbourg, France: The European Union (EU), The Council of Europe, and the European Court of Human Rights. In part, the course uses a case study approach, focusing on current issues being debated and decided in Strasbourg, the administrative center of Europe. **Taught by Yoav Shemer, this course will count toward EII, Social Studies Exploration.**

FLM 265 European Cinema European Cinema. provides overviews of key movements in European film history, from the inception of the medium in 1895 to the present. It includes accessible introductions to traditions as diverse as early Soviet cinema, German Expressionism, Surrealism, Italian Neorealism, the French New Wave, Ealing Comedy, East-Central European cinema, Contemporary Spanish cinema, and much more. **Taught by Marc Démont.**

AAS 260 Introduction to France's Relations with African Countries This course is designed to help American students understand contemporary France through the lens of its relations to Africa. From the early 19th century until the mid-20th century African colonies provided a source of manpower, natural resources, military resources, and a platform for international trade which helped ensure France's role as a world power. While France's presence brought some advances to African countries, it also exploited them and disrupted traditional social structures by enforcing its so-called assimilation politics. We will examine the ways in which France continues to wield considerable economic, political, and military influence in Africa through unequal relations known as "la France-Afrique". **Taught by Dr. Thaddée Nthinyuzwa, this course will count toward D, Difference, Equity, and Inclusion.**

Note: One of the courses taken in Strasbourg will count as a Global Engagement course.