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Global Exchange Program

Arras, France — *Université d'Artois*

USC's exchange program at the Université d'Artois is designed to provide students with an opportunity to immerse themselves in French life and culture and further develop their French language skills. The USC exchange program is based at the main campus of the Université d'Artois in Arras.

The city of Arras is located about 45 minutes north of Paris by high-speed train, 40 minutes south of Lille, and is very close to the Belgian border. The



city itself is over 2,000 years old and boasts two famous squares made up of 155 houses dating from the 17th and 18th centuries. For more information on the city and the region, visit

<http://www.explorearas.com/>. The Université d'Artois campus in Arras offers a small campus learning environment with many ways to meet French and other international student and become involved in French-student life through academics and also participation in social and athletic clubs and associations. For more information on Artois, visit <http://www.univ-artois.fr/international>.

The program at Arras offers a diverse array of courses in French language, literature, and culture. All classes are taught in French and exchange students take classes with French students. A semester-long French language class is available free of charge to exchange students and is worth 3 ECTS: <http://www.univ-artois.fr/international/etudier-a-l-universite-d-artois/infos-pratiques/interculturel-et-linguistique>*

This exchange is best suited for French majors and minors who would like to focus on developing their French language proficiency through immersion. As a prerequisite, students must have attained at least sophomore standing prior to attending Artois. They must also have completed at least one 300-level French course with a minimum score of B. Only USC undergraduate students are eligible to participate in this program.

Courses and Credits

Students typically earn 30 ECTS credit hours per semester, which are roughly equivalent to 15 credits at USC. As the course descriptions are not posted online, you will need to contact the Study Abroad Office for further information regarding courses. Students can also take courses from other departments, provided there are no time conflicts and all prerequisites are met. Listed below are a few examples of subjects offered:

**Cours de français pour étudiants d'échange*
Linguistique générale
Introduction à la littérature médiévale
Histoire générale de la langue française

Histoire des mouvements littéraires
Littérature de jeunesse
Explication orale
Littérature comparée

Housing

Artois can accommodate students in a university residence in Arras, “Résidence de l’Artois”. Students should expect to pay approximately 260€ per month for rent. More information on the university residence can be found at <http://www.crous-lille.fr/residences/rez.php?id=37>. Students also have the option of arranging private accommodation independently in Arras and the university can help by providing landlords’ contact details.

Budgeting

Students pay in-state tuition and fees to USC and housing fees to Artois. In addition, students should expect to pay approximately 600€ per month on living expenses, including housing, food, transportation, phone, and other personal expenses. Entertainment costs will vary by student. Students should expect to spend approximately 1000€ during the first month on start-up costs such as the first month’s rent and deposit (usually comparable to one month’s rent), 210€ for the French health insurance, etc.

Master Calendar

The fall semester runs from early September through December and the spring semester runs from the beginning of January to mid-May or the end of June, depending on the exam schedule. USC students can attend Artois during the fall semester, spring semester or academic year. A detailed schedule can be found at <http://www.univ-artois.fr/international/etudier-a-l-universite-d-artois/avant-votre-depart/calendriers>.

Insurance

International students studying in France for a semester are required by the French government to enroll in the French Social Security Healthcare System (La Sécurité Sociale). The enrollment costs around 210€ & can be purchased at Artois upon arrival. This is in addition to USC’s insurance requirement. Per policy, all USC students will be charged emergency medical, evacuation and repatriation insurance for their time abroad. Contact the Study Abroad Office for more details.

Orientation

Artois holds an orientation session for all incoming exchange students which takes place at the beginning of September for the fall semester and the beginning of January for the spring semester. More information on orientation and preparing for your arrival will be sent out to students pending acceptance into the exchange program.

Excursions & Extra-Curricular Activities

Students at Artois have the opportunity for individual travel. In addition, the International Relations Office organizes a day-long excursion to discover the region. Exchange students can also participate in the student organizations, sports, and other areas of campus life while in Arras: www.univ-artois.fr/vie-etudiante.

Visa

Students who attend Artois for a semester or academic year are required to register with Campus France and go in person to the French Embassy or Consulate to obtain a French visa. For more information on the visa process, please visit <http://www.campusfrance.org/en/page/extended-stay-student-visa-residency-permit-vls-ts>. The Study Abroad Office will also provide detailed information on the visa process to those students accepted into the exchange program.

Footnotes

Visit the Artois website at <http://www.univ-artois.fr/international/etudier-a-l-universite-d-artois>.