Overview

Semesters Available: Fall (June-December)
GPA Requirement: Strong academic performance
Language of Instruction: English, but willingness to learn French is important

If you are a Viticulture & Enology major hoping to experience something very special during a semester abroad, then this program is for you. The program is not your average study abroad program (nor for your average student)! At the heart of your semester you’ll be living, working and breathing an internship in one of France’s famous wine growing regions (think…Bordeaux, Chablis, Burgundy, Champagne…). You’ll bring your experience to the classroom for two, three-week intensive class periods, taught (mostly!) in English throughout the semester (in a couple of locations in France).

You’ll prepare for the internship by kicking it all off with a month-long introductory food, agriculture, culture and language program, followed by a special three-week V&E study tour in Europe.

At the end of it all, you’ll have had an unbelievable experience, and have earned 20 credits!

If you want to learn about French winemaking and marketing then this is the program for you. Internship placements are matched with your interest and background—you won’t be making copies; we want you to get your hands dirty and learn something along the way.

Program Structure

Part I: Introduction to France and Viticulture & Enology in France

Hosted by: PURPAN in Toulouse
Housing: With other students/dorms/residence halls
Dates: ~June 3-17 (May arrive as early as June 2)
Credits: 2
Content: French & EU Agriculture: introductory and specialization courses, French as a foreign language, technical visits, cultural tours (on weekends)

Part II: European Study Tour

Hosted by: ESA Angers
Housing: Hostels, hotels, dorms
Classmates: International students in Masters program (and any other Cornell students on program)
Language: English
Length: 3 weeks
Credits: 4
Content: Discovering the wine-producing industry within several European countries, through visits of all the types

Part III: Viticulture-Enology Internship

Dates: mid-July/Beginning of August to December (breaks occur during teaching parts 4 and 5-see below)
Based in: Varies, depending on internship placement. Could be anywhere in France!
Housing: Homestay with family or household on internship grounds (shared apartment, etc.)
Language: French, mostly. Some English is spoken by management but not always. Placement will be matched with your language level.
Length: 3.5 months
Credits: 6
Content: Full-time work under academic direction. Opportunities to take part in all activities & tasks of the vineyard (production, processing, commercialization)

Part IV: Beaujolais and Cotes-du-Rhone: the challenges of wine production within these “terroirs”
Dates: Three weeks in October (take a break from internship)
Based in: Lyon, France (ISARA)
Language: English
Length: 3 weeks
Credits: 3
Content: Courses, conferences, visits, in-depth study of the itineraries and production modes of French south-eastern wines

Part V: Management of wine itineraries
Dates: Three weeks in November
Based in: Angers, France (ESA)
Language: English
Length: 3 weeks
Credits: 3
Content: Wine Techniques and technologies (courses, practical, visits)

### Program Costs

Students are billed their regular CALS tuition, with no added administrative fees. Students purchase plane tickets and pay remaining costs such as housing, meals, student visa application fees, local travel, and personal expenses. Some partner institutions charge student activity fees and/or health insurance plans which students are also responsible for.

Financial aid travels with students going abroad. Students must complete with grades equivalent to a Cornell “C” or better. Financial aid for study abroad is need-based, consistent with university and government policies and covers all costs relevant to study abroad, including tuition, all mandatory program fees, housing, meals, books, personal expenses, and round-trip airfare. If you are currently receiving financial aid, your aid package will be adjusted based on your determined level of need and the projected costs for your study abroad program. University grant aid and loan awards may be either increased or decreased to meet study abroad need. The normal work-study component of aid packages will be converted to student loans.

### How to Apply

You will apply to the exchange after meeting with the CALS study abroad and exchange advisor in 140 Roberts Hall. All application materials will be returned to CALS—not the university directly.