PARIS AND SOUTHERN FRANCE
STUDY ABROAD SPRING 2016

For almost a thousand years, Paris (the City of Light) has been a cultural center of the Western World—a city where important philosophical, political, religious and aesthetic questions have been worked out in public view. A thrilling way to enrich your university experience will be to plunge into this stimulating atmosphere and experience the rich array of the City of Light’s museums, parks, and monuments, as well as its unofficial cultural institutions like cafés, theatres, and boutiques. The program focuses on the language, civilization, and culture of France. BYU classes are taught at the LDS Institute of Religion building in the Marais District of Paris and at a Résidence (extended-stay hotel) in Nice on the Riviera. While in Paris, students will enhance their language skills and cultural knowledge through daily interaction with French host families. Various trips and excursions will also give participants the opportunity to discover France outside Paris. While living and studying in the French capital, students will of course visit le Louvre, le Musée d’Orsay, la Cathédrale de Notre Dame—and many other important sites such as Versailles, Fontainebleau, and Chartres. They will also travel to several wonderful cities in western France and tour historic castles in the Loire Valley before going to the sunny Mediterranean city of Nice, where they will have the opportunity of going to Monaco and Cannes!

DATES
(eight weeks) 23 April–18 June 2016

HOUSING
Students will share a French host family with another BYU student. Host family stays include breakfasts and three dinners a week. The host-family experience is an important aspect of the program and a way to practice and improve language skills and deepen cultural understanding.

COURSES
Students must take at least six credit hours from among the following courses. (French 345 or 445 is required of all participants.) French 362 and French 445 can count toward French studies BA and French teaching BA requirements.  
FREN 201: Intermediate French, Part 1 (4 credit hours) Prerequisite: French 102
FREN 202: Intermediate French, Part 2 (3 credit hours—final course for GE Foreign Language requirement.) Prerequisite: French 201
FREN 311R: Second-Year Conversation (2 credit hours)
FREN 311R: Third-Year Conversation (2 credit hours)
FREN 345: Francophone Culture (3 credit hours. This course or FREN 445 is required for all participants). While studying and visiting Paris and other areas of France, students will create a blog or build a physical portfolio.
FREN 362: French Civilization from 1715 to the Present (3 credit hours. This course fulfills GE Arts and Letters elective.)
Prerequisite: French 321
FREN 445: Advanced Francophone Culture (3 credit hours. This course or FREN 345 is required for all participants). While studying and visiting Paris and other areas of France, students will write a research paper in French and create a blog or build a physical portfolio.
FREN 490R: Individual Study in French (1 credit hour) Course will direct students, especially French studies/teaching majors or minors, in collecting and preparing teaching/cultural materials. Prerequisite: Faculty program director’s consent.

COST
$5,500–$6,000
Includes LDS, undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-LDS students); housing; group transportation on field trips; transportation in Paris; and international health insurance. It also includes: breakfasts and some evening meals with host family, breakfasts and group dinners on the excursion, and food allowances while in Paris and Nice.

Not included
Airfare (estimated at $1,500–2,000), lunches, some evening meals in Paris, personal expenses, passport.

PREPARATION
Students are required to complete FREN 102 prior to departure. Accepted students are required to participate in our study abroad preparation course (IAS 201, 1 credit hour). This course will be held Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:40 pm during the second block of winter semester. Accompanying spouses need to be credit-bearing participants on the program. Spouses will also need to apply online and take the preparation course.

FUNDING SOURCES
Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application, and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB), will be considered for a study abroad scholarship and may be considered for other scholarships. They must indicate on their original online application that they want to be considered for financial aid. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

APPLICATION PROCESS
Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/apply
The application requires a $35 fee
Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program
Applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete
Deadline: January 31, 2016

FACULTY
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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
Due to the Schengen Treaty, students may only stay in France and Continental Europe for ninety days. This spring study abroad program lasts approximately 57 days. Students are free to travel on their own at the end of the program.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT
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PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS
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