



## **FACULTY-LED SUMMER PROGRAM IN ANGERS (FRANCE)**

**JUNE 1-29, 2025**

**Université Catholique de l'Ouest/CIDEF (Angers, France)**

### **Program rules**

#### **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**

- All UH students enrolled in the faculty-led Angers program must have completed FREN 1502 (or FREN 1302 equivalent) with a grade of C or higher and have an overall UH GPA of 2.0 or higher at the time of enrollment in the Angers program.
- All students enrolled in 3000 or 4000 level courses must have completed the prerequisites as listed in the course catalog or course notes.
- All participants must enroll in at least one UH course in Angers.
- All participants must register with the UH Learning Abroad Office after they have been admitted to the Angers Program.
- Students will receive an email confirmation of their admission to the Angers program. They must accept in writing.
- Disability Accommodations: Students who have accommodation needs should work closely with the Dart Accessibility Center before enrolling in the learning abroad program. Note that in France, certain public facilities, including historical sites, or modes of transportation (Paris metro) are not fully accessible.
- All students must attend the Angers orientation session prior to departure, and at least one regularly scheduled Angers meeting during the Spring 2025 semester.
- Note on application forms: providing incorrect information for the purpose of receiving acceptance in the program will be considered a violation of the UH Academic Honesty Policy.
- **Note on date of departure**: June 1, 2025, is our departure date from Houston, as transatlantic flights have a next day arrival. Group will meet at the Paris CDG airport on **June 2, 2025**. You may choose an earlier departure date if you wish to spend time in Paris prior to the program. Our program ends on June 29, and you may choose to stay in France/Europe after the program.

#### **STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

This is a University of Houston program, and all rules governing our university, including the Learning abroad policies apply to all participants at all times during our program. Violations will be sanctioned. Please see your "student handbook" for details.

The following rules will also apply to the Angers Program:

- Students may not leave the program, even temporarily, or interrupt their studies in the Angers Program under any circumstance without giving prior notice to the

director, Dr. Giacchetti. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action against the student.

- Students must attend all their classes, taught at CIDEF (Centre International d'Études Françaises), on the campus of the Université Catholique de l'Ouest. Failure to attend classes will result in the student's dismissal from the program.
- Students must inform the director in advance each time they plan a trip outside of Angers during the program. Trip details must be provided.
- For safety reasons, students may never go out alone in Angers or on weekend trips unless pre-arranged with the director's approval.
- Students may not drive a motor vehicle or any type of two-wheelers during the program, including on weekends. Car rentals are not allowed.
- Hitchhiking or soliciting a ride from anyone is prohibited.
- Use or possession of any substance prohibited in the US is also prohibited at all times during the Angers program, as well as during trips to other European countries, regardless of those countries' laws. Students who engage in illegal activities will immediately be dismissed from the program and will face disciplinary action.
- Alcohol abuse and misuse, and related disruption, are not tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action.
- Students dismissed from the program will be removed from their host family and will return to the US at their own expense.
- Students are required to purchase "International Insurance." Coverage and enrollment instructions can be found [here](#).
- Students' behavior must be courteous and proper at all times. Irresponsible, loud, or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.
- Children, spouses, parents, or friends may not, under any circumstance, accompany the student on the program, or be housed with the host families or any other UCO family. However, family members and friends are welcome to visit their student during the program. For help with hotel reservations, please contact the program director.
- Students may not request housing arrangements from their host family after the end of the program.
- Once a student has accepted admission into the Angers program, a \$50 non-refundable registration fee will be charged to their account.
- It is the student's responsibility to notify the program director in a timely manner of their withdrawal from the program, as [penalties will apply](#). Payment information can be found in the Fee and Payment Schedule.
- Participants are informed of all payment deadlines and must pay close attention to the [refund policy](#), located in the "FEE & PAYMENT SCHEDULE".

#### DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- The role of the Program director is to assist, advise and mentor students at all times during the Angers program.
- The safety and wellbeing of students, in a comfortable and stimulating learning environment will be the director's primary concern.

- The program director is the UH faculty responsible for all classes, and will supervise onsite instructors when applicable. As instructor of record, the program director will be the faculty responsible for awarding final grades.
- The director will be involved in the family placement of students. All complaints and requests regarding the host families should be addressed to the program director.
- The director will be present on site and available to students during business hours. After hours and during weekends, the director will be on call and can be reached at all times by phone, text or email. The assistant to the director will also be on call.

#### HOST FAMILY WILL

- provide a private and comfortable room to each student and a private or semi-private bathroom (shared with another student or family member).
- provide bed linen and bath towels.
- provide laundry service once a week for student's clothes and every 2 weeks for linen.
- provide three meals per day, except on days when meals are provided by the school, or other plans have been made by the program director.
- pick up student at arrival in Angers and drop off student at meeting point on day of departure.
- Drop off and pick up student at UCO on days of excursion.
- Provide student with a house key.
- Provide Internet access 24/7.
- Prepare "take out" meals for students during weekend outings if requested 48 hours in advance.
- provide a clean, comfortable, safe and friendly environment for their student and make sure that his/her stay is safe and enjoyable.
- Respect the student's privacy

#### STUDENTS WILL

- follow their host family's house rules.
- Inform families in advance when they will not be at home for meals (24 hour notice).
- inform families in advance when they will not be at home for a weekend (48 hour notice).
- refrain from loud conversations or music/noise after 10 PM.
- help conserve energy. Due to the rise in energy costs in Europe, it is especially important that students pay attention to electricity and water usage.
- leave their room at the end of the program as clean as they found it on arrival.
- never bring friends home unless invited to do so by the host family.
- never give their phone numbers/addresses to strangers, never « lend » their house key to anyone. Replacement of lost keys will be charged to the students.
- never bring their own meals to the host family's home.
- refrain from storing or preparing food in their room.

#### OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **A host family is not a hotel.** Please make every effort to adjust to the French « way of life », participate in as many family activities as you can, you will find it a rewarding experience.
- It is not the family's responsibility to provide transportation to school or extra-curricular activities not included in the program. When planning a weekend trip, remember that it will be your responsibility to get home safely from the train station before 10 PM, and never alone.
- The University of Houston or the program Director cannot be held responsible for any property damage caused by the students. It is the students' responsibility to compensate owner for damaged property.
- Payment of doctor's fees for primary care visit (around \$25) is the responsibility of the student. All medical bills will be charged to the student. Make sure you keep all your receipts for insurance purposes.
- All questions/problems regarding your host family must be addressed to the program director. Maintaining confidentiality is very important. Do not discuss internal family problems with other students, as this may be considered an infringement on the family's privacy rights.
- Students' academic records and grades are confidential. Do not discuss academic matters concerning other students with anyone in the group, as you would be in violation of confidentiality rules. If you have questions or comments regarding confidentiality issues, please contact the program director.
- The UH Student Code of Conduct will apply during the Angers program.