Brown in France Program

Paris is a metropolis in constant evolution, a center for cultural and intellectual thought, traversed by peoples of all origins and backgrounds, at once a global hub and a patchwork of neighborhoods, each one like a tiny village with its own identity. In Paris everyone belongs.

The Brown in France Paris Program offers direct enrollment at various French institutions for upper-level students of French in a broad range of disciplines. A credit-bearing pro-seminar focusing on French language, culture and society, prepares students for their entry into the French university classroom and facilitates their integration into French society.

At A Glance

Program Dates: Fall semester (early September–mid-December) or spring semester (early January–mid May) or full academic year (early September–mid May)

Language of Instruction: French

Housing: Room in a Parisian home or room in a student residence.

Eligibility: Open to Brown and visiting undergraduate students.

Requirements: Students must be in good academic standing and must have completed Writing and Speaking French II/FREN 0600 (sixth semester college-level French language), or the equivalent with a grade of B or better. Students are required to take at least one course in French the year before departure.

Courses

Brown in Paris Pro-Seminar

+ Starts during intensive orientation period and continues with regular sessions throughout the semester.
+ Includes a mandatory personal engagement, such as service-learning or involvement in a club or organization during the semester.
+ Culminates in an individual research project centered on the student’s interests.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

+ Direct enrollment options at institutions within the University of Paris 1-Pantheon Sorbonne, Lettres Sorbonne, and the University of Paris 8-Vincennes-Saint Denis.

+ Semester-long pro-seminar that combines an intensive orientation, cultural activities, community service and an individual research project.

University Courses

+ Students take 4 to 6 university courses during the semester, in addition to the Brown in Paris Seminar.
+ European Credit Transfer System 27-30 ECTS credits = 4 brown units.

Host Institution

The University of Paris, founded in 1257 and the second oldest university in Europe, has evolved into 13 different universities, University of Paris 1-Pantheon Sorbonne, Lettres Sorbonne, and University of Paris 8-Vincennes-Saint Denis are all open to Brown program participants. Other partner institutions include École Spéciale d’Architecture (architectural studies) and the Atelier de Beaux-Arts de la Ville de Paris (studio arts). A variety of disciplines are available in STEM, humanities, social sciences, and visual and performing arts.

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