FR102. Pre-ILP Practicum
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Course Description
This Pre-Intensive Language Program Practicum in Paris provides a transition from American to French culture, from English to French language, and from the California university system to the French system. It is designed specifically for students enrolled in either of the following UCEAP programs in France: Univ. of Bordeaux (fall or year) and Univ. of Lyon (fall or year). 3.0 quarter/2.0 semester units.

Goals
The aim of the pre-ILP Practicum is to prepare students enrolled in the Bordeaux and Lyon programs to easily adjust to and succeed in the French academic environment. Students will learn about the organization and structures of French universities and the main differences between the American and the French university system. They will be trained to study effectively in French and to prepare for written and oral exams. They will also learn how to communicate appropriately with students and professors as well as to deal with other practical aspects of their life in France, such as looking for accommodations, finding roommates, and more.

The course is activity oriented and based on problem solving techniques. Using different types of authentic materials, each class will focus on the acquisition and development of specific vocabulary, competences and skills related to the demands of the students' future academic experience. Students will be engaged in a series of in-class and out-of-class activities such as note-taking, site visits, oral comprehension of university classes and lectures, reading, understanding and summarizing of academic texts, navigating university websites, writing emails, doing bibliographic searches, locating books in libraries, presenting academic papers, and so on.

Learning Outcomes
By the end of the course each student will have completed a portfolio of different documents prepared in class and at home. Individual presentations will assess progress in oral exposition of academic subjects. At the end of the course there will be an oral and a written final exam. The first will follow the format of a typical French oral exam, while the second will evaluate the student's ability to write different kinds of texts among those practiced in class (emails, notes, summaries, ads, etc.). A significant portion of the final grade will be based on the student's active participation in class, punctuality and attendance, diligence in completing homework, motivation and progress.

Class requirements:
Your grade will be based on the following elements:
Class Participation 20%
Portfolio 25%
Oral Presentation 15%
Written Exam 20%
Oral Exam 20%

Class Participation: Participation is required both in the classroom and on our group visits. As per the UC Paris Attendance Policy, excessive absences and tardies will result in a lowered final grade. Please refer to UC Paris Academic Handbook for the policy on absences and tardies.
Portfolio: Students will be required to submit a portfolio containing the following documents (D) prepared in class and/or at home:

- Emails to professors (D1 & D2)
- Rewrite of class notes (D3 & D9)
- Summary of a text (D4)
- Analysis of a work of art/image/movie sequence (D5)
- Concept map (D6)
- Looking for room/roommates: writing an ad, answering an ad (D7)
- Chart with results of research and questionnaire (D8)
- Abstract of a research paper (D10)

Length and formatting style of documents will be specified in class. Documents must be turned in on the first day of class after they are assigned. **No late assignments.**

**Oral presentation:** Students will prepare and deliver a presentation (P) on one of the following:

- Work of art/image/movie sequence (P1)
- Academic paper (P2)

Presentations are about 10 minutes each. Students must organize and practice their presentation at home so as to cover all the major points of their topic in no more than 10 minutes. For each presentation there will be a respondent who will ask at least one question to the presenter.

**Written exam:** The written exam will consist of in-class writing of two different kinds of texts among those practiced during the course (emails, summaries, charts, ads, etc.).

**Oral exam:** The oral exam will ask that students study and present two academic texts in French, the first chosen among those studied in class, the second proposed by the student and related to his/her research interests.