



## France Visa & Travel Information Summer Only\* Students 2012-13

\*If you are interested in extending to the **UC Paris Fall program**, you **MUST** do the following, or you will not have the option of extending once in France:

1. Submit an approved [Departmental Preliminary Approval to Extend \(DPA\) form](#) to your Campus EAP Office.
2. Follow the **Summer + Fall Extension Student Visa Instructions** and the **CampusFrance Registration Instructions** found in the Predeparture Checklist.

**The following instructions apply to students only participating in the UC Center Paris Summer program (no extension to fall):**

### All Students

**Round-trip tickets:** You must purchase a round-trip ticket, even if you plan to travel in Europe after the end of the program. This is very important, especially in light of recently increased airport security measures. The French immigration authorities can require non-European Union citizens to hold a ticket for a return flight as proof that he or she will leave France by a certain date. As a result, travelers only possessing a one-way ticket for an international flight to France can be denied the right to board their flight in the United States. Travelers are then required to purchase a very expensive on-the-spot return ticket if they still want to complete their travel to France.

Beyond these regulations, it is often wise to buy a round-trip ticket instead of a one-way ticket because it is usually less expensive to change the itinerary for a return ticket than to buy a new one-way ticket.

We recommend you purchase a ticket that allows you to change your return flight for a small fee, in the event that you need to change it once you are in France. Some airlines allow this but others do not, so check with your airline or online travel agency (i.e. Travelocity, Expedia, etc.) on this issue.

### U.S. Citizens

U.S. citizens are NOT required to obtain a visa for studies in France under 90 days. You must have a U.S. passport, however, which must be valid for the entire length of your stay in France.

### Non-U.S. Citizens

Non-U.S. citizens **MUST** contact a French Consulate as soon as possible to learn their individual visa requirements. The requirements will differ according to the country in which you hold citizenship. The visa application process can take months and may involve a personal interview or a health exam, so you should begin this process IMMEDIATELY.

#### San Francisco French Consulate

88 Kearny Street  
San Francisco, CA 94108, USA

**Tel:** (415) 397-4330

**Fax:** (415) 591-4810

**E-mail:** [visa@consulfrance-sanfrancisco.org](mailto:visa@consulfrance-sanfrancisco.org)

**Website:** [www.consulfrance-sanfrancisco.org/](http://www.consulfrance-sanfrancisco.org/)

#### Los Angeles French Consulate

10390 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 115  
Los Angeles, CA 90025

**Tel:** (310) 235-3257

**Fax:** (310) 235-3204

**E-mail:** [visa-info@consulfrance-losangeles.org](mailto:visa-info@consulfrance-losangeles.org)

**Website:** <http://www.consulfrance-losangeles.org/>