

A&M France Mathematics in Besançon First Orientation

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Agenda

- Brief Presentations
- Student Responsibilities & Expectations
- Program Preparations
- Finances
- Former Participants Panel
- Preparations for Next Meeting
- Questions



Expectations Before Departure

- Regularly check your TAMU email
- Complete and turn in documents on time
- Come to meetings...these orientations are **REQUIRED** for participation
- Keep your semester GPR above 2.0
- Ask questions when you don't understand
 - Let me know when issues arise



Expectations Before Departure

- Complete all items in your study abroad application

MONEY TALKS - SCHOLARSHIPS

Come learn about how to finance your study abroad experience. General financial topics will be discussed with special emphasis placed on scholarships. WHEN: January 25th, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. WHERE: Pavillion 236 Event Date:01/25/2012
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Attached Documents

The following files have been attached to your application. Click the filename to download the attached document.

Study Abroad Handbook
([Study Abroad Handbook_Template_11.17.11....](#))

Assessments

Click the following to view and complete the following online assessments

Title	Received
Application Phase Orientation Quiz (Final Score: 100.00%)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
This assessment can be retaken 1 more time [Retake]	
Pre-Departure Phase Orientation Quiz	<input type="checkbox"/>

Manage Your Journal

[New Entry](#) [View Full Journal](#) [Settings](#)

You have not yet made any journal entries for this program of study.

Required Document(s)

Click the following to view instructions and/or printable forms which require the physical submission of documents.

Title	Received
AIB Housing Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Final Budget Statement and Payment Schedule Acknowledgment	<input type="checkbox"/>
International Student Status Check	n/a

Required Signature Documents

Click the following to view and digitally sign important documents to indicate your agreement and understanding.

Title	Received
Acknowledgement of Estimated Budget Statement & Payment Schedule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Faculty Led Program Withdrawal Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FERPA Waiver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Study Abroad Terms of Participation and Release Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Required Orientation Information

Click the following to view, read, and mark these pre-departure information items as having been read.

Title	Received
Financing Your Faculty Led Program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health Preparations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Policies and Procedures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Recommendations for students with disabilities, medical conditions and/or dietary restrictions.	n/a
Travel Documents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Communication While Abroad	<input type="checkbox"/>
Culture Shock	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staying Healthy & Being Safe Abroad	<input type="checkbox"/>
Travel Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>



Expectations While Abroad

You will represent yourself, Texas A&M, and the United States while you are abroad. As an “Aggie Ambassador” you should:

- Uphold the Aggie Honor Code: *An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal or tolerate those who do.*
- Represent yourself, Texas A&M University, and the United States in a responsible manner.
- Contribute to the mission and values of Texas A&M, specifically the Vision 2020 goal to diversify and globalize our campus and community.
- Pursue your study abroad experience seriously and intentionally through commitment in accordance with the Aggies Commit goals for students.



Terms of Participation

- Know your rights and responsibilities
- Due process and dismissal from a program:

Violations of any of the conditions set forth by Texas A&M University Study Abroad Programs may result in expulsion from the program and forfeiture of program fees. This includes disruptive behavior while on the program

 - Texas A&M University Student Rules
 - Host university rules
 - US laws
 - Host country laws



Travel Documents

- Passport
 - Check expiration date
 - Where to get a passport
 - Urgency of getting passport
- U.S. citizenship
 - 6 months at entry and 3 months beyond departure
- Non-U.S. citizenship
 - Check in with Texas A&M International Student Services
 - Double-check regulations with a local consulate/embassy



Program Preparations



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Program Itinerary

- Program debut in College Station: **Monday May 20, 8:30am.**
- Last class in College Station: Friday May 31.
- Saturday June 1-Monday June 3: personal trip preparations and personal travel to France.
- Meeting in Bale-Mulhouse (BSL) Airport: **Monday June 3, 4PM the latest.**
- First class in Besancon: Wednesday June 5, 8:30am
- Final exam: Friday June 21
- Week end in Paris: Friday June 7-Sunday June 9
- Transfer to Bale-Mulhouse (BSL) Airport: **Sunday June 23 in the morning.**



Airfare

- Students travel individually but are encouraged to travel in small groups.
- You will need a passport # to book international flight.
- You must buy your flight tickets and provide your flight itinerary to the faculty leader, **the latest by April 21.**
- You can save \$ by claiming student rates (STA, Frequent Flyer Miles)



Course Registration

The screenshot shows the 'Howdy' portal homepage. At the top left is a large yellow 'Howdy' logo with the tagline 'Connecting you to Texas A&M'. Below it is a 'Log In' button and links for 'Trouble logging in? Activate your account' and 'Forgot your password? Change your password'. To the right is a smaller version of the 'Howdy' portal interface with a URL bar showing 'https://newhowdy.tamu.edu'. Below the main content area are three boxes for 'Former Student Access', 'Parent Access' (with a sub-link 'Bill Payment Suite for Parents'), and 'Applicant Access'. A 'Don't forget...' section advises users to log out and close their browser for security. The footer contains a navigation bar with links to various university resources and a 'Howdy Mobile' link.

Howdy
Connecting you to Texas A&M

Log in with your NetID to get Started.

Log In

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Howdy Mobile

Required Courses

MATH 409:
Advanced Calculus I

MATH 485:
Directed Studies

Preregistration
Early – mid April





Finances



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Local Currency

- 12 1 DOLLAR = 0.874577 EURO



What's Included in the Program Cost

- Lodging in France (not in College Station)
- Excursions, Tours
- CISI Health Insurance
- Administrative Fee (SAPO, Math Dept)
- Public transportation pass in France
- Contribution towards Faculty Expenses and Facility Fees
- Miscellaneous Program Expenses



Additional Expenses – Not Included in the Program Fee

- TAMU tuition and fees
- Airfare to program location
- Travel Documents
- Most meals
- Textbooks & supplies
- Personal spending money



Program cost (estimation)

Items Included in the program fee (Billed to your student account)		Items NOT Included in the program fee	
Lodging in France	\$1,000	Texas A&M tuition and fees for study abroad courses (6 credits)	\$2,200
Excursions, tours, some group meals, miscellaneous	\$700	International airfare	\$1,400
Administrative fee (Study Abroad Programs Office and Math Dept)	\$400	Meals	\$800
Ground transportation	\$240	Passport/Visa	\$145
Portion of faculty expenses	\$200	Textbook-Supplies	\$0
Language course	\$125	Personal spendings	varies
International health insurance	\$35		
TOTAL	\$2,700		\$4,545



Scholarships and Financial Aid

- Financial Aid Request Form
 - Make sure FAFSA is on file
 - Request the form if needed
 - Take to Scholarships & Financial Aid Office
- Scholarships
 - Check the scholarships section of the TAMU Study Abroad website
 - Have a back up plan in case you don't receive a scholarship
 - Go to “Money Talks” presentation



Payment Schedule

Type	Amount	Refundable	Date billed	Date due (estimation)
Administrative fee	\$400	NO	February 8	February 26
First installment	\$1,000	non-recoverable expenses are non-refundable	February 8	February 26
Final installment	\$1,300	non-recoverable expenses are non-refundable	April 7	April 21
Total	\$2,700			

Financial Aid Disbursement: typically 10 days before departure.



To Do for Next Orientation



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Study Abroad Health & Safety Orientation

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, Feb 19	12:45-2:15 PM	Rudder 301
Tuesday, Feb 26	5:15-6:30 PM	Rudder 301
Wed, March 6	3:00-4:40 PM	Rudder 301
Thursday, March 21	10:00-11:30 AM	Rudder 301
Thursday, March 28	5:15-6:30 PM	Rudder 601
Thursday, April 4	5:15-6:30 PM	Rudder 601
Monday, April 8	3:30-5:00 PM	Rudder 301
Tuesday, April 16	12:45-2:15 PM	Rudder 301
Wednesday, April 24	5:15-6:30 PM	Rudder 601

ERS Registration link: <https://ers.tamu.edu/default.aspx?eventid=6275>



Checklist

- ✓ **Passport**

- ✓ Check expiration date
- ✓ Apply/Renew if necessary by 3 months prior to departure at the LATEST!!!
- ✓ Expedite if needed

- ✓ **Purchase airfare**

- ✓ **Funding**

- ✓ Visit SFAID office
- ✓ Provide the funds when due on your student account

- ✓ **Attend one** of the Study Abroad Health & Safety Orientation meetings

- ✓ Work on your study abroad portal checklist



The background of the slide is a photograph of the Texas State Capitol building in Austin, Texas. The building is a large, classical-style structure with a prominent dome. In the foreground, there is a statue of a man standing on a pedestal. The entire image is covered with a semi-transparent red overlay.

Questions?



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