The American University of Paris

Summer School Orientation Guide

June & July 2024
### Summer 2024

#### 6-Week Session
- **June 1**: Housing check-in
- **June 3**: Orientation
- **June 4**: Classes begin
- **June 7**: Last day to drop/add courses in the Registrar’s Office
- **June 24**: Last day to withdraw
- **June 24**: Last day to choose credit/no credit grading option
- **July 15**: 6-week session ends
- **July 16**: Housing check-out

#### 3-Week Session and French Immersion I
- **June 1**: Housing check-in
- **June 3**: Orientation
- **June 4**: Classes begin
- **June 7**: Last day to drop/add courses online
- **June 16**: Last day to withdraw from courses online
- **June 16**: Last day to choose credit/no credit grading option
- **June 24**: Last day of classes for the June 3-week session & French Immersion I
- **June 25**: Housing check-out

#### 3-Week Session and French Immersion II
- **June 28**: Housing check-in
- **July 1**: Orientation
- **July 2**: Classes begin
- **July 2**: Last day to drop/add courses online
- **July 14**: National Holiday (no classes)
- **July 15**: Last day to withdraw
- **July 15**: Last day to choose credit/no credit grading option
- **July 22**: Last day of classes for the July 3-week session & French Immersion II
- **July 24**: Housing check-out

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### Cultural Excursions

The Cultural Program Office offers summer program students the ability to attend cultural excursion trips outside of Paris through our Explore France Series, as well as our Discover Paris Series activities right here in the city. Take a look at some examples of excursions below and visit our website at [www.aup.edu/academics/cultural-program/summer-trips](http://www.aup.edu/academics/cultural-program/summer-trips) for a full list of excursions in both June and July. Note: Make sure to select the correct month to view excursions.

#### Nîmes and the South of France Tour | June 14-16
Explore Nîmes and the southern tip of the Cévennes! Explore the history of the region, with visits planned to the Roman-engineered Nîmes amphitheater, the recently inaugurated Musée de la Romanité and other sites in this southern urban center, dubbed the most Roman city outside Italy. You will also visit a winery in the northernmost parts of the AOP Terrasses du Larzac region. Finally, see the famous Pont du Gard with its amazing remains of this ancient-Roman aqueduct as well as what the what the site describes as “tree-lined paths, spectacular views Mediterranean flora and fauna”. Time is reserved to return to Nîmes for some shopping before returning to Paris in the late afternoon.

#### Cheesemaking Class | June 18
You will be welcomed by the English-speaking cheese expert, at the cheese shop. They will guide you to the backstage of the fromagerie and will give you your tools, your apron, and your RAW MILK! Guided by passionate experts you will learn the know-how of making cheese. They will teach you how to make a fresh cheese that you could age (or eat straight away!), and an incredibly good butter!

#### Paris Inside Out Tours with the Dean: The Tuileries Garden Tour | July 4
Discover the charm of Tuileries Garden on a leisurely walking tour. Explore sculpted landscapes, elegant fountains, and vibrant blooms, while our guide shares the rich history of this Parisian oasis. Experience the beauty of Tuileries in the heart of Paris.

#### Loire Valley Trip | July 6-7
Experience the magic of the Loire Valley in a two-day adventure. Day one takes you to the elegant Château de Chenonceau and the inspiring Clos Lucé, home of Leonardo da Vinci. On day two, immerse yourself in the regal halls of Château de Chambord. A perfect blend of history, art, and natural beauty awaits in this enchanting journey through the heart of the Loire Valley.
In and around the AUP neighborhood, you can find all you need in the local shops, as well as excellent access to public transport.

Bakeries, Restaurants, Cafes and Bars

There is a good selection of inexpensive places to have lunch in the AUP neighborhood, including cafes, bakeries, and restaurants. There are also several which can be more fun at night. A selection of those frequented by AUP students are:

The Real McCoy
49 av Bosquet
American
sandwiches

O’Brien’s Irish Pub
77 rue St. Dominique
Bar food & Irish
beer

Bar à Pâtes
15 rue Malar
Salads

Shopping

Rue Cler is a market street with grocery stores, as well as fruit and vegetable stands, boulangeries, boucheries, cheese shops, pharmacies, cafes, etc. Some shops on rue Cler close for lunch between 14:00 and 16:00. Plan to participate in a Campus and Neighborhood Tour, when the Student Advisors leading the tours will point all of these out to you. The following is a selection of shops around AUP:

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Public Transport

Paris has one of the best public transportation systems in the world and getting from home to school can be fast and simple if you learn how to use it to your best advantage. The information below is designed to help you do so. You will find in your Orientation pack, a map of Paris which also includes a map of the Métro, RER and Bus systems. Buy a “Plan de Paris par arrondissement”, a detailed street guide to each of Paris’ 20 arrondissements. You can find this at most Pariscian newsstands and bookstores.

The Metro

This is the fastest way of traveling around Paris. Wherever you may find yourself within Paris, you are never more than a few minutes’ walk from the nearest Métro station, usually clearly indicated at the station’s entrance. Métro stations can also be marked with a large yellow or white M in a circle. The Métro functions from about 5h30 to 0h30 every day, apart from Fridays and Saturdays when it is open an hour later. To travel on the Métro, you need to purchase either a single Métro ticket or the “Navigo Découverte”, a weekly (hebdomadaire) or monthly travel pass (mensuelle).

The RER

This is an underground express network that covers Paris and the suburbs. There are five lines designated by the letters A, B, C, D and E. The amount you pay depends on where you are going. Within Paris city limits, your Navigo or a Métro ticket will suffice. On both the Métro & RER, each line is designated with the names of the two stations at the end of the line. All direction signs in the Métro are indicated by the names of these stations.

The BUS

This is the best way to see the city. At each bus stop, there is a map of the bus routes. The bus line and its destination are indicated on the front of the bus. You can purchase a ticket from the driver, use a Métro ticket or show your Navigo. Make sure that you validate your ticket by inserting it in the machine or, in the case of the Navigo, simply press the pass against the magnetic reader. Single tickets are good for one bus ride only; no transfers are possible, unlike on the Métro. Keep in mind that very few buses run at night and on Sundays, and that travel time is dictated by traffic.

Travel Passes & Tickets

All of the following prices are for the central Paris area only. All prices are subject to change.

Individual metro/bus tickets cost €2.15. A book of ten tickets (a carnet) costs €17.35. However, it is more economical to buy a Navigo Découverte travel pass. You can buy all tickets and passes from any Métro station in Paris.

The Navigo Pass

This is a magnetic rechargeable travel pass that needs to be recharged either weekly or monthly. You can recharge your card at any metro station. Once the card is charged, you have unlimited travel on the Métro, RER and bus systems in Paris.

How to Buy Your Navigo Découverte

Go to any metro station kiosk with a passport sized photograph. Weekly passes cost €30 and monthly passes cost €84.10. You will need to pay up front for the weekly or monthly pass. Expect to pay a €5 fee for the magnetic pass.
Bateau Mouche (Boat Ride)
Admire the city while drifting down the Seine River on a summer evening. Get acquainted to the City of Light with your Student Advisor.

Campus and Neighborhood Tour
Get to know the AUP campus and neighborhood during tours led by Student Advisors. You will be shown all the University facilities and where to shop and eat around school.

Cultural Programs and Activities in Paris
Meet with AUP’s Cultural Program Coordinator and acquaint yourself with the cultural excursions and events that are scheduled for this summer. Get suggestions for things to do around Paris and tips for traveling.

Welcome reception
Meet with University administrators for a formal welcome. You will also receive your AUP ID card that will give you access to all University buildings.

Dinner Out with Your Student Advisor
Dine in a Parisian restaurant with our Student Advisor and a small group of entering students. Plan to bring €30.

French Immersion Info Session
A required meeting for all French Immersion students. Meet with the program coordinator to learn about the details and organization of the Immersion Program.

French Placement Test
All French Immersion students and all students who have registered for a French class must take this placement test in order to ensure that they are enrolled in the appropriate level of French.

Housing Information Session (On Landing Day)
A required meeting for students housed by AUP. Learn about the rules, meal plans and the facilities that are available to you during your stay.

Mastering the Métro
Take a guided tour of the Paris Métro with Student Advisors and learn how to use public transportation in Paris. This is an essential activity for newcomers to Paris.

Paris Inside Out
A workshop led by Student Advisors, which will provide you with essential survival tips for living in Paris, covering such basics as public transportation, telephones, shopping, safety, social life and much, much more.

Safety in Paris
Get some tips and practical advice from Student Advisors on how to make your stay in Paris safe.

Saturday June 1 Landing Day
From 9:00-17:00
Jouffroy
Musset

Monday June 3 Orientation Schedule
6, rue du Colonel Combes 75007 Paris

French Immersion I
9:30 Orientation Check-in | C-103
10:30 Safety in Paris | C-102
11:15 Introduction Session | C-102
12:15 Lunch in the AMEX Cafe
13:15 Mastering the Metro
14:15 Paris Inside Out | C-102
15:30 Campus Tour
16:30 Cultural Programs | C-102
17:30 Welcome Reception | C-104
18:15 Boat Ride on the Seine
19:30 Dinner with your Student Advisor

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Communications

Mail
All students at The American University of Paris have a mailbox in the St Dominique building. The boxes are numerical, and you should consult the list posted by the mailboxes to obtain your box number. This list will be posted during the first days of classes. Your mail address, in care of the University, will be as follows:

Your name and mailbox number
The American University of Paris
Summer Student
102 rue St Dominique
75007 Paris
FRANCE

You need to check your mailbox regularly since you will frequently receive important messages and information.

E-Mail
All AUP students automatically receive an AUP e-mail account provided by the University. Check your AUP email daily at http://mail.aup.edu. Your e-mail address is (IDNumber)@aup.edu. The alias is firstname.lastname@aup.edu.

You must check your AUP email regularly as all official messages from AUP will be sent to this email address!

For any IT-related question, you can contact the IT helpdesk at helpdesk@aup.edu, call ITS at +33 1 40.62.06.96 or drop by the IT department situated in Passage Landrieu, first floor.

Health Concerns
If you have health problems during Orientation or the Summer Session, you should consult the Doctor’s list in your AUP Handbook or contact the Health Office (by phone 01 40 62 05 77 / 01 40 62 06 10 or by email at health@aup.edu) for a referral. All doctors and services on the list speak English.

Health Office (Combes C-502)
Tel: 01 40 62 05 77
Tel: 01 40 62 06 10
Email: health@aup.edu

After hours, you may call the University switchboard on Tel: 01.40.62.06.00 and you will be given an emergency number to call.

Student ID Cards
Student ID cards are made and issued during orientation check-in. This gives access to the University’s facilities and is necessary to pass through the Library’s turnstile and get access to all the AUP buildings. With the AUP student ID card student discounts are available in Paris: the cinemas, museums, travel, etc.

French Immersion II
9:30 Orientation Check-in | C-103
10:30 Safety in Paris | C-102
11:15 Introduction Session | C-102
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C: Combes Building

Connecting & Support

Orientation Events

Friday June 28 Landing Day
From 9:00-17:00
Jouffroy

Monday July 1 Orientation Schedule
6, rue du Colonel Combes 75007 Paris

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July 3-Week Program
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Changing Money

The most convenient places to change money or traveler’s checks are at the Bureaux de Change located throughout the city. At all Change offices, expect to get the daily exchange rate. The following change offices have good rates and take no commission.

**Change du Claridge**
66, av Champs Elysées, 75008 Paris
(Métro: Franklin-Roosevelt)
Mon - Sun: 10:00 - 20:00
01 42 25 19 01

**APS Change**
30, av de Friedland, 75008 Paris
(Métro: Charles de Gaulle Etoile)
Please call 01 45 72 42 62 before going in order to get the best possible rate.
Mon - Fri: 9:00 - 17:45;
Sat: 9:00 - 18:30

**Comptoir de Change Opéra**
9, rue Scribe, 75009 Paris
(Métro: Opéra)
Mon - Fri: 9:30 - 17:00;
Sat: 9:30 - 17:00
01 47 42 20 96

Western Union

The sender needs to go to a Western Union agency, pay the amount of money to be wired (and a fee) and get a transfer code. With that code, the recipient can withdraw the money, usually as soon as 10 minutes later.

You can also call 08 25 00 98 98 for addresses of other Post Offices with a Western Union Service.

Bank Accounts

Most summer session students do not open bank accounts. However, for those who wish to do so, the office of Student Affairs has further information. Please contact studentdevelopment@aupe.edu.

Obtaining cash with a credit card or bank card

There are automatic teller machines (ATMs) all over Paris, which accept most major credit cards. However, cards must have a 4-digit pin code in order to work in an ATM. Be aware that most bank and credit cards have daily or weekly limits on the amount withdrawn.

**Banks near AUP**

- **Société Générale**
  106, rue St. Dominique
  Tel: 01.47.53.55.12

- **LCL (Le Crédit Lyonnais)**
  2bis, Avenue Bosquet
  Tel: 01.44.11.30.07

- **BNP Paribas**
  37, Avenue Bosquet
  Tel: 01.44.11.03.20

In case of difficulties with an ATM, request assistance from a teller.

Note: Banks and credit card companies can charge a fee for transactions made in a foreign currency.
1. **Combes Student Life Center**  
6, rue du Colonel Combes  
AMEX Café, Classrooms, Cultural Program, Faculty Offices, Fine Arts Gallery, Graduate Student Lounge, Housing, Sports, Student Development, Student Government Association, Student Health Care Office, Student Lounge, AUP Student Media, Counseling, Residential Life and Housing.

2. **Quai d’Orsay Learning Commons**  
69, Quai d’Orsay*  
Academic Resource Center, Advising, Classrooms, Career Development Office, Faculty Offices, Internship Office, IT Services, Library, Research Centers, Writing Lab, Multimedia Office

3. **Administration Building**  
5, Boulevard de la Tour Maubourg  
Registrar’s Office, Student Accounting Services, Admissions, Student Immigration Services, Alumni Affairs, President’s Office, Provost, Academic Affairs, Communications, Development & Alumni Relations

4. **Classrooms & Faculty Offices**  
2 bis, Passage Landrieu  
Bookstore, Classrooms, Faculty Offices

5. **Classrooms & Faculty Offices**  
102, rue St. Dominique  
Classrooms, Faculty Offices, Student Mail

6. **Grenelle Teaching & Mentoring Center**  
147, rue de Grenelle  
Classrooms, Faculty Offices

7. **Montessuy Center for the Arts**  
9, rue de Montessuy  
Studio Space (for painting, drawing and sculpture), Classrooms, Theater, Exhibition Space

*Principal access to the Quai d’Orsay Learning Commons is through 6, rue du Colonel Combes.