



Experience France

Study Away Summer 2026

LTS2880 Crossing Borders: The Mexican Presence in France | 4 credit hours

What do Mexico and France have in common? More than you might think. In this course, you'll travel to France to explore the history, migration patterns, and cultural exchanges that support Mexican and French relations.

Through readings, discussions, and immersive experiences, you'll build your skills for identifying cross-cultural connections while visiting world-class cities like Paris, Lyon, Barcelonnette, and either Marseille or Nice. Along the way, you'll pick up survival French for everyday travel situations and dive into topics related to French-Mexican relations vis-à-vis art, literature, food, and the movement of people across borders. You'll see migration and integration in a new light — understanding not just the connections between Mexico and France, but also how cultural exchange impacts communities worldwide.

This course also satisfies the Cultural Literacy general education credit requirement.



Course dates:

May 11–14, 2026
9–11:30 a.m.



Travel dates:

May 18–27, 2026



Travel costs: \$4,900

Includes: airfare, lodging, ground transportation, excursions, and all meals.

Trip Highlights

- » Louvre Museum
- » Montmartre
- » Panthéon
- » Tour of Barcelonnette
- » Tour of Lyon Old Town



INTERESTED IN TRAVELING FOR CREDIT IN 2026?

To participate in a Study Away course, interested students should:



Meet with the instructor and secure permission.



Meet with Mary Tarling, the Director of Global Engagement, in Institute 303 to discuss questions and secure permission.



Review and sign the Study Away Payment Agreement and Pre-Registration Request Form.



Submit the \$500 deposit to Student Accounts by December 5, 2025.



Be registered for the course by the Registrar after the deposit is received.



Pay the remaining balance by February 11, 2026.



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Course and Itinerary Questions

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