Mulhouse, France  
*Université de Haute-Alsace (UHA)*

USC’s exchange program in Mulhouse, France is designed to help American students gain first hand knowledge of life and culture in the Alsace region of northeastern France. Mulhouse, located close to both the German and Swiss borders, offers everything from medieval architecture to the largest number of technical museums in Europe. In addition, Mulhouse is known for beautiful parks and gardens and a rich assortment of cultural performances from theater to ballet to opera. Mulhouse’s population includes 200,000 people, and USC students will join about 8000 students at the Université de Haute-Alsace. Only USC undergraduate students are eligible to participate in this program.

The Université de Haute-Alsace (Upper Alsace University) offers coursework in a variety of subjects including the sciences, humanities, economics and foreign languages. Courses are taught in French for this semester or year-long exchange program. USC students take their courses among French students and are taught by French professors.

As a prerequisite, students must have completed at least one upper level French course (390, 391 or 400/500 course equivalent) prior to attending the Upper Alsace University. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required. An interview in French may also be required as part of the application process.

**Courses and Credits**
Students typically earn 15 credit hours per semester. A maximum of 30 credit hours for the year-long program can be earned. Listed below are a few examples of subjects offered.

**Subject Offerings**
- Art History
- History
- Linguistics
- Sociology
- Computer Science
- Interpretation
- Phonetics
- German
- Literature
- Psychology

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Living Arrangements
Housing is normally available on-campus at the Cité Universitaire (residence hall) in private rooms with communal kitchen facilities. Students also have access to several on-campus restaurants and can purchase a meal plan card.

Budgeting
UHA estimates that students will need approximately €600-700 per month, which includes housing, meals, transportation, and leisure. Personal spending costs may vary, and students should plan for additional costs during the arrival period (housing deposit, accommodation insurance, etc). For details and budget breakdown, visit http://www.international.uha.fr/.

Master Calendar
Classes begin in September and end in June. Students may attend UHA for the fall semester, spring semester, or academic year.

Insurance
This is in addition to the required USC insurance. Per university policy, all USC students will be charged emergency medical, evacuation and repatriation insurance for their time abroad. Students are also required to purchase UHA insurance, which costs approximately 200 Euros.

Orientation
Exchange students are assigned “Erasmus Buddies” who will pick them up from the airport or train station in Mulhouse. The Buddy will help students become familiar with the campus, accommodations, and registration process.

Visa
Students who attend UHA for a semester or year need to apply for a French student visa. Students must first register with Campus France. Visa fees change according to exchange rates. For information on how to apply, please visit: http://www.consulfrance-atlanta.org/spip.php?article605

Excursions
The program does not offer organized excursions. Students do have the opportunity for individual travel during University breaks at Christmas and in the spring.

Footnotes
For more details, visit the University of South Carolina’s French program web site at http://www.cas.sc.edu/dllc/Fren/mulhouse_ug.html or the Université de Haute-Alsace’s website at http://www.international.uha.fr/.

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