Paris, France

*American Business School Paris*

USC’s exchange program in France is designed to expose American students to French life and culture. The program is located at the American Business School Paris (ABSP), situated on the Parodi campus of the Institut de Gestion Sociale (IGS) near the picturesque Canal Saint Martin. Founded in 1985, the American Business School is one of the first English-speaking business schools in France and is renowned for providing a quality American business education in an international setting. With a 3000 member student body – comprised of half French and half international students representing over sixty different nationalities – ABSP program participants benefit from the opportunity for cross cultural exchange. Only USC undergraduate students are eligible to participate in this program.

The program at the American Business School Paris offers a diverse array of courses in finance, economics, marketing and management. Courses in the humanities, social sciences, and math/statistics are also offered. All classes are taught in English by American faculty, the majority of whom have extensive international experience, or by French faculty who have trained in the US.

As a prerequisite, students must have attained at least sophomore standing prior to attending the American Business School Paris. There are no language proficiency requirements for the ABSP program though some knowledge of French is recommended. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required to apply.

**Courses and Credits**

Students typically earn 15 credit hours per semester. Listed below are a few examples of subjects offered. A full list of courses can be found at [http://www.absparis.com/uk/contenus.php](http://www.absparis.com/uk/contenus.php)

**Subject Offerings**

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Living Arrangements
ABSP does not offer on-campus housing but will assist students with finding roommates and suitable accommodation in Paris, either prior to and/or after arrival. Room and board costs are paid in Paris and vary based on the type of accommodation chosen. Students should expect to pay between 600€ and 700€ a month for a shared apartment in Paris. More information on housing can be found at http://www.absparis.com/uk/informations_pratiques.php.

Budgeting
Paris is one of the most expensive cities in the world so students need to plan accordingly. Depending on the type of housing the student wants, he/she should arrive in Paris with 3000€ to 5000€ available. Students pay in-state tuition and fees to USC and do not need to pay the application fees or ABSP tuition listed on the budget provided. To see a detailed budget for a semester at ABSP, go to http://www.absparis.com/uk/votre_budget.php.

Master Calendar
ABSP works on an American university calendar. Classes begin in September and end in December for the fall semester. In the spring, classes begin in January and end in May. USC students can attend the American Business School Paris during the fall semester, spring semester or academic year. A detailed schedule can be found at http://www.absparis.com/uk/calendrier.php.

Insurance
For students under 28 years old, the French health insurance is required. The cost of the insurance is approximately 195€ and it can be purchased at the school. This is in addition to USC’s insurance requirement. Per policy, all USC students will be charged emergency medical, evacuation and repatriation insurance for their time abroad. Contact the Study Abroad Office for more details.

Orientation
The ABS orientation in Paris is mandatory for all exchange participants and lasts three days.

Excursions
The program does not offer organized excursion, but students do have the opportunity for individual travel.

Visa
Students that attend ABSP for a semester or academic year are required to register with Campus France and go in person to the French Embassy or Consulate to obtain a French visa. For more information on the visa process, please visit http://www.consulfrance-atlanta.org/spip.php?article605.

Footnotes