

Summer Study Abroad Program - PURPAN Toulouse, France FAQ Sheet

Where should I register?

You have to apply through your home university, most of the time through the International Relations Office or the Study Abroad Office.

Where can I find information about the program?

Through your home university (IRO, Study Abroad Office)

On the PURPAN website: <http://www.purpan.fr/international/summer-program/>

And <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hhsJoF7XsOw&t=180s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PmUf6ZKPBvs>

What is the deadline to register?

Check with your university – Applications should arrive at PURPAN by March 15, 2021. However, because of the pandemic we are postponing our deadline to April 15, 2021.

What is the cost of the program?

2021 program fees are 2800 Euros, with or without internship. Check with your home university for total cost (program fees + tuition fees etc.).

Additional cost for the study tour option: 1500 Euros.

What does this program fees include?

Program fees include accommodation, food, local transportation, insurance, and other expenses (like airport pickup, some cultural excursions and organized outings, field trips, academic materials, organization of the internship ...) during the on-campus program.

It does not include airfare, personal expenses (leisure, free weekend (accommodation is provided in Toulouse during that WE), ...), passport fees, home university fees and costs.

The additional cost for the study tour option includes all meals during weekdays, local transportation, lodging, visits, and insurance.

It does not include personal expenses (leisure, weekend, etc.).

Whom do I pay the registration fees?

Usually to your university but sometimes the universities prefer that you pay PURPAN directly by wire transfer. Check with your home university coordinator.

When can I arrive?

You may arrive as early as Saturday, May 29th, 2021 since the accommodation will only be available and covered by the program fees from May 29th 2021.

When does the program end?

The on-campus part of the program ends on June 25th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

If you enroll in the internship, the program will end on July 23rd, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

If you enroll in the study tour option, the program will end on July 9th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

When can I leave?

If you enroll only in the on-campus part of the program, you can leave on Saturday June, 26th 2021.

If you enroll in the internship, you will be allowed to leave on Friday, July 23rd 2021 from 6:00 pm or the following day Saturday, July 24th 2021.

If you enroll in the study tour option, you will be allowed to leave on Friday, July 9th from 6:00 pm or the following day Saturday, July 10th 2021.

How to reach Toulouse?

The most convenient way is to arrive by plane at Toulouse-Blagnac airport. You can also arrive by train at Toulouse-Matabiau train station.

What should I do when I arrive in Toulouse?

Pick up service will be organized upon arrival in Toulouse and our Program Assistants will drive you directly to your accommodation place. You will be contacted in advance to plan your pick up.

Where will I live during the on-campus program?

You will be living in a students' residence (walking distance from the school). The apartments are single use (not shared). Students have the exclusive use of one bedroom, one kitchenette, toilets, and shower.

Have a look at the residence and the apartment by clicking here:

Residence:

<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=SjqMvfm9Y1a&lang=fr&play=1&hr=0&tourcta=0>

Apartment: <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=vLkWz5mfJkj&lang=fr&hr=0>

Is there something to pay for the Residence?

The accommodation is included in the program fee **but** you will have to pay a Security Deposit upon arrival (during the first week) of 150 € in cash. A special time will be scheduled during the first day of class to collect the money from you and forward it to the Residence.

Shall we get the deposit back?

Yes, you will at your check-out, if and only if everything is in order which means that your room has been cleaned-up and nothing is damaged.

Is the students' residence near PURPAN?

It's within walking distance and will not take you more than 10 minutes to get to PURPAN.

Where can I wash my clothes?

There is a laundry in the students' residence where you can get laundry detergent (laundry cost is included in your program fee).

Are there any stores around the student residence?

Near the students' residence, there is a pharmacy, doctor, nurses and a bakery, supermarket, organic supermarket, pizza place, coffee shop, etc.
There is also a bigger supermarket (Carrefour) in the area that you can reach by bus.

Bus services and access to the tram are very close. Buses run every 10 minutes to the subway station and into the city centre. There is a tramway stop right next to the residence that goes also to the subway station "Arènes".

An unlimited transportation pass on buses, tram and metro is included in your program fees.

Can I connect all my electric devices in France?

Yes, but do not forget to bring an adapter because the European electric plugs are different from the American electric plugs. If you forget to bring one, do not worry, you can purchase one in a supermarket.

Can I connect my laptop or tablet to internet via WiFi?

Yes, Internet connection is unlimited and free in the residence.
WiFi internet access is available almost anywhere.

Should I bring bedsheets?

No, you don't need because bed linen is provided by the student's residence.

Should I bring some towels?

Towels are provided as well by the student's residence. However, if you enroll in the study tour, it would be better to have your own towels but you can purchase them in France upon arrival if you don't want to pack them.

Towels for kitchen are also provided.

Are my meals organized?

- Lunches are provided on campus & picnics will be provided during field visits and organized weekends.
- Stipends for cooking your own breakfast and dinners will be provided. The kitchen in the apartment is equipped so you can cook.

Where do I go the 1st day of class?

Our program assistants will accompany you to your classroom from your accommodation place. The meeting time and place will be communicated upon arrival.

How will I be assessed?

Depending on the subject; the evaluations may be written (a paper on one issue tackled during the week), multiple-choice questions tests or an oral presentation.

How many credits will I get for this program?

You will get 9 ECTS (European Credits) for the on-campus program.

If you choose to enroll in the internship program, you will get 3 additional ECTS.

If you choose to enroll in the study tour, you will get 4 ECTS.

Check with your home university for the equivalence in US credits, and how these credits will be transferred towards your degree.

When will I receive my transcript of records?

Usually, PURPAN sends the transcripts of records directly to the SSAP coordinator of your home university in September. However, special situations will be considered, particularly if you are graduating immediately after the program.

Can I have my weekends free?

- During the on-campus program, we organize 2 weekends: You are required to participate in both weekends.
 - The 1st one, you will go to hike in the Pyrenees Mountains (easy walk; 2 to 3 hours).
 - The 2nd weekend, will be dedicated to the visit of Barcelona (Spain).
- You only have one weekend free among the four weekends of the on-campus part of the program. You can use this weekend to visit any place you want.
- The 4th weekend, you will either travel to your internship place or start the study tour option or be free to go back home or travel around.

When will I know my internship place?

Even though you give us a short presentation in your cover letter (your wishes and your personality) in the admission forms, we prefer to have spent at least 10 days with you before announcing your internship placement. Indeed, we need to know you a bit more in order to choose the best placement for you. The final announcement usually takes place during the 3rd week of the program.

When can I leave my internship?

You will leave your internship place on Thursday, July 22nd, 2021 as you will give an oral presentation about your internship on Friday, July 23rd, 2021 with all the students participating in the program.

Your travel from your internship place to Toulouse will be planned and paid by PURPAN.

Will my host family speak English?

Most families speak some English or know a few words, and at least their children speak some English.

We encourage the students to work hard during the 33 hours French lecture on campus, which is designed to give you the necessary vocabulary for your internship and family stay.

Additionally, you will be in touch with us over WhatsApp in case you need help to express yourself for urgent or important issues.

Will I have an internet connection during my internship?

Yes. There is internet throughout France, except in very remote areas of the country.

Will I have my own room during my internship?

Yes, you will be accommodated in your own room but most of the time, you will have to share the bathroom and the toilets with your host family.

Will I be able to travel on weekends during my internship?

During your internship, weekends will be organized in accordance with your family: some will want to show you around, others will have professional obligations; we shall inform them that you might want to take advantage of your stay in France to visit places. Maybe it will not be possible every weekend! It will be up to you to work things out with your family.

How will I be accommodated when I return to Toulouse after my internship?

You will be accommodated in a students' residence, maybe different from the one where you lived in June. The lunch, on July 23rd, 2021 will be provided by PURPAN.

Where will I live during the study tour?

You will be accommodated in youth hostels or you will share bungalows in campsites.

Are my meals organized during the study tour?

Yes.

Will I have some free time during the study tour?

Yes. Evenings are free as well as the weekend (July 3rd & 4th, 2021).

Where will I be accommodated over the weekend during the study tour?

You will be accommodated in the same place than during the week.

How will I get around over the weekend during the study tour?

As you are free during the weekend, you can travel by train, rent a car or use blablacar (carpooling application).

What kind of visit will be planned during the study tour?

As the 1st week will be focused on plant production, you will visit companies and farm operations such as:

- Wine cooperative and vineyard under the appellation “Monbazillac”.
- Walnut operation and traditional walnut oil processing plant “Noix du Périgord”.
- CIREF (Experimental Center on strawberries) and a Strawberry farm “Fraise du Périgord”.
- Truffle farm.

As the 2nd week will be focused on animal production, you will visit companies and farm operations such as:

- Geese and ducks traditional breeding farm to produce livers “Foie-gras du Périgord”.
- Milk-fed veal operation “Veau du Périgord”.
- Lamb production farm “Agneau du Périgord”.
- Esturgeon farming at Domaine Huso where “Caviar de Neuvic” is produced.

How will the evaluation take place during the study tour?

You will be evaluated at the end of each week on Friday.

Students will be asked to make group presentation of the visits (oral + powerpoint) and to deepen the subject through bibliographical research under the supervision of one faculty member of PURPAN.

Evaluation: 20% participation in the visits, 80% final presentation.

Where can I work for my evaluation during the study tour?

You will work in groups on dedicated days, you can also work in the evening.

Where can I find information about the COVID situation in France?

PURPAN respects the rules imposed by the French government (click here for updated information: COVID-19 Information | U.S. Embassy & Consulates in France - <https://fr.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information/>)

PURPAN, Toulouse, France and COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

We have compiled some information for you as of March 03rd, 2021. The situation evolves so quickly that we will be updating this information regularly or upon request from the students interested in the Summer Program. Contact email: sap@purpan.fr

Where can I find information on the COVID-related health situation in France?

In France, the rules are available here: <https://www.gouvernement.fr/en/coronavirus-covid-19> and [COVID-19 Information | U.S. Embassy & Consulates in France](#) please update your knowledge on a regular basis. At this moment (as of March 03, 2021), a curfew is in place from 6 pm to 6 am, you MUST wear a mask all the time in the city of Toulouse and all big cities. Hand washing/disinfection is necessary. It is recommended to stay at 2m (6 feet) of any other person. All bars and restaurants are closed.

What health measures are being taken at PURPAN to mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19?

At PURPAN the rules are set by our Ministry of Education/Agriculture and by the local representative of the central government ("préfecture").

At this point (March 03, 2021), students may come to campus 1 day a week. Exams are presential. Most of lectures are given online or hybrid. Surgical Masks MUST be worn at all times on campus. Hand disinfection products are available in all classrooms.

PURPAN also makes it compulsory to activate the App called "Tous Anti Covid" at all times on campus. The App can be downloaded on the Playstore for free. It is a national public App.

For the summer program starting end of May 2021, meals should be served to students on our campus for lunch. Social distancing of minimum 6 feet is compulsory for meals.

What health measures will be taken to mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19 in your accommodation?

- *For the on-campus part:*

As of March 03rd, 2021, the instructions are the following: Surgical masks should be worn at all times in common rooms, corridors etc. and social distancing should be 2m (6 feet).

Breakfast and dinners can be prepared by students individually in their apartments. Grocery shopping should be made by each student (masks are compulsory in all shops too if we apply current rules in France).

Please note that apartments for the summer program are single use and not shared (one bedroom, one kitchenette, toilets, and shower). Common rooms may be closed in May-June due to the pandemic.

- *For the internship part:*
The families will define their rules. Outside of the farm you must wear a mask pretty much everywhere, especially on markets.

Will I need a COVID-19 test to enter France? Will I have to quarantine when I arrive in France?

You will find latest information on the websites <https://www.gouvernement.fr/en/coronavirus-covid-19> and [COVID-19 Information | U.S. Embassy & Consulates in France.](#)

If a quarantine period is compulsory

- *Will there be accommodation for me or should I find an accommodation myself?*

PURPAN will accommodate you in a student residence near to the school during the quarantine period and you will stay in the same residence during all the on-campus program.

- *How will I gain access to food?*

Our PURPAN team will facilitate grocery shopping, access to a doctor, etc.

- *How will I gain access to lectures?*

Lectures could happen online during that time if necessary.

What will day-to-day life in Toulouse look like?

It will very much depend on the situation by this time. Right now, with Curfew at 6pm, restaurants and bars closed. Everything “non essential” is closed.

In TOULOUSE, the local bus, tram and train service is normal. Main measure is the compulsory MASK everywhere as well as social distancing. You can travel freely as long as you are home before curfew.

The PURPAN team will commit in providing access to food, medical appointments, and all necessary (such as laundry) and emergency services.

The PURPAN team will make their best to offer activities so that the SSAP students can enjoy some nice time.

Will AVI international insurance provided by PURPAN cover COVID-19 related sickness and treatment?

AVI will cover medical costs linked to COVID-19 illnesses, but no repatriation linked with the latter (no security evacuations).

Testing centers are available very easily everywhere. Covid PCR testing is free in France, each time it is needed.

If I am to test positive for COVID-19 during my stay?

If the student is found to be POSITIVE or just Contact Case (who stayed less than 2m/6 feet from someone infected), he/she cannot come to campus nor to any activity and MUST stay in his/her apartment.

For contact cases: he/she cannot come to campus nor to any activity and MUST stay in his/her apartment. 7 days later, a second test will be made and the student will be able to come back to campus/internship if he/she is negative at that point. This status of "contact case" is an official status and REQUIRES staying isolated. In no circumstance, you can leave your apartment or come to campus.

For sick students: expect to have to stay isolated for at least 2 weeks.

- *Access to care*

During the on-campus part: the campus is right next to the University Hospital. Access to treatment of care for COVID or anything else is still easy. Our Team will go with the students or recommend a doctor who speaks English.

During the internship part: the family will take the student to the doctor. Our team remains available on WhatsApp for all students if translation help or advice (non-medical) is needed.

- *Housing situation*

During the on-campus part: the PURPAN team will continue to commit in providing access to food and all necessary (such as laundry) and emergency services.

During the internship part: the family will take care of the student and our team will remain available to help.

- *Academic situation*

Lectures would resume online for this student and assessments would be adapted.