



THE FRENCH LEADING INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH IN LIFE SCIENCES,
AGRONOMY, FOOD TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT



Summer University

May 17 – May 30, 2010

INTAG 497: 3 Credits

Wednesdays, 4:30-6:30 PM, 504 ASI

Comparing the United States and the French Agricultural Systems

Offered in Collaboration with



College of Agricultural Sciences

Spring Semester Curriculum

The spring semester course prior to the summer program at AgroParisTech is in the form of a seminar series. Topics to be covered at Penn State University will include the following.

Seminar Topics:

- The Land Grant University in the 21st Century
- The Cooperative Extension System
- USDA Agricultural Research
- Food Issues: Eating Local/Genetically Modified Foods/Food Quality & Safety/Eating Organic
- The US Farm Bill
- Tour of Penn State Experiment Farms
- Current "In the News" Ag Issues

An Introduction to France, Presentations by the Students.

- Geography
- Brief History
- Government Structure
- Agricultural Statistics
- Culture

In addition, participants will create parallel overview of the United States in a presentation to be given during orientation sessions at AgroParisTech. Student participants from other participating countries (for example, France, Japan, Brazil) will present on their respective countries.

- Geography/Brief History
- Government Structure
Describe the political systems from local to national level. Who controls quality and environmental policy?
- Agricultural Statistics
Including number of farmers, average farm size, average farm income, imports and exports and other relevant production figures, national agricultural budget
- Culture
Including Farmer's Organizations
- Fun Facts
Popular film, book, song, sport, website, expression.
Best holiday in your country?
What do you do on December 31st?
Best dinner menu?
Describe a regular student day.

Curriculum at AgroParisTech

Orientation to French Culture, including survival French phrases

Student presentations on their respective countries

By Invited Speakers:

Lectures on French Research, Education and Extension.

Including:

- French Agricultural Policy
The French position in the European Union Discussions on CAP & WTO
- Food Quality/Safety Policies
All You Want to Know About Camembert!
- GMO Issues
- Syngenta/Crop Protection & Pesticide Management
- Agricultural Associations & Unions
- French Ag Education System

NOTE: Lectures in English

Above lectures will be interspersed with relevant site visits, such as:

- Champagne vineyards
- Rungis
Paris fresh products market
<http://www.visiterungis.com>
- Versailles Kitchen Gardens
- INRA
- Organic Farm Share Program

Touristic evening and weekends
Students may create their own agenda

Program Culminates in a Paris Rooftop Reception

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Expenses

All costs are approximate based on the cost of the 2009 summer program

Expenses are listed in U.S. Dollars

PROGRAM FEE \$500
(AgroParisTech Administrative/Organizational Costs)

Airfare \$500-1300
Roundtrip from US

Train Fare from CDG to Paris \$30
And return at conclusion

Metro Transportation \$90
*Two week pass
Photo for Pass, \$6*

Additional Transportation \$50
Bus Fare/Train Fares/Tram Fares

Lodging \$550
Two Weeks at Cite International
http://www.ciup.fr/room_cite.htm

Food \$300-500
This figure depends on how often you eat in a restaurant. Alternatives are available and will be discussed in the departure pre-orientation. Some students have spent only \$400 per two weeks.

Additional expenses to consider:

Passport
For U.S. Participants \$100

International Student ID \$25
(Optional)

International Health Insurance Policy for PSU Students \$25-50
(cost dependent on whether you arrive early and/or stay after)

Communication
(International Cell Phone)

Museum Entry Fees
(\$15-30 each. Note that the first Sunday of the Month, many museums in Paris are free.

Souvenirs
For example, post cards, artistic posters, Eiffel Tower Snow Globes, French beret ☺

