Summer University
May 13 – May 26, 2012
INTAG 497A (soon INTAG470): 3 Credits
Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00 PM

Comparing the United States and the French Agricultural Systems

Offered in Collaboration with
Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences
Spring Semester Curriculum at University Park

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
- Agricultural Policy
- USDA Agricultural Research
- Food Issues: Eating Local/Genetically Modified Foods/Food Quality & Safety/Eating Organic
- Possible Viticulture field trip
- Bioenergy
- Current “In the News” Ag Issues

Case Studies & Presentations by the Students, topics can cover:
- Dairy
- Grains
- Wine
- Crops common to the US and France

In addition, participants will create a parallel overview of the United States in a presentation to be given during orientation sessions at AgroParisTech. Student participants from other 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

Invited Speakers:
Lectures on French Research, Policy, Food Science and More. Including:
- French Agricultural Policy
  \textit{The French position in the European Union Discussions on CAP & WTO}
- Food Quality/Safety Policies
- GMO Issues
- Syngenta/Crop Protection & Pesticide Management
- Agricultural Associations & Unions
- French Ag Education System
- Regions of French Cheeses (yes, tasting is involved)

\textbf{NOTE:} Lectures in English

Above lectures will be interspersed with relevant site visits, such as:
- Champagne vineyards
- Rungis \textit{Paris fresh products market} \url{http://www.visiterungis.com}
- Versailles Kitchen Gardens
- INRA
- Organic Farm Share Program

Touristic evening and weekends
\textit{Plenty of free time is offered for students to create their own agenda}

Program Culminates in a Paris Rooftop Reception

A final presentation is required.

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Expenses

All costs are approximate based on the cost of the 2011 summer program
\textit{Expenses are listed in U.S. Dollars}

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\textbf{PROGRAM FEE} & \$700 \\
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\textbf{(AgroParisTech Administrative/Organizational Costs)} & \\
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Airfare & \$800-1200 \\
\textit{Roundtrip from US} & \\
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Train Fare from CDG to Paris & \$20 \\
\textit{And return at conclusion} & \\
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Metro Transportation & \$90 \\
\textit{Two week pass} & \\
\textit{Photo for Pass, $6} & \\
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Additional Transportation & \$50 \\
\textit{Bus Fare/Train Fares/Tram Fares} & \\
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Lodging & \$450 \\
\textit{Two Weeks at Cite International} & \\
\url{http://www.ciup.fr/room_cite.htm} & \\
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Food & \$300-500 \\
\textit{This figure depends on how often you eat in a restaurant. Alternatives are available and will be discussed in the departure pre-orientation.} & \\
\textit{Some students have spent only $300 over two weeks.} & \\
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Additional expenses to consider: & \\
\textbf{Passport} & \$100 \\
\textit{For U.S. Participants} & \\
\textbf{International Student ID} & \$25 \\
\textit{(Optional)} & \\
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\textbf{International Health Insurance Policy for PSU Students} & \$15-30 \\
\textit{(cost dependent on whether you arrive early and/or stay after)} & \\
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\textbf{Communication (International Cell Phone)} & \\
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\textbf{Museum Entry Fees} & \\
\textit{($15-30 each. Note that many museums are discounted on certain dates)} & \\
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\textbf{Souvenirs} & \\
\textit{For example, post cards, artistic posters, Eiffel Tower Snow Globes, French Beret 😊} & \\
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