

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



## 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*

PENNSTATE



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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>?  
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  
*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)

*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

*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.*

### For Additional Information:

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## Expenses

All costs are approximate based on the cost of the 2011 summer program  
*Expenses are listed in U.S. Dollars*

PROGRAM FEE \$700

*(AgroParisTech Administrative/Organizational Costs)*

Airfare \$800-1200  
*Roundtrip from US*

Train Fare from CDG to Paris \$20  
*And return at conclusion*

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

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

Lodging \$450  
*Two Weeks at Cite International*  
[http://www.ciup.fr/room\\_cite.htm](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 \$300 over two weeks.*

### Additional expenses to consider:

Passport  
*For U.S. Participants* \$100

International Student ID \$25  
(Optional)

International Health Insurance Policy for PSU Students \$15-30  
*(cost dependent on whether you arrive early and/or stay after)*

Communication  
*(International Cell Phone)*

Museum Entry Fees  
*(\$15-30 each. Note that many museums are discounted on certain dates)*

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