



Bordeaux, France

SPRING SEMESTER:

St. Lawrence's newest program in Bordeaux, France is designed for both first-year and upper-class students who have no previous French language study through advanced study who would like to gain fluency through immersion in French-speaking cultures. Participants will extend their intellectual and personal growth through an integration of classroom learning, cultural and linguistic immersion, and opportunities for engagement with diverse communities through living and studying in the program locations.

Dr. Roy Caldwell, Professor of French, will direct the program and teach *The Cuisine and Wines of Bordeaux and Southwest France*.

All other courses are offered by local faculty at three institutions: Bordeaux Montaigne University, the University of Bordeaux, and Sciences Po Bordeaux.

Program Locations:

The program is primarily based in the city of Bordeaux a port city close to the European Atlantic coast, in the southwest of France. Bordeaux, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is the fifth largest city in France. It is the hub of the famed wine-growing region and is known for its Gothic cathedral, many historical monuments and amazing landscapes. The program will also travel throughout the southwestern region of France, to Paris and will include an educational excursion to Senegal. This cross-cultural immersion experience includes lectures and talks from a variety of academics and professionals in Dakar the country's financial and cultural center. It also includes visits to sites of contemporary and historical significance such as the Ifran museum, Maison de Senghor and Gorée Island.

Housing on the Program:

Students will be housed in residence halls at the University of Bordeaux Montaigne, or in the downtown area, alongside French and other international students. The accommodations are typically private rooms with private bathroom facilities and communal kitchen and living spaces.

PROGRAM COURSES:

Students will enroll in:

- A French language course at the appropriate level;
- The Director's course, taught by St. Lawrence University Professor, Dr. Roy Caldwell; and
- Choose from a range of elective course in English and/or French in disciplines such as African Studies, Art & Art History, European Studies, Global Studies, Economics, History, Government, and PCA (Communications and Journalism)

The Director's Course:

The Cuisine and Wines of Bordeaux and Southwest France

The city of Bordeaux is located in the heart of one of the richest and most varied culinary regions of France. *Cuisine bordelaise* is celebrated for its traditional pastries, seafood, meats, vegetable dishes, and sauces. Around Bordeaux in the French southwest are other notable areas with distinctive foods: Toulouse, with its *cassoulet*, a stew made from white beans, duck legs, and sausage; Roquefort, home of the renowned blue cheese; and the Périgord, famous for its *foie gras* and truffles. But Bordeaux is certainly best known for its wines, the most prestigious wines in the world: Saint-Émilion, Saint-Estephe, Margaux, Pauillac. In this course we will be studying the culinary heritage of this region. We will travel to the Périgord, to Toulouse, and to the great châteaux where the wines are produced. We will eat the dishes and taste the wines. We will meet experts who will tell us all about what we are eating and drinking. In this course we will learn, too, how to cook some of these delicacies. This course will be a *feast!*

