

MWSC Voyage d'études: Programme à Angers, France

Saturday, May 29 Depart Kansas City

Sunday, May 30 Arrive Angers

Get settled in your new surroundings, and begin to make cultural adjustment. Try to get a good night's rest in preparation for class on Monday morning.

Monday, May 31—Holiday—no classes, informal orientation to downtown Angers

Tuesday, June 1—Convocation –Orientation to campus

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FRE 207/307

Intensive French in Angers, France

Course description: A three-week intensive study in France language at the early intermediate/advanced level taught at the Université d'Angers in Angers, France, including course work and directed cultural activities. Three credit hours.

Consultation Hours in Angers

12:00 in the student union area of the Université d'Angers

Brief meetings held as needed. Other consultation hours by appointment.

Required texts:

Texts and photocopied materials are normally furnished.

Course rationale:

The rationale for the course is to enable you to go to Angers, not just as a tourist, but rather as a well-prepared, good-will ambassador, who will attempt to integrate as completely as possible in the life of the Angers community. In addition, it is expected that this experience will allow you to dramatically improve your French language skills. To that end, you are expected to use French at all times, whether in class or among friends. Improved fluency is practically impossible without this commitment.

Students with disabilities:

Any student having a disability which prevents the fullest expression of abilities should contact the instructor as soon as possible regarding any limitations in meeting normal course requirements.

Academic honesty policy:

Complete academic honesty is required in this course. Any evidence of cheating or plagiarism will be result in an "F" for the course.

Course outline:

A. The formal course work will include 45 hours of instruction during the three-week stay in Angers. This takes into account three--four and a half hours of class Monday-Friday and participation in directed afternoon cultural sessions or excursions.

You will be obligated to do all homework, make oral presentations and take all examinations required by your professors. At the end of the three-week session, the professors will arrive at a final grade assessment of your progress. If your final assessment is poor, the other criteria on this syllabus will be weighted and averaged to determine if you can be given credit for FRE 207/307 with the grade of D.

If you take the work seriously and put the following suggestions into practice, you will in all likelihood pass:

- In class try to be pleasant, interested, attentive and very polite. Make every effort to do as well as you possibly can on the tests and oral presentations.
- Speak to your professors and classmates only in French. If you have a question that you cannot express, ask a classmate after class to help you put it into French. Remember that your professors may understand very little English.
- Do your homework every night. The professor may not give specific assignments every day as an American professor would, but if you have gone over a topic in class, it is likely that it will appear on your next test. Therefore, if you do not know the material being presented in class, it is your responsibility to master it before the next class session. The French traditionally put great emphasis on scholastic achievement and your family will be interested in helping you succeed.
- Do not miss more than one class period during the entire session.

B. Since you will live in total immersion in French during your stay in Angers, you must agree to observe, insofar as possible, a no-English rule for the duration of your Angers experience.

C. You will keep a daily journal in Angers, writing five pages per week(preferably one a day) in French on experiences and impressions of the day. I will collect journals on Friday and return them the following Monday. Be sure to put the date (à la Française, i.e. le 2 juin)on each entry. A special emphasis is to be given to cross-cultural analysis. Write about your reaction to culture shock and try to analyze what it is about the Angevin mentality that makes them do things differently from Americans. Write on every other line to allow for corrections. In order to receive credit for your journal, you must go back and make corrections as indicated. You may ask a French-speaking person to help you with corrections of your journal, but his corrections must be in ink of a different color than that used by you in your journal entry. The following symbols indicate the type of errors to correct.

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Correction required</u>
s/v	Subject and verb agreement
n/a	Noun and adjective agreement
prep	Incorrect preposition
t	Verb tense incorrect
m	Verb mode (subjunctive, conditional)
inf	Infinitive needed here
^	Something is missing
pl	Placement is incorrect
angl	Anglicism
...	Incomplete sentence, fragment
(+)	Elision needed
?	Incomprehensible
!	Well done!

D. You will write a 3-5 page paper in English upon your return from Angers. This paper, to be entitled, "The Angers Experience: A Retrospective View," will put your experience into a cross-cultural perspective. For your final paper you will draw upon your journal entries. The journal entries will serve as "pre-writing" for this final effort. Your paper must be word processed, double-spaced, and must reach me at my office by July 1. At MWSC, we request permission to publish parts or the whole of your paper in college or professional publications such as subsequent program brochures or articles on the program in France in the department newsletter, EFLJ NOTES. You will, of course, be recognized as the author if any part of your paper is used for publication.

Final grade for FRE 207/307

Assessment made by professors at Université d'Angers	50%
French-only rule during stay	10%
Journal	20%
Final paper	20%