



LYON, FRANCE

Students have long enjoyed cosmopolitan Lyon as a study site that boasts a rich history, picturesque vistas along the Rhône and Saône rivers and an ideal location. Nestled in the Rhône-Alps region of southeastern France, Lyon is the nation's second largest city. With a population exceeding one million and in close proximity to Switzerland and Italy, Lyon holds the status of a major European cultural, research, and trade center. Founded by the Romans over 2,000 years ago, Lyon is also known for being the center of the silk industry during the Renaissance and of the French Resistance in World War II. Experience the historic and contemporary vibrancy of a city filled with museums, theaters, monuments, and restaurants.

Academic Year: This is a year-long program.

Academics: With over 100,000 students in the city, Lyon is an important educational center. Of the many institutions and Grandes Ecoles in Lyon, four universities participate in the Oregon exchange, providing opportunities for students with diverse majors to study in France: Lyon 1 (Claude Bernard), Lyon 2 (Lumière), Lyon 3 (Jean Moulin), and the Université Catholique. Specialties of the universities include Humanities, Engineering, Medicine, Management/Economics, Communications, Political Science, Anthropology, Education, Urban Planning, Business, Law, Applied Languages, Philosophy, and the Natural, Agricultural, and Social Sciences. Once you arrive in Lyon, you will participate in a three-week orientation session known as "stage", an intensive cultural and linguistic course for which you will receive Oregon credit. During this time, your language skills will be evaluated either to determine your placement level in the French Language Institute at Lyon II or the Université Catholique or to confirm whether you are ready for the direct exchange program. After the orientation in Poitiers, most participants will continue improving their language ability in the Centre de Français Langue Etrangère (CFLE), taking courses in such topics as literature, civilization, grammar and oral and written expression. If you are sufficiently fluent in French, you can also take regular courses at the university in subject areas that interest you. All classes are taught by University of Poitiers faculty members. Depending on how many classes you take, you should receive approximately the same amount of credit for your year in Poitiers as you would as a full-time student in Oregon. You will be registered at your home campus and will receive credit from that institution. You should consult with your academic adviser and OUS campus contact to determine how University of Poitiers courses will integrate with your home campus curriculum requirements.

Housing: A wide range of housing options is available during your year in Lyon. You will be housed in university dormitories or with families during September. For the remainder of the year, you may be housed with families, rent a room or studio apartment, share a larger apartment with a French or international roommate, or live in a dorm room.

Admissions: The following materials are required for admission: (1) an application, (2) a college transcript, (3) a two-page personal statement on your interest on the program and any factors that have influenced your personal development. The program requires candidates to have at least a 2.75 GPA, be a sophomore in good standing, have two years of college French, and an interview with the French department at SLU. If you're planning to apply, please pick up an application packet at the International Center, DuBourg Hall 150.

Language of Instruction: French.

Scholarships: ALL SLU scholarships will go with the student.

More Info: For more information, please go to the web site at <http://www.ous.edu/international/website/franceprogram.html>