

FREN 240 Paris: Global City

3 credit hours

Taught in English

Description

In this course, we explore the development of urban space and cultures in modern Paris.

General Topic Outline and Timeline

Week 1:

University Foundations

Paris as a center of global learning.

Site visits : Latin Quarter, Sorbonne, bookstores, libraries

Event: Théâtre de la Huchette program

Week 2:

Architecture and Urban Planning

Historical view and cross-cultural development timeline

Site visits: Grands boulevards and major Paris monuments

Event: Attend a community event in a park

Students research their interest for Week 4 site visits and events

Week 3:

Cultures and Neighborhoods

Contemporary Paris and banlieues

Site visits: Getting to know the 20 arrondissements (neighborhoods)

Event: Guided tour of Paris graffiti

Students develop a final research project based on a neighborhood or area of Paris

Week 4:

Centers, Embassies, International Institutions

Paris and the political and diplomatic worlds

Site visits and event: Based on student research during first three weeks. Each student proposes a site visit and/or an event for the class in this unit.

Class Structure

Combination of group meetings, activities in the Paris area, and an independent project.

Option for completing written work in English and/or French.

Evaluation

Course journal 20%

Weekly participation 20%

Weekly project 20%

Final Project 40%