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# France Study Abroad



A presentation about my time abroad in  
Aix-En-Provence for CVEN 311 Fluid Dynamics

# Activities along the way...

## Included in the program:

- ❖ Paris, Aix-En-Provence, and Marseille city tours
- ❖ Versailles Palace tour
- ❖ The Calanques
- ❖ Gorges du Verdon
- ❖ Technical visit
- ❖ Mix and Mingle with French students

## Extras (ones that we did in free time):

- ❖ Louvre/D'Orsay
- ❖ Aix-En-Provence city markets
- ❖ Hiking (Monte Saint-Victoire)
- ❖ Formula 1 in Monaco

❖ Beaches!  
\*This is not a complete list of activities



# Sardinia...

## Our 6 day trip

My abroad program was fortunate enough to have a 6 day period off where we could travel. I went with three of my friends to Sardinia - the second largest island off the coast of Italy. During our trip, we went to three major cities exploring their city centers, parks, beaches, and (my favorite) restaurants.



# Arts et Métiers

## Aix-En-Provence

We stayed in dorms at the French campus of Arts et Métiers close to the city center.

Pros: Less than 20 minute walk to the city center, single rooms with your own bathroom, kitchens, Volleyball and Tennis courts

Cons: No air conditioning, twin sized bed, 30 minute walk to class



The campus center



The dorm room

# Expectations vs. Reality...

## Expectations

- ❖ 8 hours of sleep every night
- ❖ I'd be frugal with money
- ❖ More French students, more friends
- ❖ I'd make friends with a few of the study abroad students
- ❖ I'd go to the grocery store and cook dinner sometimes

## Reality

- ❖ 4-6 hours of sleep every night
- ❖ LOTS of money spent
- ❖ Not that many French students
- ❖ Friends with literally EVERY student on the trip
- ❖ Eating out EVERY night - so much money



# CVEN 311

The actual class was very cool.

I went in knowing nothing about fluid dynamics, but I enjoyed lectures thoroughly. The professor, Dr. Olivera, was an incredible lecturer and cared about us.

It was different having only two exams, at a very fast pace, but I think it taught all of us how to pace our learning. I know for me, it taught me how to ask the right questions and look for the right practice problems. Overall, it was an incredible learning experience that I would do over and over again.



# Final Thoughts

The benefits from going abroad and experiencing a new culture, being put in a new place with a ton of people you've never met, is an incredible opportunity that you may not have again. It builds confidence, adaptability, self awareness, cultural awareness, and gives you enough stories to last a lifetime.

Just do it.  
It's worth it.

