

Why the Faverges Program?

The Program is designed to meet the needs of the student: the course work is taught by University of Akron faculty, all tours are organized for the group by the Director.

The six-week duration of the Program is an essential part of the experience; testing has shown that spontaneous production of the target language begins to occur in the fifth week. The Program lasts long enough to allow students to progress to a level of facility in communication unachievable by other means.

The opportunity to spend six weeks in a foreign land offers an invaluable educational and personal growth experience. As a student, you have the time and possibility to spend six weeks away from home; later in life, when you have a job, family, and no free time, you will probably not be able to take part in such an experience.

How much does it cost?

The Program itself costs about \$2750. (This cost is adjusted to a precise figure in early Spring, according to dollar/euro exchange rates). This covers all room and board in Faverges for six weeks, tours, all museum visits, train trip to Paris, hotel in Paris, transportation pass in Paris (but not food while in Paris). You must pay separately for summer tuition and fees at The University of Akron prior to the start of the Program. Round-trip transportation from Cleveland to Faverges costs an additional \$950 or so. Students may choose from a variety of return dates. Participants are free to make their own travel arrangements. Comparable programs run by other universities cost on average **TWICE AS MUCH** as the UA Program. The prices stated here will be adjusted to reflect actual costs.

FRENCH 311-541

Contemporary French Society

(3 credits) The course focuses on recent French history as well as modern demographic, social, political, and economic questions, against the background of a traditional cultural approach. Students select topics of special interest for their final paper. (Junior or Senior level course; The University of Akron prerequisite is French 202, four semesters of college French.)



FRENCH 312-541

French Cultural Experience Abroad

(3 credits) The course stresses current speech patterns, vocabulary building, and natural oral expression. It is taught by a local journalist and teacher. (The University of Akron prerequisite is French 202, four terms of college French.)

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Summer Study in the French Alps (Faverges Program)



**Spend six weeks with a host family
in the French Alps,
with excursions to Paris,
Geneva & Annecy, while
earning up to 6 college credits**

**Dept. of Modern Languages
The University of Akron**



The University of Akron's **Department of Modern Languages** is once again offering a six-week academic summer program which will run in the Alpine town of Faverges, France, from approximately May 9th to June 18th, 2009.

The Program, which has run fifteen times since 1987, is specifically tailored for the needs of undergraduate students; by placing the Program immediately after the end of Spring semester, all students benefit from low costs in travel and lodging. The timing of the Program, beginning at the very end of Spring Term, makes it practical for students either to return to the United States by the end of June in time for summer employment opportunities or study in later summer sessions, or to study and/or travel independently in Europe should they choose to do so.



The six-week academic Program is based in Faverges, in the French Alps, near Geneva, Switzerland. Courses are taught by Akron faculty in a classroom setting. Field trips are run twice weekly to appropriate historic, scenic, and cultural sites in the vicinity. The requisite number of class hours is met and exceeded over the six weeks' duration of the Program: the French courses offered make full use of the direct method of instruction and take advantage of the fact that students are housed with French host families in Faverges and its immediate vicinity. Faverges, which lies in a scenic glacial valley just four miles from Lake Annecy, which is one of Europe's most renowned resort areas. Faverges is a typical French community in which our group has always been warmly received; unlike many larger cities, Faverges is not filled with foreign students, so that our students have ample opportunity to interact with the local people.



Students go on numerous field trips and visits in the Savoie and Haute Savoie region around Faverges. Local transportation is assured by bus companies; the nearby city of Annecy is just three hours and twenty minutes from Paris on the high-speed TGV train. In late May, students go on a four-day field trip to Paris; full-day trips to Chamonix, Aosta (Italy), Geneva (Switzerland), are scheduled in June.



The possibility of living in a typical French town, in a spectacular setting, near several large cities (Annecy and Albertville are less than 15 miles away, Geneva about 40 miles away), with French host families while studying and earning college credit, is an opportunity that must not be missed.

While language majors and minors have been the most numerous participants in the Program, students majoring in many other disciplines (Political Science, Education, History, pre-med, Business, etc.) have also chosen to take advantage of this exceptional study opportunity, learning to appreciate the linguistic and cultural riches that another country can offer.

