Developing Leaders:  
Global Citizenry and the UNESCO Youth Programme in Paris  

March 7 - 14, 2015

This study abroad program is coordinated by the Northern Illinois University Study Abroad Office (SAO), in conjunction with the NIU Center for Non-Governmental Organization Leadership and Development (NGOLD).

PROGRAM DATES:  The study abroad program in Paris is a component of CLCE 390 which is offered in spring 2015. The on-campus component of the course will meet on the NIU campus throughout the semester on Mondays and Wednesday 1-1:50PM. Students are required to participate in the Paris component over spring break to visit UNESCO Headquarters to learn about the global youth leadership initiative. Students will also work with the Don-Contre-Don project; a UNESCO youth leadership project funded by an organization created by college students called SolidAcension. The SolidAscension program works with high school students which makes weekends an important interaction time. We will first meet with the Don-Contre-Don program on Sunday March 8th. Students must make their own travel arrangements to arrive in Paris on Saturday March 7.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: This is the first offering of this program. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) describes the engagement of youth as critical for the development of all societies. The 1999 creation of a Youth Forum as part of the General Conference of UNESCO reflects the reliance on the world’s youth (generally described as ages 18-24) to ensure a bright future. The Youth Forum has been called to participation in activities that reflect the United Nations’ Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), eight international development goals adopted in 2000 with a completion target, (now amended) of 2015. The UNESCO Forum provides a means by which to create interactions between youth across the world, policy makers, the civil society/NGOs, the private sector and the international community.
Key to the UNESCO approach is the biennial Youth Forums which in 2013 resulted in the funding of 45 two-year youth engagement projects across the world. These projects followed a theme of *Youth and Social Inclusion: Civic Engagement, Dialogue and Skills Development* and included projects spanning across three subthemes: 1) Policy formulation and review with the participation of youth; 2) Capacity development for the transition to adulthood; and 3) Civic engagement, democratic participation and social innovation. Projects were funded to youth initiatives across the world comprising the five UNESCO regions.

The course will focus on leadership, global social issues, and the UNESCO program. The time in France will be spent meeting with the UNESCO Youth Programme staff liaison to learn about the Forum’s 2013-2015 projects, plans for the 2015 Youth Forum meeting (and ways to become a delegate), and how and why to join the UNESCO Youth Forum dialogue. Students will also be civically engaged via a program that provides assistance to disadvantaged youth to encourage their pursuit of college education. Further, and consistent with the UNESCO Youth Programme goals related to developing the civic engagement capacity of youth, cultural development will include visits to some of the major art centers of the city including the Louvre, Musée de l’Orangerie, and Musée D’Orsay, as well as historical sites including the Jewish deportation museum (Memorial des Martyrs de la Deportation).

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR:** Nancy Castle, Ph.D.

Dr. Castle is Professor and Director, Center for Non-Governmental Organization Leadership and Development (NGOLD) which houses the Community Leadership and Civic Engagement (CLCE) academic program. The CLCE program focuses on the role of non-governmental organizations in addressing domestic and international social problems.

**PARIS: The site of the spring break program:** Paris is the capital city of France. It is located on the River Seine and has a population of over two million with that number increasing to over 12 million when including the larger metro area. Paris is known as the “City of Light” ("La Ville-Lumière"). The reason for this seems to fall to two interpretations, both of which may be true. The first reflects on Paris’ role during the Age of Enlightenment when it became known as a center for education. The second refers to its role as one of the first cities in Europe to install street lighting. Gas lamps lit the streets and passages of Paris beginning in 1822. Napoleon III had major thoroughfares illuminated by over 50,000 gas lamps beginning in the 1860s. Paris enjoys a rich history in education, the arts, and world history. It has several of the worlds most visited museums and major attractions such as the Louvre and the Eiffel Tower.

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

- Students will be able to describe and discuss leadership skills, traits, and styles and apply them to themselves.
- Students will develop cultural awareness skills and develop their own capacity for interacting with people from other cultures.
✓ Students will be able to describe and discuss the MDGs in terms of context, challenges, policies, and progress.

✓ Students will be able to describe the UNESCO Youth Forum Programme with specific competency in describing and discussing at least five of the funded youth initiative projects.

✓ Students will develop a civic engagement project plan for enhancing others’ awareness of an issue as identified within the Millennium Development Goals or the UNESCO Youth Programme themes.

✓ Students will experience another culture and participate in a cultural experience with students from another country through a Paris nonprofit program.

✓ Students will learn about efforts across the globe by youth nonprofit organizations funded through the UNESCO Youth Forum.

✓ Consistent with the UNESCO Strategy on Youth, students will develop their capacity for global thinking by experiencing the culture and communication of another country and interacting closely with colleague students from that country.

ACADEMIC CREDIT: For satisfactory participation in the program, participants will receive three semester hours of undergraduate credit. The courses taken while participating in this program cannot be audited.

UNDERGRADUATE CREDIT

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Description: Intensive study of a major theory, issue or movement in community leadership and civic engagement. May be repeated provided no repetition in topics occurs. For community leadership and civic engagement majors, no more than 6 credits will count for the major.

HONORS CREDIT: Qualified students may also elect to receive Honors credit for any study abroad course(s) with the approval of the NIU faculty or instructor responsible for the course. For more information please contact the University Honors Office.

PROGRAM AUDIENCE: The program is open to individuals who have an interest in the areas of global leadership, UNESCO Youth programming, and civic engagement. Space is limited and qualified applicants will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis.

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS: The class will meet on campus Mondays and Wednesday 1:00- 1:50PM throughout the spring 2015 semester. In addition, students will travel to UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France over the March spring break. The program abroad dates are March
7-14, 2015; students will plan travel to arrive by Saturday evening, March 7 and may leave no earlier than the afternoon of Friday March 13. The time in France will be spent meeting with the UNESCO Youth Programme directors to learn about the Forum’s 2013-2015 projects, plans for the upcoming Fall 2015 Youth Forum and how to participate/attend, and how and why to join the online UNESCO Youth Forum dialogue.

Students will also spend time with colleague youth engaged in one of the UNESCO youth projects, Don Contre Don (loosely translated gift-for-gift), based in Paris. This project aims to facilitate adult transition skills in participants through a variety of activities including cultural ones. The plan is for these youth to accompany the NIU students on a cultural trip in Paris and for NIU students to join these youth on a community engagement project if their timing allows. It is anticipated that the students will spend two half-days at UNESCO headquarters and two half days with the Don Contre Don project. Other time will be filled with cultural trips including the Jewish deportation museum (Memorial des Martyrs de la Deportation) The Louvre, The Museum that houses the full size Monet water lilies paintings (Musée de l'Orangerie) and other world renowned cultural sites. These will be discussed prior to leaving for Paris to allow students full appreciation of what they are experiencing.

**HEALTH:** Maintaining good health is of paramount importance when studying overseas. Changes in climate and the fast pace of travel may cause health problems abroad. When considering a study abroad program it is important for students to be aware of the things that can affect their health, thereby permitting students to enjoy their time abroad more fully.

**NIU ADMISSION AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Currently enrolled students must meet College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GPA requirements. NIU Students on academic probation during the semester prior to the program are not eligible for participation.

For undergraduate students to be admitted to the program, an applicant's official transcript must be on file in the Study Abroad Office. Students who are currently enrolled at NIU, or who have previously enrolled at NIU, do not need to request an official transcript; the Study Abroad Office will make this request on behalf of the applicant. Students who want to participate in the program and earn academic credit from NIU who have not previously enrolled at NIU, or who are not currently enrolled at NIU, should ask the registrar at their home institution to forward an official transcript as soon as possible to the Study Abroad Office. (Student-issued and photocopied transcripts are not acceptable.) Questions relating to the admission requirements or transcripts should be directed to the NIU Study Abroad Office.

NIU Students cannot have any encumbrances against their records. Any encumbrances placed on a student’s records by NIU (i.e., Undergraduate Admissions, Bursar’s Office, Accounts Receivable, Registration and Records, Health Services, Parking Services, etc.) must be cleared before a student is granted admission to a study abroad program.

**APPLICATION:** Click (SAO will insert application link) visit the NIU Study Abroad Office website at [https://niu.studioabroad.com](https://niu.studioabroad.com) (and search for “France”) to begin the online application process for this program. The online process provides guidance on requesting information,
advising, or applying for the program. Please note that at the time of application, applicants will be expected to submit a signature verification form and copy of their ID to the Study Abroad Office. More detailed instructions can be found on the [https://niu.studyabroad.com](https://niu.studyabroad.com) website or by contacting the Study Abroad Office at (815) 753-0700 or niuabroad@niu.edu.

**$200 APPLICATION FEE/DEPOSIT:** A $200 application fee/deposit is required of all applicants. The $200 is broken down into $100 for the non-refundable application fee and $100 for a program deposit. Both the application fee and the deposit will be applied to the total balance of the program cost. The $100 deposit is refundable only if the participant withdraws prior to the withdrawal deadline indicated on the program materials or for medical reasons verified by a physician if the withdrawal takes place after the withdrawal deadline.

The $200 application fee/deposit will be charged to NIU students’ NIU Bursar's account. (Checks and money orders cannot be accepted from NIU students.) Non-NIU students must submit a check or money order in the amount of $200. More detailed instructions can be found on the website.

**IMPORTANT** – All applications will be categorized as “Pending – No Deposit” until the $200 application fee/deposit has been received (or, in the case of non-NIU students, once a check has been received). The Study Abroad Office will not consider or process applications without the $200 application fee/deposit. In order to reserve your place in the program you must submit the $200 deposit within 14 days of application. After 14 days applications without a deposit will be inactivated.

**FINAL DATE FOR APPLYING FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM:** December 10, 2015. Students should be advised that this is a popular program with limited enrollment. Late applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Waiting lists have been established as early as February in recent years.

**TRANSATLANTIC TRANSPORTATION:** Individuals will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements between the U.S. and Dublin and for purchasing their own tickets from a travel agent or airline of their choice. (Travel insurance is recommended.) Participants should keep in mind that in order to arrive in Dublin in time for the official beginning of the program (June 7), they should plan to depart the U.S. no later than June 6, if taking an overnight flight.

**HOUSING AND MEALS:** Students will reside in hotel with shared bathrooms. Breakfast is included. Two other meals will be arranged (one lunch and the farewell dinner). Students will be responsible for the rest of their lunches and dinners. Students will stay at the “My Hotel In France-Montmartre” close to the Sacré-Cœur located at the highest point in the city. The group will meet at the hotel throughout the week but most of the time will be out in the city.
FIELD TRIPS: Students will be provided with 20 metro tickets (20 rides) and may purchase more if desired. Guided tours of the Louvre and Eiffel tower are being planned; the group will visit several additional cultural sites. Students will have free time to explore the city as well.

PASSPORT: --IMPORTANT-- All participants are required to possess a valid passport by April 1, 2015. Important Note: U.S. passports must be valid SIX months beyond the intended stay overseas. Individuals who do not currently possess a valid passport should apply for one immediately upon acceptance into the program. (Applicants applying after April 1, 2015 may need to request expedited services or apply in person at the Chicago Passport Agency. If applicants are not within the Chicago area, they must apply at the nearest passport agency.) Information on acquiring a U.S. passport is available at the U.S. State Department's website: http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english.html.

VISA: A visa is not required for U.S. passport holders who will be in France for a tourist or business stay of up to three months. Non-U.S. passport holders may need a special visa for travel in France and are responsible for making the necessary inquiries and for the visa application process.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT I.D. CARD (ISIC): The ISIC is provided as part of the program cost. The International Student I.D. card can, among other things, provide discounts on international airfare. Students will receive an application and instructions for obtaining this card when accepted into the program.

More importantly, the International Student Identity Card also includes a limited health and accident insurance policy which is only valid outside the U.S. Students will have to pay bills at the time of treatment and will be reimbursed later.

PASSPORT AND ISIC PHOTOS: You may have your passport and/or ISIC photo(s) taken in the NIU Study Abroad Office. Photos are $3.00 for the first photo and $2.00 for each photo after that. After the first two photos, photos must be purchased in multiples of two. Photos are usually developed while you wait. Study Abroad Office hours are 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (closed over the lunch hour) and 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

NIU STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN: NIU requires all study abroad students to be covered under the NIU Student Health Insurance Plan. The premium has been paid as part of the NIU program costs. Enrollment in this plan is mandatory and will not be waived. Because enrollment in the insurance plan for the spring semesters extends through the summer term, students already enrolled during the spring semester will be given a credit on their program cost.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS/VACCINATIONS: There are no health requirements and no vaccinations are required for travel to France. The NIU University Health Service can advise on recommended typical immunizations and administer most immunizations.
**NIU PROGRAM COST:** The program cost pays for the following cost related services:

- Housing (7 nights).
- Breakfast daily, one lunch and one dinner.
- Most admission fees required during program-related field trips.
- International Student I.D. Card
- NIU tuition for undergraduate credit.
- NIU major medical insurance.

**PROGRAM COST: $2,000**

All prices quoted are subject to change. The information contained in the program documents and forms is presented in good faith and is believed to be correct as of the date presented. Northern Illinois University reserves the right to amend, modify, revise, or delete any information appearing in these documents, including but not limited to the cost of the program. Non-NIU students should consult with their home institutions regarding additional costs that may apply to study abroad. Non-NIU students are responsible for any study abroad charges imposed by their home institution.

**ADDITIONAL COST TO PARTICIPANTS:**

- Cost of acquiring an American passport (approximately $135)
- Roundtrip airfare between the U.S. and Paris
- Most lunches and dinners
- $40 Undergraduate application fee (Non-NIU undergraduate students only)
- Entrance fees and transportation for free-time pursuits
- Purchases of a personal nature
- Independent travel

**NIU UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION FEE:** (Applies to Non-NIU students only): There is a $40 non-refundable Undergraduate Application fee for students applying to NIU for the first time. If you are currently enrolled at NIU as a degree-seeking undergraduate student, you are not required to submit this payment.

If you are applying to NIU for the first time you will be provided with a link in your acceptance packet that will guide you to the online NIU Undergraduate Application. In the online application you will be asked to pay the $40 application fee by credit card or check.

**FINANCIAL AID:** As a participant in a study abroad program through NIU, you *may* be eligible for: Pell Grant, SEOG, Perkins Loan, PLUS Loan, Subsidized or Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, MAP Award or your privately awarded scholarship with consent of awarding organization. Tuition waivers do not apply. Please contact Pamela Rosenberg, International Affairs Business Manager, in Williston Hall 417, (815) 753-9530, prosenberg@niu.edu for more information.
WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PROGRAM: Applicants withdrawing from the program after December 10, 2014 will not be refunded the $200 program deposit.

Applicants withdrawing from the program after this date will also be held accountable for any funds obligated or paid to overseas vendors and agents on the applicant’s behalf. This provision is in effect even if the applicant has not submitted the $100 deposit or additional payments, and if the applicant is applying for financial aid.

If the applicant must withdraw after December 10, 2014 for medical reasons, funds obligated on their behalf to overseas vendors can only be refunded if:

1) The request is submitted to the Study Abroad Office in writing and accompanied by a signed statement stating that travel is not advised from a physician on the physician’s letterhead; and
2) NIU is able to obtain refunds from overseas vendors and agents.

CANCELLATION OF THE PROGRAM: The Study Abroad Office reserves the right to cancel this program if the minimum required enrollment is not attained. If, prior to the commencement of the program, a U.S. State Department Travel Warning is issued for France, all applicants will be notified promptly of the warning and the possibility of cancellation of the program. If, during the course of the program, a U.S. State Department Travel Warning is issued for Ireland, students will be promptly notified of the warning and the advisability of canceling the program.

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