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El Camino College to Offer Summer Study Abroad Program In Paris

The El Camino College Study Abroad Program will offer an opportunity to study in Paris this summer. Students who attend the program from July 1 through August 1 will earn academic credit while exploring Parisian cathedrals, monuments, churches, museums and galleries, as Paris becomes an extension of the classroom. French language, culture and architecture classes will be offered as part of the curriculum. Students will stay in double rooms at the Cité Universitaire international residence campus in Paris.

"Study abroad is a life-changing experience, and our trip to Paris will be no exception," said Anne Cummings, ECC professor of French and Italian and one of the study abroad faculty members. "Students gain an appreciation for another culture and language and will enjoy experiencing the amazing architecture while having the time of their lives."

The program will be coordinated with ACCENT, an independent study abroad program provider with a multinational team of staff members who all have personal experiences in study abroad. Students will have access to a fully staffed ACCENT Center that serves as a home base for program participants, helping to make the transition to living overseas as smooth as possible.

In addition to the academic offerings, cultural learning is an integral part of the Paris summer program. Visits to the following museums and historical sites are included in the program: the Louvre, the Musée d'Orsay, the Centre Pompidou, and the Orangerie, as well as entry into Versailles. There will be a Seine River tour and a ballet performance as well as a concert performance at Sainte Chapelle.

Three one-day excursions to Chartres/Giverny, the Loire Valley, Fontainebleau and Vaux-le-Vicomte, as well as a three-day/two-night excursion to Normandy and Brittany are also included in the program. Excursions are chosen based on the academic curriculum and are subject to change.

The program price is \$3,065 and includes a double room in the residence hall of the Cité Universitaire, tours, excursions, overseas orientation program, some meals, and Paris bus and Métro passes.

Informational meetings are scheduled for students interested in attending the study abroad program in Paris: 5 p.m. March 12 in the Technical Arts Building, Room 253; 5 p.m. March 27 in Technical Arts Building, Room 253; and 1:30 p.m. April 7 in the Humanities Building, Room 110. For more information, contact Anne Cummings at acummings@elcamino.edu, or Michael Stallings at mstallings@elcamino.edu.