

# Academic Program in Aix-en-Provence (APA)

## Course Selection:

While studying in Aix, students take a course combination of the intensive language & culture course, APA program courses and university courses. University courses are available at the Université de Provence in the Faculté de Lettres et Sciences Humaines (UP-Fac) and Université Paul Cézanne – Aix-Marseille III: Institut d'Études Politiques (IEP). Only a small number of students will be able to study at the IEP due to space limitations imposed by the IEP. The option of studying at IEP will be discussed at your advising appointment with your study abroad advisor.

**Academic year students are required to take a minimum of 27 credits (maximum of 34 credits). Spring semester students are required to take 16 credits. These credit limits include the credits you earn in the *Cours Intensif (pre-session)*.**

- I. **Cours Intensif: All students are required to take the Cours Intensif.**
  - *The cours intensif format depends on which French university you enroll in.*
    - i. *UP-Fac-cours intensif is a 3 week language and culture course prior to the start of classes.*
    - ii. *IEP-cours intensif is a 1-2 week intensive language course prior to the start of IEP classes. IEP students are also required to take Expression écrite during the fall and/or spring semester.*
  
- II. **Choose courses from**
  - APA program courses: Cours du programme
  - the Université de Provence in the Faculté de Lettres et Sciences Humaines (FAC)
  - Université Paul Cézanne – Aix-Marseille III: Institut d'Études Politiques (IEP)

**Students taking classes at the UP-Fac and not taking classes at the IEP will take the following combination of classes:**

- *Cours intensif* for UP students + UP-Fac courses + APA program courses

**Students who have been selected to go to IEP will take courses in one of the following combinations of classes:**

- *Cours intensif* for IEP students (language and *Expression Ecrite* components) + IEP courses + APA program courses.
- *Cours intensif* for IEP students (language and *Expression Ecrite* components) + IEP courses + UP-Fac courses (at least 2 UP-Fac classes per semester) + APA program courses.

**APA Program Courses: Cours du Programme (2 credits each):**

- Fall semester:
  - Phonétique
  - Expression écrite
- Spring semester:
  - Expression écrite
  - Civilisation de France
  - La cinéma français (taught by the Resident Director)

## Universite de Provence—Faculté de Lettres et Sciences Humaines (UP-Fac)

[\(http://www.up.univ-mrs.fr/\)](http://www.up.univ-mrs.fr/):

- Most classes at the *Faculté* are semester-long courses. Students receive 1 to 6 credits depending upon the total number of contact hours, including the *Travaux Dirigés (TD)*. Note that a course or a TD meeting for 1-1.5 hours per week = 1 credit. Some classes include a discussion section, or *travaux dirigés* in addition to the main lecture. These are an integral part of the course and attendance is mandatory. **Note:** If a course includes a lecture and discussion section, students must take both. *Travaux Dirigés* are mandatory.
- **Courses available in (but not limited to):**
  - History
  - Sociology
  - Psychology
  - Geography
  - French language, literature, culture
  - Science offerings at the Marseille campus\* (for science majors/minors only):
    - Chemistry
    - Physics
    - Biotechnology
    - Cellular Biochemistry
    - Life & Earth Sciences
    - Mechanics and Acoustics
    - Environmental Studies

\*It takes one hour each way to reach the Marseille campus of the Université de Provence.

## Université Paul Cézanne – Aix-Marseille III: Institut d'Études Politiques (IEP)

<http://www.iep-aix.fr/>:

- Enrollment is limited at the IEP and is only available to students with majors and/or minors in Political Science, International Relations/Studies, or a related social science. The IEP Director will judge each student's background in these fields and each student's level of French and IEP will make the final decision as to whether a student can take classes at the IEP.
  - Prior to arriving in Aix, to be eligible to take classes at the IEP, students must have taken some courses related to political science, political theory, political philosophy, social-science theory, European history or similar topics.
- **Courses available in (but not limited to):**
  - Political Science
  - International Relations
  - Economics
  - History
  - International Law
  - International Commerce

**Please see the word documents (Aix courses by department) for a historical list of FAC and IEP courses. Plan to have alternate course choices in mind and to be flexible in your schedule. The French university course offerings are not finalized until the beginning of the term they are offered. You will have further academic advising in Aix with the Resident Director to help you make appropriate course changes.**