

## Spend summer 2022 in Bordeaux!



*Plan de Bordeaux France*



*Canelés bordelais*



*Place de la Victoire*



*Place de la Bourse and the Water Mirror*



*Aerial view of the Dune of Pilat*



*L'Université Bordeaux Montaigne affiche un taux de réussite en licence en progression*

**Yes, you can spend four weeks learning French and exploring French culture in an immersive environment!**

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# About the 2022 summer program in Bordeaux

## What is the DEFLE program?

The summer immersion program takes place in the DEFLE program (Département d'Études de Français Langue Étrangère). The DEFLE program is specifically designed for students from all over the world who are interested in learning French. Your classmates will come from a variety of countries, but you will all share in your common interest of learning French.

## Where is the program located?

The DEFLE program is located on the campus of Université Bordeaux Montaigne in southwest France.

## When is the summer program?

The summer immersion program runs for four weeks (end of June to end of July 2022). The exact dates in 2022 are yet to be determined. The 2021 dates were June 29-July 24, 2021.

## How will I arrive there?

You will book your own flight from the US to your choice of airport in Europe. There is an airport in Bordeaux, so you might fly directly into Bordeaux, or you could land in another city (such as Paris) and take a high-speed train (called the TGV) from Paris to Bordeaux. There are many options available. Once you arrive in the main train station or airport in Bordeaux, you can take either a tram, a city bus or an Uber to the university campus.

## What will I learn in the summer program?

In your class, you will learn how to read, write, speak and listen to French. You will also go on cultural excursions to learn more about the local culture.

## How will I know what course to take?

When you arrive on campus, you will take a language placement test. The results of your language test will determine which class you take.

## What will my schedule look like?

You will have several hours of classwork in the morning, then you will have lunch on campus. Some days, you will have classes in the afternoon, some days you will have an excursion in the afternoon, and some days you will have the afternoon free to use as you like.

## Where will I stay?

You will stay in university dorm housing, which also includes a small kitchenette. Part of the fees (shown below) cover the costs of the lodging.

## What will I eat?

You can prepare your own breakfast and dinner. You can purchase lunch daily on campus. The cost of lunch is shown in the fee chart below. If you like, you can also eat dinner in a restaurant. You can take the tram to the nearest supermarket or open-air market to purchase your food items.

## Do I need to know some French already?

Yes. The summer immersion program is targeted for students with some prior knowledge of French.

## Who are the ideal students to go on this program?

Students who will have completed FREN 1001, FREN 1012, FREN 1002, FREN 1014, FREN 2015 or FREN 2016 spring 2022.

## What about Covid-19 restrictions?

The University of Cincinnati requires all students studying abroad to complete a form and file for a petition to participate in any study abroad programs. The following pages outline the University of Cincinnati's requirements. Also read the US Department of State's website concerning Covid-19 in France: <https://fr.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information/>.

**Can I receive a scholarship?**

Possibly. Please contact Dr. Irene Ivantcheva-Merjanska at [ivantcii@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:ivantcii@ucmail.uc.edu) for details about scholarship opportunities.

**Can I receive credits for participating in the summer DEFLE program?**

Yes! You can earn up to 6 language credits to advance your degrees in French—major, minor or certificate—or to complete a language requirement. Be sure to complete all the required paperwork and pay the credit transfer fees.

**Who should I contact or where should I go for more information?**

To learn more about the Bordeaux program, contact Dr. Shureka Nyawalo, Assistant Professor Educator of French at: [nyawalsa@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:nyawalsa@ucmail.uc.edu).

To learn more about UC International, travel insurance, and credit transfers, contact Dr. Anne Fugard, Executive Director of International Programs at: [fugardae@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:fugardae@ucmail.uc.edu).

To learn more scholarships; credit transfers; or the major, minor or certificate programs in French, contact Dr. Irene Ivantcheva-Merjanska, Assistant Professor Educator of French and Director of Undergraduate Studies in RALL, at: [ivantcii@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:ivantcii@ucmail.uc.edu).

To learn more about the DEFLE program, visit its website at: <https://defle.u-bordeaux-montaigne.fr/en/programmes/summer-classes.html>

# COVID-19 Considerations and Petition for International Travel

## Instructions:

UC's International Travel Oversight Committee (ITOC) will manage a petition process to support the travel of students intending to study or co-op abroad in the Fall 2021 semester. You will not be permitted to participate in the program abroad if you fail to submit this form and receive approval from ITOC.

The purpose of this form is to gather country specific health, safety, and entry information to determine if your destination and program is feasible for travel. In addition, your petition will help you to understand the risk and safety considerations of international travel during this time.

Please complete this petition as accurately as possible. After submitting your petition, review the requirement titled COVID-19 Petition Approval. This requirement will be marked complete upon review and consideration of your petition by ITOC. Additional information, resources, and an example can be found on the [UC International Programs website](#).

## What is your country of citizenship?

Entry requirements and other COVID-19 considerations may vary for non-US citizens.

## Have you read risk information published by the CDC for your travel destination(s)?

Please review [CDC COVID-19 Travel Recommendations](#) by destination.

## Have you read risk information published by the Department of State for your travel destination(s)?

Please review [Department of State Travel Advisories](#) by destination.

## Have you read the US Embassy Information for your travel destination(s)?

If yes, what is the link? Example: <https://at.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information/>, <https://fr.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information/>.

## Are citizens of your country allowed to enter this location as a tourist?

## Does your travel require a visa?

If yes, what kind?

## What are the COVID-19 entry requirements for your travel destination(s)?

For example, testing, proof of vaccination, quarantine, etc.

## Are U.S. citizens permitted to enter?

## Does your destination require additional COVID-19 insurance to enter?

For example, insurance that covers quarantine, potential medical expenses, etc.

## Tell us about your support network in country.

What organization or university will you be associated with? What information have they provided you about COVID-19 measures for your program?

## Please upload any documents you've been provided about COVID-19 measures for your program.

## What are your housing plans for the semester? What is your plan if you are required to quarantine?

## What are the COVID-19 expectations of you in country regarding COVID-19 transmission?

Is mask wearing (in general, on public transportation, etc.) required? Are there closures (stores, restaurants, etc.) that will impact your experience abroad? Are there restrictions on intercity or interstate travel?

## If you are sick in your primary destination, where will you go?

**Are there any transportation limitations that will impact your semester abroad?**

Limitations within your primary destination or travel to neighboring countries.

**What are the COVID-19 entry requirements to return to the US?**

For example, testing, proof of vaccination, quarantine, etc.

**Where/how will you stay informed about these changing expectations?**

Submit all of the above information to UC International to petition for international travel. Once they have approved your petition, you will be permitted to travel internationally.

## Tentative costs for summer 2022

	per day	per week	whole month	one-time
Required costs to the University of Cincinnati				
International travel insurance				\$50
Enrollment fee				\$200
MLTI credit transfer fee				unknown
Required travel costs				
US passport book (if you don't have one or it is expired)				\$110
US passport book plus passport card				\$140
Airfare from US to France				Varies
Transportation within France to Bordeaux				Varies
One-way public transportation from Bordeaux airport/train station to DEFLE				1.70 €
Required costs to be paid in advance directly to DEFLE				
Classes + culture pack (the travel pass is included)		205 €	820 €	
Accommodation (including linen, cleaning and internet fees)			290 €	
Cooking utensils and kitchenware			30 €	
Costs at the discretion of the student, to be paid onsite				
Daily lunch at CROUS cafeteria	3.5 €		70 €	
Food shopping for breakfast, dinner and snacks			300 € (approx)	
Optional costs				
DELFB1 or B2 exam (official language certification)				140 €
Tourist visas (requirement based on nationality)				80 €
Souvenirs and personal items				Varies
Personal travel within France or Europe				Varies
Extra baggage fees from airline companies				Varies

All of the costs incurred in France are listed in euros (€). All of the costs incurred in the United States are listed in dollars (\$). Perform an online search for “currency converter” to see today’s conversion rates between the euro and the US dollar. These are the projected prices for summer 2022.

### Ways to look for deals

- Compare prices from various airports in the US (Cincinnati, Columbus, Chicago, Indianapolis, etc.)
- Compare prices to various airports in Europe (Paris Charles de Gaulle, Bordeaux, Toulouse, Madrid)
- Compare prices of air versus train versus bus travel from other cities (Paris, Toulouse, Madrid, etc.) to Bordeaux
- Compare prices of major airlines (Delta, Air France, Iberia, United Airlines, etc.) versus smaller airlines (Easy Jet, Ryan Air). Don't forget to include airport transfers and ground transportation.

### Useful websites

- Train travel within France: <https://www.sncf.com/en>
- Coach bus travel within France: <https://eurolines.com/en/home/>
- Obtaining a US passport: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html/>
- Obtaining a travel visa for various European countries: [https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en\\_US/web/france-visas/short-stay-visa](https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en_US/web/france-visas/short-stay-visa)



# Tips for travel in Bordeaux (and throughout Europe)

## Health

- Covid-19 is a global pandemic which has impacted almost every country on Earth. France is no exception. Follow local guidelines concerning vaccinations, health records, mask wearing, social distancing, or other health measures. When travelling to a foreign country, you must respect that country's protocols and follow local customs and laws.
- Additionally, if you plan on traveling through another country, be advised of that country's protocols concerning Covid-19 and be prepared to follow them.
- Pharmacies in western Europe all have a green cross sign outside of them. Many pharmacies are not open on Sundays and they have shortened hours on Saturdays. It is also common for them to close for two hours for lunch daily.

## Safety

- Bordeaux is a relatively safe city, but it is still a major city, which means that it comes with crime associated with major cities.
- Use best judgement and discretion. Lock doors at night, be aware of your surroundings, don't leave expensive items (such as computers) unattended, and don't put yourself in compromising situations. Be aware of pickpockets in crowded spaces.
- In case of an emergency anywhere in the European Union (including France), call 112 on your cell phone. Call 15 for a medical emergency, 17 for the police, 18 for a fire emergency and 114 for emergency services if you are deaf or hard of hearing. Save these numbers in your contact list.

## Money

- France uses the euro as its currency, along with the majority of other European Union nations.
- Most places in Bordeaux accept Visa and Mastercard. Be sure that your card has a chip, as most cards in Europe use chips (and not always a swipe strip).
- Before leaving the US, contact your bank(s) and notify them that you will be traveling internationally. If you don't notify them in advance, your credit/debit card will not work and there will be a fraud alert on your card. You won't be able to access your money.
- Contact your bank(s) and ask them if they charge international fees. Try to limit your spending to cards that don't charge a fee.
- If your bank(s) charge a fee, use your debit card at an ATM, withdraw funds, and use cash. Limit the number of swipes to minimize being charged fees.

## Travel and transportation

- It takes several months to receive a US passport. If you are a US citizen and you do not have a passport, apply for a passport before December 31 in order to have the passport in hand by May. Allow plenty of time for processing and for delays.
- US citizens can travel throughout Western Europe for up to three months (90 days) without a visa, but simply with their US passport.
- Students who are not US passport holders are encouraged to visit France's immigration websites to learn more about visa requirements.
- France has a robust public transportation system. You will be able to go most places in Bordeaux by using a city bus or tram. In fact, DEFLE will provide you with a public transportation pass! (You will receive the pass once you arrive at DEFLE, not in advance.)
- If you land in Paris Charles de Gaulle airport, you can travel to Bordeaux on a high-speed train (the TGV). This will enable you to see the French countryside and is a cost-effective way to travel.
- If you like, you can travel to other cities in France or other locations in Europe easily by bus, train or airplane. Take advantage of your time in France by visiting other places!

## Internet and technology

- Your US cell phone will not work once you leave the US (unless you have organized some special arrangement). As a result, you will not be able to receive text messages as part of a two-factor authentication on websites. You will not be able to use the telephone to make phone calls.

- It would be a great idea to purchase a Yubico key. A Yubico key looks like a USB key but it enables you to have a two-factor authentication on websites such as UC sites and on Google sites (Gmail, Google Drive, etc.). Because a Yubico key is a physical object that you can carry with you, it is impossible to hack. Before leaving the US, purchase a Yubico key online (not available in stores), set it up for UC sites and Google sites, take your Yubico key with you to Bordeaux, and you will then be able to access the internet wherever you go!
- Another option for Gmail users is to download a series of authentication codes from Google as another option for two-factor authentication. On Google, you can request a series of one-time use codes. When asked for a two-factor authentication, simply type in one of the codes, and you will then have access to Google.
- It is a great idea to purchase a sim card in France. If you have an unlocked smartphone (ask your cell phone provider for details), you can easily purchase a new sim card and use it while you are in Europe. Your new sim card will give you a local French cell phone number and internet data.
- Before leaving the US, purchase an international plug. Outlets in Europe are shaped differently from outlets in the US. With an international plug, you will be able to use your electronic devices (computer, smartphone, blow dryer, etc.).

### Clothing

- Summer in Bordeaux is similar to summer in Cincinnati. The climate is hot and humid. Pack clothes for a variety of activities, including beachwear, streetwear, walking, sports activities, and even a nice outfit, in case you go to a nice event. Bring a small umbrella as well. You should also pack a light jacket or sweater, as it tends to be chilly inside airplanes and air-conditioned buses.
- Because many streets in Bordeaux are pedestrian-friendly, be prepared for a great deal of walking. Bring comfortable shoes and clothing that will enable you to explore the city and go on excursions comfortably.

### Useful expressions and vocabulary

- *Les giga (Go)*: smartphone data
- *Une carte bleue (CB)*: a credit card
- *Un masque*: a mask
- *La distanciation sociale*: social distancing
- *Une clé USB*: a USB key/drive
- *Le TGV (le train à grande vitesse)*: high-speed train
- *Un vaccin*: a vaccine