CIEE Study Abroad

Course title: Paris Collage: History, Culture, Architecture
Course number: FRST 3101 CIEE
Programs offering course: CIEE Summer Online
Language of instruction: English
U.S. Semester Credits: 3
Contact Hours: 45
Term: Summer 2020

Course Description
This course is a multi-faceted and multi-disciplinary approach to the evolution of the city of Paris, with an emphasis on the impact of cultural, social and political forces on the city's built environment. We will study how construction and urban planning activities on various scales negotiate demands for respecting and protecting the city’s architectural heritage, on the one hand, and preserving Paris' role as a center of architectural/cultural innovation and avant-gardist experiments, on the other. We will analyze aesthetic and functional aspects of urban structures and individual buildings, learn about different architectural styles and urban planning approaches and how these have been shaped by given geographic and climatic factors as well as by contingent cultural movements and political ambition.

Learning Objectives
By completing this course, students will:
• Gain an in-depth understanding of the historical, political, and socio-cultural factors at play in the construction of the city of Paris.
• Have the capacity to identify different architectural styles and their historical grounding throughout the city.
• Sharpen their skills of perception relating to architecture and urban design in general.

Course Prerequisites
None.

CIEE Summer Online courses will involve asynchronous instruction. Instructors will apply theory and deliver the learning objectives using a rich array of online teaching methods and resources from CIEE host countries and communities. Full details, including dates and deadlines for assessments, will be provided in the final syllabus shortly before online learning begins.