

Université Paris Dauphine

2nd Semester 2013 (Jan - May 2014)



Get ready for Paris

The most important thing to get ready for PARIS is the accommodation, you have to decide whether you will apply for university dormitory or find your own apartment. If you want to stay at the university dormitory, you need to specify in the university online application form. For us, we chose to stay in private apartment where we found the alternatives in

<http://www.parisattitude.com>. We suggest you to start looking for the apartment at least 3 month in advance. Our apartment located between 4th and 12th arrondissement near bastille metro station, where we found that it is very convenient to travel around Paris, it cost around 1300 euros per month. And as you know French don't really speak English even the staff at the university so we suggest you to take a French course before leaving. You may not be able to communicate with them but at least you have some basic and some idea of what is going on.



How to survive in the first week

During the first week after your arrival, it is better to walk around your place and get to know the location of supermarket, cash machine, bus stop, and metro station within your area since it is quite necessary for your daily life. In Paris, all the public transportations are operated by RATP and we suggest you to download the application called "RATP" on your smart phone because it provides you all the information including time schedule and transportation route for bus, tram, and metro. And beware of the pickpocket!! There are lots of pickpockets in tourist places and metro stations, so always take care of your belongings while travelling. For the university, you have to be there at the international office sometimes before the class starts in order to confirm your arrival and get all the documents done including the student card, which you can get a discount or free entrance for most of the museums in Europe.



How to prepare for studying

If you're applying for master courses, remember that it will start 1 week before the courses in English (F.L.E) and you must show up on the first day of all the classes that you registered. FYI: if you missed or unable to register for the courses, try to show up on the first day of class; you may have a chance to take the course. The environment in classes is quite different from BBA and the grading for most of the courses is usually

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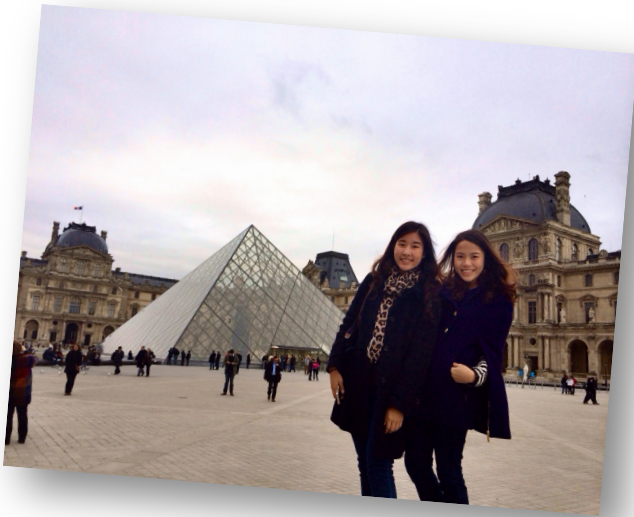


base on group project and participation, so group yourself well because other exchange students may have a different criteria for transferring there grade back to their home university.

Lifestyle

In Paris, you will experience a real city life and freedom with a completely different weather and atmosphere from Bangkok. Parisian usually travels by metro, buses, and by walking. It is quite expensive to have your meal in the restaurant, so we cooked by ourselves most of the time. We buy all the cheap Asian stuffs and ingredients from

Chinatown, which located between metro Olympiades and Place de Italie. By a short walk from the metro station, you will find many Asian shops and supermarket selling everything that you need. During the semester, we have been to 10 countries around Europe. It is very convenience to travel around Europe, you can take either plane, train, or bus. Mostly we try to plan ahead and book the cheapest flight and hostel for our trip.



Activities

Try to keep updated with Dauphine's event by joining the facebook group, there are lots of activities organized by DEE and Erasmus. On every Thursday night, there is an Erasmus party for the exchange students where you can meet new friends. During our free time, we love to walk around the city and taste the local French



dessert. Another activities that you should not miss while you stay at Paris is shopping during the winter sales, it will start around Jan 10 and last for a month.



Recommendations:

1. **Mirama** - Chinese restaurant (*Near by Notre dame*)
2. **Le Relais De Venise Son Entrecôte** - Famous steak restaurant (*Metro: Porte Maillot*)
3. **Carl Marletti** - Recommended French dessert (*Metro: Censier-Daubenton*)
4. **L'Eclair de Genie** - Best Eclair in Paris (*Metro: St. Paul*)
5. **Pierre Herme** - Best Macaron in Paris (*Metro: Opera, RER: Auber*)
6. **Angelina** - Famous French dessert (*Metro: Tuileries*)
7. **Amorino** - Flower shape ice-cream shop (*Many branches*)
8. **Berthillon** - Homemade ice-cream (*Near by Notre dame*)
9. **City Pharma** - The cheapest pharmacy in Paris. (*Metro: Mabillon*)
10. **Mix Club** - Free entrance for exchange students before midnight (*Metro: Montparnasse Bienvenue*)

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