WHY CHOOSE THE UGA FOR STUDY ABROAD?

HIGH QUALITY ACADEMICS AND STUDENT SUPPORT

THE UGA: AN ENGAGED UNIVERSITY
The Université Grenoble Alpes (UGA) is a large, public university, enrolling about 45,000 students each year, and accredited by the French government. The result of a 2016 merger between the three universities in Grenoble – Université Joseph Fourier, Université Pierre-Mendès-France, and Université Stendhal – the UGA offers courses in all major disciplines: humanities and social sciences, science and medicine, engineering and technology, business, and law.

The UGA embraces the values of France’s public service and higher education, providing academic programs that are accessible to everyone, undertaking research in the service of pure knowledge and the public good, and contributing to the ideal of educated and engaged citizens.

FLEXIBLE COURSE SELECTION
Most courses at the undergraduate level (licence programs) are open to exchange students. Study abroad students with the necessary prerequisites may also, with permission, enroll in selected master’s courses.

While it is not usually possible to take an entire course-load in English, the UGA does offer courses taught in English and open to exchange students. The UGA also offers a range of specific language and culture courses designed specifically for exchange students. Many study abroad students opt for a mix of courses: regular university courses taught in French, courses taught in English, and special language and culture classes.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION
Specifically designed for students in study-abroad programs, our orientation activities help exchange students to settle in, both practically and socially. Nearly two weeks of orientation introduce students to Grenoble, to the French university system, and to each other, as well as providing assistance with the practical details of living abroad.

LEARN FRENCH
The UGA houses the CUEF de Grenoble, a world-renowned center for the teaching of French as a foreign language. Students may enroll in courses before or during their stay in Grenoble, including discipline-specific courses such as French for business, law, or the culinary arts. Exchange students may enroll in free French courses during their first semester on exchange. A placement test ensures that they will be grouped with other students at the same level.

ORIENTATION ACTIVITIES
- Orientation session on settling in and living in Grenoble (visas, housing, health insurance, and more)
- Help with registration at the university and for courses
- Campus tours
- Tours of the city of Grenoble
- Introduction to library resources
- Athletic resources on campus
- International student association
- Social and cultural events
- Introduction to the French university system
- Placement tests and registration for French as a foreign language
- Session on French health care

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RESOURCES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

■ STUDENT HOUSING
UGA exchange students benefit from a streamlined process for their student housing requests. English-speaking staff at the housing office place these students in university housing using an online request where they may express their housing preferences. Students who meet the deadline are guaranteed a place in student housing.

■ A RICH SOCIAL AND CULTURAL LIFE
We work closely with Grenoble’s international student association, Integre, to make sure that students have plenty to do outside the classroom. Integre is student-run, and its mission is to bring together French and international students for cultural, social, and outdoor events, such as dinners and pub-nights, hikes and other alpine activities, excursions to nearby cities such as Lyon and Annecy, and much more. They also provide a student mentoring program and organize pairs of students who want to practice speaking each other’s languages.

The UGA also houses an on-campus cultural and performance space, the Amphidice. Amphidice presents film, theater, music, and arts activities open to the university community and the public at large.

■ A GREAT SETTING FOR SPORTS AND THE OUTDOORS
Grenoble’s mountain setting allows for a wide range of outdoor and athletic activities, and the UGA offers courses in over 35 different individual and team sports. Most courses are free of charge, and activities like skiing or snowboarding are available at greatly reduced costs.

Students can also take advantage of the diverse array of clubs and local organizations, participating in activities at all levels, from a pleasant walk in the woods to advanced mountain climbing or competitive rugby.

■ LIFE IN GRENOBLE
Student surveys for the past ten years place Grenoble consistently in the top three cities in France for students. Combining the conveniences of a mid-sized city with a remarkable natural environment, Grenoble offers history, culture, nightlife, sports, and more. Surrounded by three Alpine ranges, the city is only 30 minutes from the closest ski slopes.

Today, Grenoble is a hub of innovation, employing thousands of people in research, technology, and international business. People from all over the world make Grenoble their home, and the city is lively, welcoming, and brimming with activity.

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