

WCU French Newsletter

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Bienvenue! Welcome!

By Mackenzie Lewis



Bonjour les Francophiles!

We are back with an exciting new school year in the language department and are so glad to see everyone again.

Are you taking French right now? Look into our French tutors at the WaLC.

Not taking French? We'd love to have you! The number of French students at WCU is growing fast, so if you think French would be something that you would be interested in this coming spring, email Professor Malissen at fjmalissen@email.wcu.edu.

We hope you all have had a great start to the semester and can't wait for new students to join us on the journey to conquer the French language!

WCU French Announcements:

- **French language courses available!**

If you are interested in the French language, culture, or food & wine, join us for this 5-week conversational French language course! Contact Dr. Malissen at fjmalissen@wcu.edu for the details.

- **New French tutors!**

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Live It to Learn It!

By Rosalie Alff

A Look at the Intrinsic Benefits of Studying Abroad in France



Met Ali Russell, a senior double majoring in International Studies and Philosophy, and double minoring in Leadership and Film Studies. She first studied abroad in France as a senior in high school, "when the only French word I knew was *baguette*." She attended Lycée de la Plaine de l'Ain in Ambérieu-en-Bugey, a small town about an hour from Lyon for five months, lived with an amazing and caring host *famille*, and fell in love with *la France*. She would return two years later as a junior in college for a language immersion study abroad summer trip, in the same

Rhône-Alpes region, this time settling in Chambéry.

She's kept in touch with nearly all of her international friends and her host family. Besides seeing amazing sights and meeting exciting new people, she says these trips have molded her into the person she is today – she wouldn't be the same without them.



Being in a foreign country, you have to get out of your comfort zone, and that

means challenging yourself and relying upon yourself. You're stuck with yourself, which means you talk to and listen to yourself. This is a great opportunity to find yourself and realize your full potential. When you're nervous to go shopping in the market or take that train ride all by yourself, you find courage, determination, and a little bit of spunk that you can reach out and embrace.

Ali has used this realization upon coming back to the States and applied it to her life – she double majors and double minors, but in fields that excite and motivate her. She knows what she wants out of life, and gives those things her all. She plans to continue traveling and living a flourishing life in the future, and also hopes to live in France one day.

Did you know?

- French is the second most common learned language in the world
- Parts of Canada are French-speaking
- There are 29 countries and 9 independent entities that have French as their official language.
- France produces 1 billion pounds of cheese a year, with over 1,200 different types
- French is taught to almost 120 million students and by 500,000 teachers

Vocab Lesson

- **Bonjour:** Hello.
- **-Au revoir:** Goodbye.
- **-Bonsuir:** Good evening.
- **-Je m'appelle:** My name is...

Meet Our French Catamounts!

Lea Duranton

I was born in Paris and moved to the South east region of France, also called French Riviera (20 min from Nice, 30min away from Italy's border) when I was 10 years old; so I have been living there for now 12 years.

I chose my business school because of the exchange programs they offer as I always wanted to study in the USA. WCU was actually my third choice (Fullerton and Miami being my first ones) but I am beyond happy to be here.

They are so many differences. Of course the culture, the people, the greetings, the food, the environment, the classes and the approach to cigarettes and alcohol!

Yasmine Baaoui

I am from Morocco but I am doing my Bachelor degree in South of France. I have decided to come to Western because of its high education system, its programs diversity and its good overall ranking. There is a big difference between France and America, as they are 2 different cultures. There is the language difference (French vs. English), the cooking style difference (France is known for wine, cheese, and bread), and a difference in the way people dress (France is known for fashion or known as Haute Couture).

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