

**CUPA is an independent study abroad
program for students seeking an
enriching academic experience in Paris.**



CUPA

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- CUPA Immersion
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CUPA Immersion

During a single semester or a full academic year, students enrolled in CUPA's immersion can hone their French skills with personalized tutoring and discover multiple aspects of Parisian life while taking program-run courses entirely taught in French and/or direct-matriculation university classes (for students who test at the B2 level required by French universities). They may also engage in independent research projects or develop a more specialized program of study.

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CUPA Summer

CUPA offers a stimulating six-week program in Paris providing intensive work in French language, a selection of content courses, exciting co-curricular and extracurricular activities and permanent contact with the French language and culture. CUPA Summer is open to students with previous background in French.

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Thoroughly read all the information regarding the CUPA Immersion Program before applying!

"I think either just by chance, by some kind of manipulation of reality by perception on my part, or just by the incredibly hard work of the CUPA faculty as well as my peers in the program, I had an incredible time in Paris, and that is in basically every facet of my stay. From my host family, who are incredibly open, interesting, welcoming people, to classes, which have changed my outlook in fundamental ways, to the support and community that CUPA provided, I feel enriched. I look forward to coming back to France."

– Matthew Marchand, Oberlin College & Conservatory

Language immersion is at the heart of CUPA's mission. CUPA students take a language placement test upon submission of their application. During their semester or a full academic year, based on their test result, students may take a full load of program-run courses (B1 level required), a combination of program-run and university classes (B2 level required) or a full load of direct-matriculation university classes (B2 level required). If approved by their home university, students may also engage in independent research projects.

The extensive opportunities made available through CUPA, including but not limited to individualized linguistic support, methodology training and cultural activities, facilitate the pursuit of each students' interests and personal goals. As all program-sponsored cultural activities are optional, students are free to choose their own level of extracurricular involvement.

→ Apply!





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CUPA Immersion

Applications are considered for acceptance as they are received. Applying early is highly recommended.

March 15, 2026: deadline for Fall 2026 semester / Year 2026/2027 applicants.

October 1, 2025: deadline for Spring 2026 semester applicants.

Via our online application form, students provide the required information to review their candidacy. Fill in this form carefully and completely. Please note that you can save your application while in progress, and return to finish it later.

→ [ACCESS THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM](#)



As part of the online application, you will be asked to submit a variety of additional materials (personal statement, ID photos, etc.) and are required to take a language placement test in order to determine the type of courses you can take. Before starting your application, read through the list below to be aware of what documents you will be asked to provide.

Application Fee: **\$50 USD**

→ [LINK TO APPLICATION STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE!](#)

Apply to CUPA

If this is your first time starting an application with CUPA (any program), please click on Create an Account under First-Time Users

If you have already started an application (or wish to change your application type) with CUPA, you are a Returning User and should click on Log In to either continue or change your application.

Returning users:

[LOG IN](#) to continue an application.

First-time users:

[CREATE AN ACCOUNT](#) to start a new application.

Create an account if you don't have one yet.

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Your Applications

Type	Status	Started	Submitted
You have not yet started an application using this account			

START NEW APPLICATION

Click here to start a new application.

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Select in the dropdown menu the term for which you wish to apply. You can apply for different terms, but one application per term is required.

Start New Application

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CUPA 2025-2026

CUPA Immersion 2025-26 ▼

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Application Instructions

Please read these instructions carefully, as well as the instructions in each section.

Complete the information on each page of this application, preferably sequentially. If you are not prepared to complete your application in one sitting, you can close and return to it via the Application Management page.

Once you are ready to submit your application, review and sign it. When you click submit you will be required to pay a \$50 (USD) application fee. You will then have access to your Applicant Status Portal via which you can review requirements, upload additional materials and receive updates on your application.

After submission and payment, you will receive an email from our Language Coordinator with a link and instructions to an online French language placement test. The placement test helps us to direct you to the most appropriate curricular options (i.e., program-run courses, direct matriculation courses or a combination of both). Test results are final, and retesting is not permitted so make sure that you are in a quiet spot with reliable WiFi where you will not be interrupted. **YOU MUST COMPLETE THE TEST ON YOUR OWN (no use of translation or AI tools, or assistance from anyone else) within 3 days of receiving the link.**

In order for CUPA to review your application and make an admissions decision, you will need to **take your language test** and make sure all of the following have been submitted:

- Transcript
- Short essay in French
- French language recommender
- Study Abroad office contact
- ID-style photo
- Photo of passport

While it is advised to upload these before submitting your application, these materials may be uploaded via your Applicant Status Portal after submission. You will be able to see which materials are still missing in your Status Portal. Your application is not considered complete and will not be reviewed until all pieces of your application are received. **All pieces of your application** (aside from the language test) **must be received by the application deadline, including your recommendatins**. Late submissions will be considered only on a space available basis. Plan accordingly.

During the application process, you will receive important notifications from CUPA via email from addresses on the cupa.paris.edu domain. Please be sure that your spam filter does not block emails from this domain.

If you have questions about the application process, please contact cupa@cupa.paris.edu, or info@cupa.paris.edu

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Program of Study

Application Information

Term at CUPA

Select the term you are applying to.
(If a term does not appear, it means it is not yet open. Please check back later).

✓ 2026 Spring

2026 Summer

Former CUPA student ▼

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Choosing the term is required to proceed with the application.

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Personal Background

Name

Prefix	<input type="text" value="v"/>
First (Given)	<input type="text" value="First Name"/>
Middle	<input type="text"/>
Last (Family)	<input type="text" value="Last Name"/>
Suffix	<input type="text" value="v"/>
Preferred First	<input type="text"/>
Other Last Names Used	<input type="text"/>

Addresses

Please provide at minimum your permanent address. If you have an alternate mailing address, you are welcome to provide that as well.

Type	Street Address	Location	Country
Add Address			

Email Address

Email Address	<input type="text" value="samanthacupatest@gmail.com"/>
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Need to change this email address? Migrate Account.

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Academic History

Please add your current institution below.

You may also upload your transcript after you submit your application through your Status Portal.

Institution	Level of Study	Attended From Date	Attended To Date
Add Institution			

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Click here to add your school and upload your transcript. This material is required for your application to be eligible for review.

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School



School Information

**Be sure to add your school
manually using the search bar.**

Institution

Note: Begin typing your school, then choose from the drop down menu.

Start Date

End Date

Level of Study

Current School Year

Current GPA

Degree

Graduation Date

Academic Information

Please indicate your major(s), minor(s), certificates, etc.

Major

Major 2

Minor

SAVE

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Status Portal.

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French & Other Language Background

Please list the French language courses you've taken at the university level, and the year/semester taken. If none, enter "none"

Please list all additional French language experience or instruction (high school courses, previous study abroad experience, francophone family, International Baccalaureate, etc.).

Please list any other foreign languages you speak and your level of proficiency.



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Study Proposal

As part of the application you will be taking a French language placement test. After submission of your application and payment of the \$50 application fee, you will receive an email from our Language Coordinator with information and instructions about the test. **Test results are final and retesting is not permitted**, so make sure you are in a quiet spot with reliable WiFi where you will not be interrupted.

Based on your result you will have the following options:

<u>Test Result</u>	<u>Options</u>
B1, B1+, B2-	Full load of program-run courses (taught in French)*
B2 or above	Combination of program-run + university classes (taught in French)**
B2 or above	Full load of direct-matriculation university classes (taught in French)**

*A score of B1- will be considered on a case-by-case basis only, but is generally not adequate for admission to the program.

**To get an overview of courses that have been offered in the past at CUPA's partner universities, you can consult Former Fall Course Offerings or Former Spring Course Offerings. N.B.: Course offerings and schedules are modified from semester to semester. Students should not assume that a particular course will be offered next term, nor can we guarantee a specific class will be available.

Regardless of your placement test result (B1 or above), you may take one studio art class as part of your full load under the express condition that your home university grants credit for it. Studio majors (dance, art, music) may take a full load of studio courses.

Again, your options will depend on your placement test result. Final course selection takes place in Paris, but you should list specific requirements and the types of courses or subjects that interest you. For certain areas of study (ex. STEM, another foreign language, directed research, applied arts, dance and music), you will be required to provide additional information or documentation in the Special Areas of Study section.

It is your responsibility to be aware of your home institution's credit requirements.

Courses You MUST Take While In Paris

Please list specific courses or types of courses that MUST be taken during your stay in Paris (e.g. Pre-1800 literature, European History, or specific course requirements).

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*If you have no requirements, just write "none".

Other Courses

Please list any other courses or types of courses you wish to take based on personal choice or strong interest.

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Special Areas of Study

If you plan on taking courses in one or more of the areas listed below, you must inform us by checking the appropriate boxes. You will be asked to provide additional information.

- ☐ Advanced Music Lessons (Majors Only)
- ☐ Other Foreign Languages
- ☐ Internship
- ☐ STEM (Majors Only)
- ☐ Intensive Dance Curriculum (Majors Only)
- ☐ Intensive Theater Curriculum (Majors Only)
- ☐ Special request/Other (e.g., research, independent study, etc.)

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More About You

We'd like to get to know you a little better, and to understand why you have chosen CUPA for your study abroad experience. Please take a moment to thoughtfully, but briefly, answer the questions below.

Why did you choose Paris as a study abroad destination?

How does a term with CUPA fit into your overall college experience?

Name three personal goals for your abroad experience.

Do you think you will be choosing to live independently (that is, find your own lodging), or do a CUPA home stay?

- ☐ CUPA Arranged Home Stay
☐ Independent Housing

Briefly explain your choice.

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French Statement

This essay allows you to share your motivation and serves as a sample of your writing in French. It is imperative that you write and proofread it yourself, with no help from AI software, translation tools, or other related programs. Do not seek any outside help either writing or correcting it.

Academic Integrity Pledge

☐ I affirm that my essay is entirely my own work, that I have not made use of any AI software, translation tools, or other related program and that I have not received any outside help either writing or correcting it.

Décrivez vos raisons de vouloir étudier en immersion à Paris en citant vos principaux objectifs académiques et personnels. Expliquez la façon dont vous pensez vous adapter à une nouvelle culture. (500-750 mots, écrit en français)

You may upload a French Statement now, or you can do this after you have submitted the application through your application portal.

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Recommendations

Please add the following recommenders:

- French (required)
- Study Abroad Office (required)
- Major department (optional)

Additional recommenders by criteria:

Based on your responses in Special Areas of Study, no additional recommendations are required

Note that your recommender(s) will receive a link to a recommendation form as soon as you input and confirm their contact information. We strongly suggest you contact your recommender(s) to give them a heads-up before submitting their information on this application.

Reference First	Reference Last	Type	Delivered Date	Submitted Date
Add Recommender				

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Add Recommendation

Type ☐ French Department Recommendation
☐ Study Abroad Approval
☐ Major Department Recommendation

Prefix

First Name

Last Name

School

Position/Title

Relationship

Telephone

Email

Note: Use your recommender's institutional or corporate email address. Submissions from anonymous email addresses (Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo) may be subject to additional review.

Your name as it will display to the recommender: **First Name Last Name**

☐ Change my display name for this recommender

Do you waive your right to access this ☐ Yes
☐ No

SEND TO RECOMMENDER

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Make sure you click on the right recommendation when you add a new one. All fields must be completed, except for the phone number which is optional.

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Financial Assistance

CUPA believes that study abroad is an enriching and essential part of an undergraduate education. It can also be expensive. For students whose home schools can not or do not release institutional financial aid to study abroad, CUPA may be able to help defray some the burden of these costs.

To be eligible you must submit proof of your home institution's Financial Aid package, including all awards, grants, loans, work study, etc., as well as the expected yearly/semester family contribution.

- **Summer students:** You must also submit a letter explaining your current financial situation, and whether you are expecting outside awards/scholarships.
- **Semester/Year students:** You are encouraged to submit any additional documentation you feel would be helpful for the financial assistance committee to better understand your unique situation. CUPA aid funds are limited, and we cannot guarantee to match your home school financial aid package. To receive the best possible package you should apply for CUPA financial assistance as soon as you have submitted your application for admission.

*CUPA financial assistance can only be considered for students whose home schools can not, or do not, release institutional financial aid to study abroad.

I would like to apply for a CUPA Financial Assistance

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Please upload proof of your Home School Financial Aid.

*Note: If you need to upload more than one document, you must leave this page after each upload in order for the upload widget to refresh.

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You will need to upload this material ONLY if you apply for CUPA Financial assistance.

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ID Photo & Passport Uploader

Photo for Student ID

Please upload a headshot/ID-style photo. This photo will be used for your CUPA student ID card and your Paris transportation pass and must adhere to French or US governmental guidelines and CANNOT BE a casual photo, a senior picture, a picture of your US or school ID card, or any other format of photo other than the guidelines from this link here or here, or like the images below.



DO NOT UPLOAD A PICTURE OF YOUR ID CARD! UPLOAD ONLY A HEADSHOT PHOTO PER THE GUIDELINES IN THE LINKS ABOVE!

Please upload an ID-style photo here.

Choisir un fichier Aucun fichier choisi

Passport Scan

It is important for CUPA to have proof of your current citizenship(s) in order to pre-register for classes and to determine eligibility requirements* for a French student visa. If your passport expires within three months of your expected departure from France, then you must renew it now. If you do not have a current and valid passport, you must apply for one immediately as it can take between 5 and 12 weeks to process.

*While EU citizens are exempt from applying for a French student visa, possession of a current and valid passport is still required for entry to France and for registration in Paris universities. You must still upload a copy of your EU passport.

Please upload a scan of the picture/information page of your France passport (if available).

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Please upload a scan of the picture/information page of your passport (if available).

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In place of your signature, please type your full legal name:

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We have detected the following errors with your application.
These errors must be corrected before submission.

Section	Required Field or Error
French & Other Language Background	Missing University-Level French Courses Taken
Recommendations	Missing French Department Recommendation
Recommendations	Missing Study Abroad Approval

We have detected the following potential problems with your application:

Section	Warning
Program of Study	Missing How Did You Hear About CUPA (optional)
Recommendations	Missing Major Department Recommendation (optional)
Financial Assistance	Missing Proof of Home School Financial Aid
ID Photo & Passport	Missing Copy of Passport Information Page

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If you are satisfied with your application and are ready to submit it, click Submit Application.

SUBMIT APPLICATION

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I acknowledge that I will be unable to make changes to my application after I submit it online. I have ensured that my application is accurate, complete, and ready for submission.

Annuler

OK

A pop-up window will appear, click on "OK" if you are sure that your application is complete.

Welcome to your Application Status Portal, Samantha!

If you need to contact us regarding your application, provide your name and this reference number: 080309166.

Payment Due: 50.00 USD

✗ Awaiting CUPA Application Fee - [Submit Payment for 50.00 USD](#) ← Click here to pay for the Application fee.

Click here to book a visa application information session with our Outreach and Admissions Coordinator.

French Student Visa Application Information Session

Mandatory for all students who need to get a French student visa:

REGISTER HERE

Application Checklist

Items marked as awaiting need to be submitted to complete your application. Upon first submission of your application it may take a few minutes for your checklist to update.

Status	Details	Date
✓ Received	French Statement	09/02/2025
✓ Received	ID Photo	09/02/2025
✗ Awaiting	Passport Scan - Primary Citizenship	
✓ Received	Recommendation from Samantha Gahin, Nanterre Submitted on 09/02/2025.	09/02/2025
✓ Received	Recommendation from Samantha Gahin, Nanterre Submitted on 09/02/2025.	09/02/2025
✓ Received	Transcript for Yale University Dates Attended: 1/2025 to 6/2028, Degree: Bachelor's Degree, Conferred: 7/2028	08/21/2025

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Verify Address

We have your address listed as follows:

Permanent Address

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Admissions Contact Info:

Jasmine Kingston
Outreach and Admissions Coordinator
She/Her/Hers

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cupa@cupa.paris.edu

☎ +1.413.549.6960

* Important Travel News for UK Travelers*

If think you may go to the UK at ANY point during your time abroad, you will need to apply for the UK ETA travel authorisation.

You will need to pay the application fee and make sure every item is noted as RECEIVED for your application to be eligible for review.