**Deaf Culture, History and Sign Language in France**

**May 26-June 15, 2019**

**ASL 113 - French Sign Language and Deaf Culture in France (4 Cr.)**

The ASL program at the University of Rochester holds classes at the University in Paris, France. A native Deaf French faculty member from UR is affiliated with several faculty members in the Deaf community and they jointly plan the program, schedule, and curriculum offered to ASL students and professionals.

This 4-credit immersion program will focus on basic and advanced learning of conversational LSF and on field trips fostering a broad understanding of French Deaf Culture and general French Culture in Paris and in regions beyond the capital. Students will attend classes on LSF and French Deaf History and Culture in the first week. They will also attend guided tours of culturally significant sights such as renowned museums, Deaf theater, Lyon and other villages and Deaf schools. Study will begin before going to France, as students will receive the course syllabus and materials for review and familiarization. This will be built upon during the LSF and Deaf Culture classes in Paris, France.

**Course highlights:**
In addition to French Sign Language classes, the trip will include Deaf guided visits to –

- The Louvre
- The First Deaf School in France (INJS)
- The birthplace of Laurent Clerc: La Balme-les-Grottes
- International Visual Theatre
Program Prerequisites:
UR students must have successfully completed ASL 105 Intermediate American Sign Language. For non-UR students, a Sign Communication Proficiency Interview is not required, but if applicants have one, it must be rated at the intermediate-level or above. Applicants’ sign language proficiency will also be evaluated by a conversation with the Program Director, Professor Chastel. Learning written French is optional for this program.

Program Deadlines:
Applications are available online – http://studyabroad.rochester.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10063
The deadline for application is March 8th, 2019

Faculty:

Program Contacts:
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Program Date:
All participants must arrive in Paris on May 26th. Please be in touch with our office at the University of Rochester as well as the instructor, Guillaume Chastel, to organize your arrival in Paris. The course program will conclude on June 15th. Please make sure that your return flight leaves no earlier than Saturday June 15th.

Program Costs:
The program cost is approximately $3650. The cost includes accommodations in France, program-sponsored in-country travel, site visits, field trips, and some meals. Not included in this price are items such as the cost of roundtrip airfare between Rochester and Paris, books, academic supplies, passports, food, and other personal expenses. Estimated costs for lunch and dinner over the 20 days are a minimum of $300. Program costs are subject to change due to currency fluctuations, unexpected increases in transportation costs, program changes or University of Rochester policy changes.
The University offers a variety of scholarships for students who participate in programs organized or led by UR faculty. UR undergraduates in the AS&E College who participate in faculty programs abroad for credit are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to students with little or no previous participation in a program abroad. Selection is based on financial need, merit, and the student’s ability to articulate their interest in going abroad. Recipients will be expected to share their experiences with the University community and/or with the scholarship donor, depending upon the scholarship awarded.

Program Requirements:
You must have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA to participate in any travel abroad program or be accepted upon special permission of the instructor. All participants require final approval by the faculty member. The University of Rochester also reserves the right to review conduct records as part of our application process and student conduct records are considered when making the determination on an applicant.

This program is open to anyone who has at least 15 credit hours of university instruction and at least intermediate-level ASL skills.

How to Apply:
To apply for the LSF and French Deaf Culture Summer Program go online to http://www.sas.rochester.edu/asl/paris/index.html

Program Continuing Education Credit for Professionals: If you would like to earn RID CEU’s for registered interpreters for the Deaf, contact Guillaume Chastel for information. His E-mail address is guillaume.chastel@rochester.edu.