

Deaf Culture, History & Sign Language in France

ASLA 113 — French Sign Language and Deaf Culture in France | Open to Deaf and hearing college-level ASL students & professionals, not limited to UR students

PROGRAM DATES
May 17 – June 5, 2027

CREDITS
4 Credits

APPLICATION DEADLINE
January 15, 2027

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

A three-week immersive program for ASL users to learn French Sign Language (LSF) and French Deaf Culture in formal and informal settings, deepening understanding of the international Deaf World. A native Deaf French UR faculty member partners with the French Deaf community to plan the curriculum. All classes and tours are conducted in LSF.

Weeks 1–2 · Paris

LSF and French Deaf History/Culture classes; guided tours of museums, a Deaf theater, and Deaf schools

Week 3 · Beyond Paris

Field trips to Lyon and other regions of France

WHO CAN APPLY

- 15+ university credit hours and intermediate-level ASL skills
- UR students: completion of ASL 105 required
- Non-UR students: proficiency evaluated by Prof. Chastel
- Minimum 2.0 GPA (or instructor's special permission)
- Final faculty approval required; written French not required

PROGRAM COSTS

Cost TBA — includes lodging, in-country travel, site visits and field trips, some meals. **Not included:** airfare, supplies, passport/visa, most food (est. \$300+ minimum for lunch/dinner over 20 days — *this figure is only an estimate*). Need-based scholarships may be available for UR students — contact Ted Pagano.

Minimum enrollment: This program requires a minimum of six students to run.

FACULTY

Professor Guillaume Chastel — M.A. Deaf Education/Math, Gallaudet University (1997). Senior Lecturer, University of Rochester. Born in Paris, raised in Aix-en-Provence, France.

HOW TO APPLY

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Apply online at studyabroad.rochester.edu

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Program dates, curriculum, and costs are subject to change while details are being developed. Contact the program for the most current details.