juxtaposed and cultural life in addition to endless streams of students and visitors keep the city squares very animated and boisterous 24 hours a day. La Rochelle is a major export center and boasts proud Huguenot history and culture. Paris is three hours away by high speed train, and the city is in close proximity to other regional historic attractions such as Bordeaux, Cognac, and L’Ile de Ré.

ACADEMICS - The College of Charleston semester French Language immersion program in La Rochelle, France, is an excellent opportunity to gain international experience for French majors and minors. Interested students must have completed 4 semesters of French language at CofC, with an overall GPA of 2.5. Students will earn 15 hours of credit through the College of Charleston while studying at the University of La Rochelle. Upon arrival, students will take a placement test. Courses are conducted by the professors of the “Centre Universitaire de Francais Langue Etrangere (CUFLE),” a department at the University of La Rochelle specializing in teaching French to international students. College of Charleston students will be in classes with other non-French students enrolled in the CUFLE. The University is located right by the water in the beautiful historical downtown of La Rochelle, and espouses the values of openness and innovation while retaining its commitment to tradition and excellence.

Students must enroll in at least 12 hours from the following list of courses; credit received will depend on the placement test given in La Rochelle at the beginning of the program:

- FREN 220: Special Assignment in France
- FREN 313: Conversation & Composition I
- FREN 314: Conversation & Composition II
- FREN 321: A Survey of French Literature
- FREN 342: Advanced Grammar
- FREN 360: French Language Study Abroad
- FREN 361: Current Issues Abroad
- FREN 363: Advanced French Culture

PROGRAM DATES - September - December 2015 (exact dates to be determined)

PROGRAM FEE - $5,100* (see details on back)

LOCATION - A city of over 90,000, La Rochelle, known for its quality of life, enjoys a mild and pleasant climate. With ecology as a high priority, its Atlantic coast and beautiful islands have made the city the second most visited tourist area in France. Ancient architecture and ultramodern neighborhoods are harmoniously juxtaposed.
ACCOMMODATIONS - Students live with local French families, an aspect of the program that will only enhance the student’s language immersion experience. They will receive two meals a day in the homestay.

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Dr. Hiers is a Senior Instructor of French and the Director of the Comparative Literature Program at the College of Charleston. She directed the La Rochelle program in the past, as well as several summer study abroad programs to France.

PROGRAM COSTS - The comprehensive program fee of $5,100* includes:

- $50 non-refundable application fee
- Room and 2 meals/day with French families
- Transfers
- International Health Insurance

Costs not included in the program fee are: CofC tuition and fees at the in-state or out-of-state rate; round-trip international airfare to/from France; passport and student visa fees; and personal expenses.

* Program fee is subject to change

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID - Financial aid and scholarships typically awarded through CofC can be used for this program. Students should meet with a representative of the Office of Financial Assistance and Veteran Affairs to discuss their individual financial aid package. Additional scholarships of up to $2,000 from the Center for International Education are available to degree-seeking CofC students who study abroad for academic credit. Eligibility is based on demonstrated financial need and academic merit. For more information on the Center for International Education scholarship as well as additional scholarships for study abroad, please visit: http://international.cofc.edu/study-abroad/scholarships.php.

APPLICATION PROCESS - Applications can be found online at https://cofc.abroadoffice.net. The application deadline is March 15, 2015. A non-refundable deposit of $250, which includes the $50 application fee, will be posted to the student’s myCharleston account once the application has been submitted to, and approved by, the Center for International Education.

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