Centered in Orléans, this program is located in France’s famous Chateaux country and on the Loire River, which is the first river to be designated a World Heritage Site. The city was once capital of France and is famous for its connection to Joan of Arc. Participants will spend 14 days immersed in the language, history, art, and culture of the Loire Valley. In addition to intensive language instruction, courses and related activities address a number of different themes focusing on the arts, culture, daily life, general economic development, history, media, society, and national and regional traditions.

Students will live and study in Orléans and will take excursions to locations in the Loire Valley to places such as Château de Chambord, constructed by Francois I, and the Château de Chenonceau, begun by Catherine de Medici. Students will also spend 3 days in Paris, where they will continue to practice the language and study the culture as they visit the Louvre, the Musée d’Orsay, and other sites in the capital. This will also allow students to contrast the culture of the Loire Valley with the global atmosphere of Paris.
LOCATION
Orléans and Paris, France.

COURSES OFFERED (may vary from year to year)
- FRE115: Beginning French Conversation I (3 cr) or
- FRE225: Intermediate French Conversation II (3 cr) and
- HUM298AA: Special Projects: Culture of the Loire (1 cr)

PROGRAM EXCURSIONS (may vary from year to year)
- Amboise
- Blois
- Chambord
- Chenonceau
- Cheverny
- Loire Valley*
- Louvre Museum & Musée d’Orsay, Paris
- Banks of the Seine River*, Paris
- Optional excursion to Normandy and the beaches of WWII
  *UNESCO World Heritage Sites

PROGRAM FEATURES
- Students will immerse themselves in the French language while also studying the art, literature, and culture of the Loire Valley and Paris.
- Students will earn 4 credit hours.
- The first two weeks of classes are taught at MCC, then finished in France.

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