

Paris in Spring 2025!

Rowan LIT (Humanistic Literacy) Spring 2025 Course with Tour Abroad:

“Masterpieces of French Literature in English Translation” | May 12-18, 2025

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This course in the World Languages Department focuses on such writers as Voltaire, Charles Baudelaire, Victor Hugo, and Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (all in English translation). Paris has been the center of an impressive number of great writers, and the associated course tour to "The City of Lights" will explore the power and character of selected authors in their cultural context. Departure is from Philadelphia, and the price includes a full-time tour guide, transportation, hotel, breakfast, and select meals. The 3-credit tuition fee falls under your normal semester course load, so you need only pay for the tour, **which is approximately \$4,400**. Financial Aid can be used to cover costs.

Sites visited include:

The Latin Quarter

Les Champs-Élysées

The Louvre

Notre-Dame Cathedral

Arc de Triomphe

The Eiffel Tower

Place de la Concorde

Hôtel des Invalides

Seine River Cruise

Authors Covered:

Molière (*The Bourgeois Gentleman*)

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (*The Little Prince*)

La Fontaine (*Fables*)

Charles de Gaulle (*The Appeal of 18 June*)

Victor Hugo and Charles Baudelaire (*select poems*)

Jacques Prévert (*select poems*)

Simone de Beauvoir (*The Second Sex*)

Eugène Ionesco (*The Bald Soprano*)

On the Trail of French Literature

◆ Day 1: Fly overnight to France

◆ Day 2: Paris

Meet your Tour Director at the airport

Cultural engagement: Take a walking tour of the Latin Quarter, so named because the language was once commonly spoken by the Sorbonne students that populated the area. See Notre-Dame Cathedral, known for its sculptured facade, stained-glass rose windows, and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings, and see the progress of its restoration after the 2019 fire.

Enjoy dinner in the Latin Quarter

◆ Day 3: Paris

Take a guided tour of Paris with an expert local guide.

You will see:

Place de la Concorde, a major public square

The Champs-Élysées, an elegant boulevard packed with high-fashion boutiques

The Arc de Triomphe, a monument honoring those who fought in the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars

Eiffel Tower, built for the 1889 World's Fair and an iconic symbol of Paris

Hôtel des Invalides, a grand hospital commissioned by Louis XIV

Take a guided tour of Versailles, where Louis XIV hosted his royal court.

You will see:

State Apartments of the King and Queen

The lavish Hall of Mirrors which depicts political successes on its vaulted-ceiling murals

Meticulously landscaped gardens and dozens of ornate fountains

Enjoy a scenic view of Paris as you sail along the iconic Seine River

◆ Day 4: Paris

Explore art from around the world at the Louvre, home to over 35,000 objects including Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, the *Mona Lisa*

Guided learning: Take part in a literary activity

◆ Day 5: Paris

Visit the Fragonard workshop and observe the process of perfume making, from harvesting to the role of master "noses"

◆ Day 6: Paris

Take a walking tour of Montmartre with your Tour Director

You will see: Place du Tertre and the street artists of Sacré-Cœur Basilica with its white-domed basilica

Independent exploration: Spend the afternoon exploring Paris on your own

Enjoy dinner in Montmartre and explore the district that has long been a haven for artists

◆ Day 7: Depart for home

