JYF in Paris
**JYF** in Paris has been going strong at *Sweet Briar College* since 1948, attracting students from all over the United States. As an advanced academic and cultural immersion study abroad program, **JYF** is designed to help students enhance their proficiency in French while gaining intercultural competency through direct enrollment in Paris universities, integration in French family life and supportive advising and guided reflection.
**Academics**

Through its academic partnerships in Paris, JYF offers access to a broad spectrum of courses, allowing students to make progress towards their major or minor while studying in French. Students enroll in a combination of direct enrollment and in-house courses. During orientation and throughout the semester, students benefit from individualized advising and support, training in French methodology and academic tutorials.

Students can take classes at:
- One of three Paris universities
  - Paris III [Sorbonne Nouvelle]
  - Paris IV [Paris-Sorbonne]
  - Paris VII [Denis Diderot]
- SBC-JYF in-house courses
- Private institutes of higher education
- The American Business School of Paris
- Foreign language institutes
- Art, music and dance studios
- Independent study project

**Internship and Volunteer Opportunities**

JYF internships in a wide variety of areas offer a deeper understanding of the world of work in France and an opportunity to gain some professional international experience in your field of interest. One unit of credit (three credit hours) is granted for successful completion of the internship course.

Volunteer opportunities allow you to get involved in your community and engage with the city and culture on another level.
Housing
For best results in language improvement and cultural immersion, students are housed with carefully selected families in Paris. Host families provide a unique introduction to French culture and Parisian living as part of a quartier. Breakfast daily and six dinners per week are included. An independent housing option is available, but students are responsible for finding their own housing.

Student Life
Outside of class, students are provided ample opportunities to take advantage of all Paris has to offer. Indeed, students are encouraged to join social groups, explore the neighborhoods and engage in their hobbies or discover new ones.

Excursions and Cultural Activities
The program fee includes excursions, day trips to places of cultural interest, workshops and other special events organized by the JYF program throughout the semester.
Eligibility

- Successful completion of one course beyond intermediate college-level French (or equivalent) required before arrival
- 3.0 GPA average, both overall and in college French courses
- Enrollment in a French class the semester prior to departure is strongly recommended

Students who do not meet all of these requirements may still be accepted upon strong recommendations from their French professors and college administrators.

Application Deadlines

- March 15 for the following fall
- Oct. 15 for the following spring

Email jyf@sbc.edu or call 434-381-6109 for more information.

Apply at sbc.edu/jyf.
Don’t be afraid to put yourself out there and speak in French since day 1…With Sweet Briar in Paris you have the best support system of great administrators and professors that will help you transition to what I will remember as one of the best decisions of my life.”

—Marta Martínez Fernández, Connecticut College
I loved taking my classes all in French and I feel like I learned a lot more about French culture in and out of class.”

—Katherine Santisi, Amherst College
I would definitely recommend staying in a host family rather than in an apartment independently. That’s where I got most of my exposure to Parisian culture and language, and it’s cheaper as well.”

—Elna McIntosh, Kenyon College
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Immersion in French university and family life
Emphasis on language and culture
Experiential learning opportunities

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