Program Description:

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, 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.

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 CoC, with an overall GPA of 2.5. Students will earn 12-15 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 Français 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.

Tentative Courses Offered (subject to change):

Must enroll in at least 12 credit hours

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
FREN 390: Special Topics in France
FREN 490: Special Topics in France
FREN 496: Directed Reading

Dates: September - December, 2017

Program Fee: $4,600*
*Fee is estimated and does not include tuition
**Program Fee:**

The program fee of **$4,600* (estimated)** includes:

- Housing and 2 meals/day with French families
- Transportation from Paris to La Rochelle upon arrival
- Program Excursions with group
- All ground transportation during program excursions
- International Medical Insurance
- International Student ID Card
- Non-refundable application fee of $50

**NOT included:**

- Tuition: Students will pay their normal CofC tuition. All financial aid and scholarships that students normally receive will apply.
- Roundtrip international airfare to/from France
- Passport and Visa Fees

**Program Director:** Dr. Martine Hiers, hiersm@cofc.edu, 843.953.6715

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

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**To Apply:**

To apply visit cofc.abroadoffice.net, create a profile, choose your program and follow the instructions on applying online. For more information contact Gaby Peschiera, Assistant Director for Study Abroad, Center for International Education, peschierag@cofc.edu, 843-953-7823.

The application deadline is **March 31, 2017**. Please note that a non-refundable application fee, will be charged to the student’s MyCharleston account once the application has been submitted to, and approved by, the CIE. This fee is included in the program fee of $4,600.

Scholarships of up to $2000 each are available to support CofC degree-seeking students to study abroad; eligibility is based on demonstrated financial need and academic merit. The deadline to apply will be in early April 2017. Applications can be found on the CIE website: https://international.cofc.edu under Scholarships.