Program Information:

Perhaps James Baldwin says it best: “African Americans discover in Paris the terms by which they can define themselves. It’s the freedom to work beyond the assumptions of what we can and can’t do as African Americans. It’s a different rhythm and pace. We can imagine ourselves in new ways in that space.” In this course students will study the works of Black American expatriate writers and artists in Paris such as Countee Cullen, Richard Wright, Chester Himes, and James Baldwin, as well as Josephine Baker, Aaron Douglas, and Lois Mailou Jones. We will also explore how the duality of cultural identity, being both black and American in Europe, encouraged French projections of exoticism and cultural difference onto the black subject. For one week of the course, accompanied by scholar and award winning tour guide Julia Browne, we will visit sites in Paris, Normandy, and Dorgogne. The other week will be spent on CoF’s campus.

Program Director:

Dr. Valerie Frazier, Department of English, frazierv@cofc.edu, 843-953-1921
Dr. Frazier has a Ph.D. in English, with a specialty in African American literature, and has visited Paris previously. She has a love of all things francophone, and was a dissertation panel member on a dissertation dealing with Gloria Naylor, and was a guest speaker at the University of Versailles.

To Apply:

Applications can either be downloaded from the CIE website, http://international.cofc.edu, or picked up in the CIE office in the Multicultural Center, 207 Calhoun St. All applications must be submitted to Gabriela Peschiera, Assistant Director, Center for International Education, peschierag@cofc.edu, 843-953-7823.

The Program fee of $3,685* includes a non-refundable $50 application fee, round-trip airfare, lodging, ground transportation, some meals, medical insurance, and entrances into sites. TUITION FOR THE COURSE IS NOT INCLUDED.

Application deadline is March 1, 2014. Deposit of $550 will be posted to the student’s MyCharleston account once the application has been submitted to, and approved by, the CIE. Scholarships of up to $1500 are available to CoF students for study abroad. Eligibility is based on demonstrated financial aid and academic merit.