PROPPOSAL FOR NEW SUMMER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM IN PAU, FRANCE, IN COLLABORATION WITH USAC
(University Studies Abroad Consortium)

RATIONALE:

UW-Eau Claire students can study abroad during the spring and year with the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) in Pau, France. Currently, a summer option for French is not available at UW-Eau Claire. Students interested in a summer option must seek out a non-Eau Claire program. Every year, we have a few students inquire about the Pau summer option – some are spring students who want to extend their studies for the summer and some are students who elect for various reasons not to pursue a semester program. A summer program in France will fulfill an unmet need for students who would like to study French in the summer.

In consultation with the French faculty in the Department of Languages, the Center for International Education would like to offer the USAC-Pau summer option to students. USAC Pau Summer is an easy to implement summer option as all the UW-Eau Claire course equivalencies for the French language curriculum already exist and application/pre-departure materials have been developed.

UW-Eau Claire students have been participating in the semester/year program since spring 2008 with good results.

- Students are well supported by the in-country USAC staff.
- Costs increases on the semester program have been quite modest. We sent the first group of students to the USAC-Pau program in spring 2008 with a tuition charge of $5680 and in spring 2014 the students are being charged $6180 for tuition-an increase of only 8% over the course of seven years.

Program Length
The summer session is divided into two sessions.

- Session I: Five-week session, May 21-June 22
- Session II: Four-week session, June 26-July 26

The UWEC French faculty would like to require both sessions as the “Residency Requirement for Prospective Language Teachers” found on page 117 of the 2013-2014 Undergraduate Catalog requires a six-week residence in a country where the language is spoken. Although a six-week residence meets the requirement, the French faculty indicated that generally six weeks is not enough time for adequate fluency to develop, especially for those seeking to teach. As such, they prefer the longer summer experience be made available to students.
ENROLLMENT LIMITS:
USAC’s stated maximum enrollment for the program is 60 students. The anticipated UWEC enrollment for summer is 2-5 students.

ACADEMIC LOGISTICS:
How are grades reported?
USAC courses will be reported on a USAC grade report as they currently are for the USAC-Pau semester option.

What language is used on the above document? If not English, what resources are required for an English translation?
USAC grade reports are issued in English. No translation services are required.

What credit system is used and how does it translate into U.S. credits?
USAC grade reports report credits using the U.S. semester system.

How is course level determined?
Course levels match UW-Eau Claire’s: 100, 200, 300, 400 are the four levels.

What grade scale is used and what is the conversion to UWEC grades?
Grades are reported on using the standard A-F scale with plus and minus designations.

CURRICULUM:
Credits
Students will earn 9-11 credits on the nine-week program. All students must enroll in a minimum of 5 credits and a maximum of 6 credits during Session I, and a minimum of 4 credits and a maximum of 5 credits during Session II.

Courses
The curriculum is focused on French language study. Students are required to take a language course each session and choose from 1-credit cultural electives that are either taught in English or French. Students can take courses from first-year French through fourth-year French. See summer 2015 listing below. This list of courses is subject to minor changes; course availability is conditional on student interest and enrollment.

French Language Studies

- First Year French I (FLL, 100-level, 4 credits) Prerequisite: none.
- First Year French II (FLL, 100-level, 4 credits) Prerequisite: one semester of college French.
- Second Year French I (FLL, 200-level, 3 credits) Prerequisite: two semesters of college French.
- Second Year French II (FLL, 200-level, 3 credits) Prerequisite: three semesters of college French.
- Third Year French I (FLL, 300-level, 3 credits) Prerequisite: four semesters of college French.
- Third Year French II (FLL, 300-level, 3 credits) Prerequisite: five semesters of college French.
- Fourth Year French I (FLL, 400-level, 3 credits) Prerequisite: six semesters of college French.
- Fourth Year French II (FLL, 400-level, 3 credits) Prerequisite: seven semesters of college French.
- Seminar in French Language (FLL, 400/600-level, 3 credits) Prerequisite: six semesters of college French.
- French Conversation (FLL, 300-level, 2 credits in Session I, 1 credit in Session II) Prerequisite: two semesters of college French.

**Electives**

**Session I**
- Contemporary French Culture and Civilization (FLL, 200-level, 1 credit)
- La France Au Cinéma (FLL, 300-level, 1 credit, taught in French)
- Survey of Art: European/Western Art (ART, 300-level, 1 credit, taught in French)

**Session II**
- Drawing and Painting in Pau (ART, 200-level, 1 credit, taught in French with some English but appropriate for all)
- Literature of the South of France (FLL, 300-level, 1 credit)
- Paris Field Study (FLL, 200-level, 1 credit) This course has an additional fee.
- Theatre in French (FLL, 300-level, 1 credit, taught in French)

**INSTITUTION:**
The USAC-Pau, France program is offered in conjunction with the University of Pau’s Institut D’Etudes Française Pour Étudiants Étrangers (IEFE). French language courses will be taught by IEFE faculty. Some of the electives will be taught by visiting faculty from USAC partner institutions; others are taught by IEFE faculty.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**
Students have the option to live in a homestay with a French family or in the university residence halls near campus. The homestay with the French family is highly recommended due the language learning and cultural benefits.

**CALENDAR:**
Below is the summer 2014 dates. A similar calendar is expected for future programs. UW-Eau Claire students will need to leave shortly after the close of spring semester.

- May 19, 2015: Departure from the US on optional group flight
- May 20: Arrival in Pau before 9pm
- Move into housing
May 21
Placement test and mandatory orientation

May 22
Session I courses begin
walking tour of Pau

May 30
Field Trip—French Basque Coast

June 13
Field trip—Hike in the Pyrenees to Gavarnie

June 23
Session I final examinations

June 24 - 28
Optional Paris Tour/Field Study

June 30
Session II courses begin

July 4
Field trip—French Basque Country

July 14
Bastille Day

July 18
Field trip—Béret Museum and Pyrenees National Park

July 24
Session II final examinations
Program end date

July 25
Move out of program housing

Open return
Students establish their own date of return

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
- 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Good standing
- May apply as a freshman but must have sophomore standing by the time the program begins
- No previous French study required

FOREIGN CULTURE REQUIREMENT:
Under the current guidelines for foreign culture for short-term programs, eligible students could fulfill 2/3 of the requirement for participating in the program as they will be able to waive 6 credits of the foreign culture upon successful completion of the program.
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ESTIMATED STUDY ABROAD BUDGET
PAU, FRANCE- INTA 303

Costs You Will Pay Directly to UWEC:

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**TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:**

**$12,564**

at 9/26/2014 exchange rate, 1 Euro=1.27497 USD. For costs listed in Euro, you can find current exchange rates at http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/.

Important Notes for All Students:

- Please note that these costs are estimated for the term above and are intended to be used for planning purposes. Costs can fluctuate as a result of changes in exchange rates, tuition or airfare increases & varying personal lifestyles. If planning for a future academic year, please add 7%.
- Optional personal travel is not included in this estimate.

*Minnesota residents add reciprocity; residents of other states add $900 in non-resident fees.

Important Notes for Student with Financial Aid:

- If you receive financial aid, only the costs you pay to UWEC will be automatically paid from your aid. If you receive more aid than what you need to pay to UWEC, you will receive a refund. You are responsible for paying all other costs directly to the vendor(s) involved.
- If you incur travel costs to apply for your student visa, or there are required lab, books/materials fees for your specific courses are higher than the estimate, these costs may be added to your financial aid budget.
- Be sure to meet early in the process with Melissa Vogler in the Financial Aid Office to discuss how much aid you will