Georgia Tech Biomolecular Engineering, Science, and Technology (BEST) Study Abroad Program in Lyon, France


For: BIOL, CHBE, CHEM, BCHEM, BME, prehealth students

Courses offered: 5-8 credits hours allowed
- CHEM 2311- Organic Chemistry I (3 credits, letter-grade, flipped-format)
- CHEM 2312- Organic Chemistry II (3 credits, letter-grade)
- CHEM 2380- Synthesis Lab I (2 credits, letter-grade)
- CHEM 2801- Special Topics (1 credit, letter-grade)
- FREN 1001- Introduction to French (3 credits, letter-grade)
- BIOL 3450- Cell and Molecular Biology (3 credits, letter-grade)

Where is Lyon? Why Lyon?

Lyon: France’s “Second City,” located in SE corner (Rhone-Alps region); international airport; ~800,000 residents; excellent public transportation

Lyon science scene: Extensive chemical history (dyes, Nobel Prize winner-Victor Grignard); proximity to Grenoble scientific hub; Geneva-CERN, several chemical companies in city

History/Culture: old Roman city, gastronomy (yum!) 

Host University: École Supérieure de Chimie Physique Électronique de Lyon located on NW side of Lyon (Villeurbanne)
Is this program right for me??

Program: ~ 8 weeks! small class sizes of 10-25 students

Program-sponsored scientific Excursions:
- Paris Weekend-Pasteur Museum and Institute, Curie Museum
- Geneva Day Trip- CERN
- Local scientific company (e.g. Solvay)
- NMR Research Center in Lyon

Program-sponsored cultural excursions:
- Fourviere Basilica and Vieux Lyon
- Beaujolais Wine Region
- Lumiere Historical Museum
- Traditional Lyon Dinner

Note: Students often travel in small groups to other cities on weekends (Barcelona, Rome, Zurich, Geneva, Amsterdam, London, Berlin)...all accessible by train or air

How can you be a part of this experience?

Information/application: www.lyon.gatech.edu

Decisions made September 15-February 15; Notified by Email. Deadline: February 15, 2017. APPLY EARLY-LIMITED SPACE!

Program fee: tentatively $4750 (housing, instructional costs, 20 lunch meal vouchers, program-related excursions, limited transportation)

Tuition: Instate tuition (out-of-state = instate tuition rate + $250 fee)

Financial Aid: Hope/Zell Miller-yes; loans-yes, other scholarships-see OIE website
Comments from Prior Participants

“The best part was the overall experience in a completely new place.... My awareness and appreciation of the world increased as well as my independence.”

“Amazing opportunity to combine class/learning with exploration/fun”

“The program was worth the money that I spent to participate because of the cultural and historical richness of Lyon and surrounding cities especially with regard to chemistry and other sciences and engineering. This truly allowed me to gain knowledge by experiencing it.”

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