About the Exchange Program

Undergraduate students enrolled in DEA may spend one semester studying at the Académie Charpentier in Paris. In some cases, this period of study can be extended to two semesters.

The Académie has strong relationships and partnerships with various institutions in and outside Europe in both the academic and professional world.

L’Académie Charpentier is located in the heart of Paris, the Montparnasse, a lively quarter filled with cafés and restaurants, in the 6th arrondissement. The school itself consists of a number of historic buildings that have kept the original charm of the former artists’ studios. The school still houses the historical Académie de la Grande Chaumière where students have access to live model drawing classes.

Paris is the capital and largest city of France, and one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Often noted for its architecture, urban design, and green spaces, Paris is also one of the four fashion capitals in the world. The city is also one of the world’s leading business and cultural centers; entertainment, music, media, and the arts contributing to its status as one of the world’s major global cities.

**Budget**

Exchange students pay tuition to their home University. Cornell Students pay Cornell Tuition. Housing and Travel Expenses are additional.

**Application**

Enrollment forms are available from the Human Ecology Exchange Office. They should be submitted together with other required documents to the Exchange Program Office at MVR183.

**Deadlines**

Fall Semester - March 15
Spring Semester - September 15

For more information about applying, contact:

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THE ACADEMY

About Académie Charpentier

Académie Charpentier was founded in 1904 by the Swiss painter Martha Stettler under the name of Académie de la Grande Chaumière. The school’s studios originate at the beginning of the 19th century when they were frequented by Delacroix, Manet, Pissarro, and Cézanne among others. Taken over by the Charpentier family in 1957, today it is a well-known small private university for art, interior design, and visual communications, delivering a state-recognized diploma. L’Académie Charpentier ranks among the top 10 schools for interior design in France.

The teaching staff consists of professionals involved in the latest developments of their discipline. Many of them have won important competitions and have received national and international awards. The school fosters a continuous connection between course work and la vie active, or the working life. Students are prepared for their future creative careers with internships, immersive courses, and involvement with expositions.

COURSES

Taught in French

The school’s teaching program advocates a versatile experience involving the many facets of interior design, between design, communication, art and industry, in order to respond to a changing society and to reveal each student’s own creative identity.

There are two areas of specialization:

- Architecture and Interior Design
- Graphic Design and Visual Communication

L’Académie Charpentier offers a comprehensive range of subjects within the fields of interior design and visual communications. These include:

- History of Art
- Architecture and Design
- Typography
- Photography
- Creativity and Personality Development
- Law
- Business Management

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris is home to 10,000 students, researchers and artists, with over 140 nationalities, 40 houses and a host of services. The Cité’s park spans 34 hectares and is home to the most extensive range of student accommodation in the Paris Region. The USA foundation was designed to embody Franco-American friendship and provide accommodation for US students and researchers in Paris.

The USA Foundation comprises 267 rooms, along with eight artist’s workshops and nine rehearsal studios. The building’s interior has retained its original Art Deco style. The spacious lounge is decorated with frescoes by Robert La Montagne Saint-Hubert, depicting the history of French art through different periods.

There are also many other accommodation options available via the school website.

Want to study abroad in Paris, France?