

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS IN LYON, FRANCE



CEFAM
Lyon

LOCATION

Lyon offers a real French experience – not just a postcard version of France.



ABOUT LYON

- **2ND LARGEST** urban area in France.
- A **UNESCO World Heritage** city and the food capital of Europe
- **MORE AFFORDABLE**: Housing 50% less
- Daily life 25%
- **EASIER TO TRAVEL**: Alps, Paris, French Riviera
- Authentic French Life: **REAL CULTURAL IMMERSION**, not a tourism bubble
- Not “Emily in Paris”: **TRUE CULTURAL EXPERIENCE**, not an Instagram fantasy
- **SAFER, FRIENDLIER, STUDENT-FOCUSED**



EUROPE ON YOUR DOORSTEP

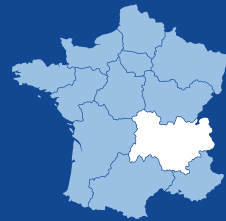
From Lyon, Europe is truly at your doorstep. Thanks to its central location and excellent transportation network – including the Lyon Part-Dieu and Perrache train stations, a major international airport, and high-speed TGV connections – you can reach countless destinations in just a few hours:

- **Paris** – Only 2 hours by high-speed train (TGV).
- **Marseille** – 1 hour 40 minutes away on the Mediterranean coast.
- **The French Alps** – Around 2 hours to some of the best ski resorts in Europe.
- **London** – About 5 hours via train and Eurostar connections.
- **Rome** – Just 1 hour 30 minutes by plane.
- **Barcelona** – Around 5 hours by train or 1 hour 20 minutes by plane.
- **Geneva** – Only 2 hours away, offering quick access to Switzerland.
- **Amsterdam** – About 6 hours by train or 1 hour 40 minutes by plane.

OUR REGION



La Région
Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Orientation



Since 1986

40 YEARS

CEFAM

THE AMERICAN WAY OF LEARNING

Experience the American Way of Learning – in the heart of France.

CEFAM welcomes students from around the world – both full-degree seekers and short-term study abroad participants – united by one ambition: to make their education truly international. Inspired by the American liberal arts tradition, CEFAM offers dynamic, discussion-based courses in Business, International Relations, and general education, all taught 100% in English. You can also immerse yourself in French language and culture through customized courses and authentic local experiences.

Whether you join us for a semester, a full year, or a summer session, you'll experience a personalized, hands-on, and multicultural learning environment – right here in Lyon, one of Europe's most vibrant student cities.

Learn differently. Live globally.
Welcome to the CEFAMily.



ACADEMICS AT CEFAM

Your American education, in France, without any disruption. Our programs combine academic excellence, flexibility, and global perspective. Our flagship curriculum offers a wide range of general and specialized courses in Business and International Relations, complemented by general education modules that encourage critical thinking and cross-cultural understanding.

- Same Academic System:
 - Identical teaching methods, grading scale, and class format → you won't feel lost.
 - Professors experienced in U.S. academic standards.
- Full Credit Transfer Guaranteed:
 - Every course taken at CEFAM counts 100% toward your degree at your school.
 - Stay perfectly on track with your studies.
 - Enroll in up to 16 credits per semester or 6 credits during the summer term, creating a personalized, hands-on learning journey.
- Double Advantage:
 - French immersion experience to boost your resume.
 - An international perspective that sets you apart in the job market.



TESTIMONIALS

More than a semester abroad – a journey of discovery

At CEFAM, we believe that every study abroad experience, whether for a semester or an entire year, is an opportunity to discover both yourself and the world around you.

Our goal is for every student on campus to live an international and intercultural experience each day, academically, professionally, and personally, and to leave CEFAM transformed, more confident, and open to the world.

We have welcomed students from historical partners such as:



"My experience at CEFAM was unparalleled. I had an enriching experience in class with an engaging professor that cultivated and sustained the academic growth of each of her students. I additionally made many lifelong friends, and look forward to coming back to Lyon in the near future for that very reason!"

Anna, Northeastern University

"I truly loved my time spent here...coming to France opened my eyes to traveling... Coming to France has opened my eyes to a different culture and has taught me how to try to make friendly connections with peers even though there may be a language barrier. Being able to try to learn a new language is very interesting and I enjoyed every second of it."

Joexi, Siena College

"Regarding my experience in CEFAM/Lyon, I have to say that students and staff members made me feel welcomed at all times. They offered me their help, even when I didn't ask for it, and that means a lot to me."

Student, University of the Ozarks

DATES AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Summer 2026

May 11th to June 12th, 2026

Fall 2026

August 31st to December 11th, 2026

Spring 2027

January 11th to April 23rd, 2027

To apply to any of CEFAM's Study Abroad programs, please contact your study abroad advisor or simply send us an email to damien.augier@cefam.fr.

The application is a simple process. We usually recommend that we receive your complete application at least 2 months before your desired start date:

- Application form (ask your advisor or download it from our website)
- Copy of Passport
- Academic Transcripts
- Personal Statement
- ID photo





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