



APA Multi-Country

FRANCE, MOROCCO, SENEGAL

SEMESTER PROGRAM | 2026 - 2027

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ONE SEMESTER, THREE NATIONS, COUNTLESS INSIGHTS

Transversal classes and immersive fieldwork link theory with real-world contexts. Elevate your French proficiency and intercultural insights in Paris, Rabat and Dakar.

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STEP INTO THREE WORLDS. GAIN ONE POWERFUL PERSPECTIVE.

Take your linguistic and intercultural skills to the next level while tackling today's global challenges. Spend six weeks each in Paris, Rabat and Dakar, where diverse coursework, cultural immersion and critical reflection will strengthen your global perspective and accelerate your academic and professional growth.

EXPERIENCE COMPARATIVE LEARNING

Your semester is structured around essential subjects and **comparative thematic tracks**—each offering unique perspectives, interpretations and added value—designed to deepen your understanding of France, Morocco, and Senegal through both theory and culture.

- **Core Seminar: Introduction to France, Morocco and Senegal: Three Worlds, One Language**—cross-country comparative framework with two thematic excursions giving historical, geographical, sociological and cultural context. **(concentrated in the 1st week of classes)**
- **Thematic Tracks:** Choose 3 of 6 courses in addition to your core course covering literature, politics, migration, gender & urban studies.
- **Language Learning:** 2 hrs/week French (One-on-One and Small groups).
+ Darija in Rabat | Wolof in Dakar

Immersive Local Learning

Your classes, taught by university professors in France, Morocco and Senegal, extend beyond the classroom with guest speakers, site visits and immersive cultural experiences that enrich your understanding.

History, International Relations & Political Science

- Contemporary Urban Dynamics: Paris, Rabat, Dakar
- French Colonialism and Decolonization: France, Morocco, Senegal
- International Migration: Trends, Policies and Challenges
- Islam, Politics and Identity: France, the Maghreb & West Africa

Literature & Gender Studies

- Passages through Francophone Cities
- Comparative Approaches to Gender in a Post-Colonial Context

Four credit hours per course. Course syllabi available on request.

Students take class at the following locations:

PARIS
APA Center

RABAT
Al Minbar

DAKAR
APA Dakar: ISM

CREDITS, CULTURE & CAREERS

Students earn 16 U.S. credits, complete capstone research, and live with three host families, tripling cultural insights and French exposure. Comparative study sharpens critical thinking, cross-cultural agility and adaptability—skills employers and graduate programs prize. Studying in 3 Francophone countries builds resilience and cultural fluency, preparing you for careers in international relations, NGOs and doctoral research.

Combining three countries amplifies your growth:

- Expand professional networks across diverse cultural landscapes
- Enhance adaptability through immersive living experiences
- Deepen analytical skills with multidisciplinary, comparative coursework
- Cultivate leadership and communication in multicultural settings

EMBARK ON A COMPARATIVE VENTURE

THREE ICONIC FRANCOPHONE LOCATIONS

Explore the French language, one of the largest linguistic footprints on the planet, by starting your semester in Paris, then travel south to Rabat, and end at the westernmost point in Africa, Dakar.

PARIS | CAPITAL CITY OF FRANCE

- Population: 2.05 million - Currency: Euro (EUR)

At the heart of Europe, Paris is a global crossroads of art, ideas, and innovation. Home to iconic monuments and world-class universities, the city has inspired centuries of cultural exchange and debate..

RABAT | CAPITAL CITY OF MOROCCO

- Population: 516,000 - Currency: Moroccan Dirham (MAD)

Set along Morocco's Atlantic coast, Rabat is a historic walled city shaped by Berber dynasties, Andalusian exiles, and French influence. Today it blends tradition and modernity as a center of culture, diplomacy, and learning.

DAKAR | CAPITAL CITY OF SENEGAL

- Population: 1.28 million - Currency: CFA Franc (XOF)

Perched on the westernmost tip of Africa, Dakar is a bustling coastal capital shaped by centuries of trade, migration, and artistic exchange. Today it thrives as a hub of West African culture, politics and innovation.

ON-SITE ORIENTATIONS

Learn the ins and outs of your host cities: discover Paris' highlights, master the art of bargaining in the souks of the Medina, and learn to eat the traditional way around a big bowl of tieboudienne in Dakar.

CAPTURE THE EXPERIENCE

- 3 diverse **cultural events** organized in each host city: concert, dance, theater, film
- Initiation to **local languages**: Darija (Morocco) and Wolof (Senegal)

HOST CITY EXCURSIONS

- Weekend excursions:
 - Paris: Burgundy or Marseille
 - Rabat: Fez and Volubilis
 - Dakar: Sine Saloum Delta
- Day Trips:
 - Paris: Versailles
 - Rabat:Tanger
 - Dakar: Gorée Island

WORKSHOPS

Paris: Cheese tasting, Hip-Hop Dance
Morocco: Mosaics, Bread making, Calligraphy
Senegal: Dance, djembé drumming, herbal & traditional dyeing techniques

HOMESTAY

Discover the differences of daily life in Paris, Rabat, and Dakar, have the independence to pursue your interests and explore the cities all with the support of welcoming host families. With APA's care and attention to matches, it is no surprise that a student's homestay is often one of their fondest memories!

All hosts provide a private bedroom with linens and daily breakfast. Hosts in Paris prepare five dinners per week and hosts in Rabat and Dakar prepare seven dinners per week.

PROGRAM FEES INCLUDE:

- Tuition fees for full course load
- Academic support
- Darija & Wolof instruction over the course of five weeks in Rabat & Dakar respectively
- Homestay room and board
- Weekly Laundry
- 9 cultural events
- 3-day trips
- 3 weekend excursions



- Host city tours
- Boat ride in Paris



- All workshops (for example):
 - French Cheese Tasting, Urban Hip-Hop Dance,
 - Zellig Mosaics, Bread making, Calligraphy
 - Dance, djembé drumming, herbal & traditional dyeing techniques



- Airport pick up upon arrival
- Air travel between host cities
- Return air travel from Dakar to Paris at end of program
- Pre-departure support & preparation
- On-site orientations
- 24/7 on-site support
- Personal liability insurance





COURSE DISCIPLINES



APPLY

FIELDS OF STUDY

Students of all majors are encouraged to apply. Due to the cross-disciplinary nature of the classes, each course incorporates material from numerous fields.

- African Studies
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Business
- Economics
- Environmental Studies
- French
- Francophone Literature
- Gender Studies
- History
- International Business
- International Relations
- Literature
- Management
- Political Science
- Sociology
- Urban Studies
- Women's Studies

TESTIMONIALS

"APA FMS program and my experience served as a pivotal point in my academic and personal life." - Michelle J.L., Harvard review

"Living in three countries in one semester opened my perspective on global issues and gave me confidence to tackle challenges anywhere."

- Maria L., Class of '24

"On the academic front, I was advised by professors that if I wanted to study French colonization and post-colonization, studying in France would not suffice as I would need to explore the repercussions in the Maghreb and Western Africa. APA proposed a program where I would be able to do just that." - Harvard review, Gooverseas.com

"My language skills improved a lot and I overall gained confidence and independence." — Swarthmore review, Studyabroad101.com

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THE IDEAL APA STUDENT HAS:

- B1 French language level and up
(3-4+ semesters of French **or** equivalent)
- 3.0 GPA
- Sophomore, Junior, Senior standing & above

DEADLINES

- - **March 15** | fall semester
- - **October 15** | spring semester

DATES

- Fall 2026: **September 2 - December 20, 2026 (TBC)**
- Spring 2026: **January 7 - May 17, 2026**

SCHOLARSHIPS & NEED-BASED FUNDING AVAILABLE

TO REQUEST MORE INFORMATION:

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ABOUT APA

Academic Programs Abroad (APA) is a Paris-based higher education institution with 40 years of experience delivering academically rigorous, immersive programs rooted in French and Francophone cultures. Students from more than 80 U.S. colleges and universities study with APA in Paris, Dakar (Senegal), and Rabat (Morocco), supported by sustained faculty engagement and close on-site advising. APA programs are structured to align with partner-institution requirements and support credit recognition.



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