

FRANCE

Université Catholique de l'Ouest (UCO)



...ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- Available spring, summer, and fall
- French language program with easy transfer of credits
- Homestay with French families or live in a student residence
- Direct enrollment (You pay tuition to UCO)

...WHY ANGERS?

Angers is a city of 163,000 residents in the Loire Valley of France. It is 90 minutes from Paris by TGV high speed rail. Situated on the Maine River, the city is known for its renaissance architecture, remnants of its past as the capital of Anjou, a historical province in medieval times. Students can visit Angers Cathedral, numerous museums and galleries, and the Apocalypse Tapestry, the largest and oldest medieval tapestry known to date, housed in the Chateau d'Angers. Other sites to explore include medieval half-timbered buildings, parks and botanical gardens.

...STUDY AT UCO

One of the oldest universities in Western France, Université Catholique de l'Ouest (UCO) was established over 135 years ago and is home to more than 12,000 students. UCO is a multidisciplinary university with faculties in Education, Humanities, Sciences, Human and Social Sciences, and Theology and Religious Sciences. Although UCO is a private Catholic school, students of all backgrounds and faiths are welcome. This study abroad program is designed for students who are studying French language or who are already proficient in French. Students can either apply to take regular UCO courses with French students or take courses in French language and culture through the Centre International d'Etudes Francaises (CIDEF).

...ELIGIBILITY

- Undergraduate student
- Good academic standing (2.5 GPA)
- Must have studied at Chatham for one year prior to study abroad.

...APPLICATION DEADLINES AND PROGRAM DATES

SPRING 2026 TERM

Application Deadline	November 30, 2025
Entry Date	February 3, 2026

SUMMER 2026 TERM

Application Deadline	March 2026
Entry Date	Late June 2026

FALL 2026 TERM (TRIMESTER)

Application Deadline	May 31, 2026
Entry Date	Early October 2026

...ACADEMICS

The CIDEF offers coursework from Level A1 (Beginner) to Level C1 (Advanced). Soon after arrival, new students will take a placement test to place them in the correct level and the student's schedule will be finalized. Beginner students will take a set of language courses. Depending on the level, some courses are compulsory and there are some courses that students may choose. Students with A2 (Elementary) to C1 (Advanced) level will be able to select from French for specific purposes and cultural courses. See <https://www.cidef.uco.fr/navigation/academics/learning-french/yearly-courses/>.

Four-week summer courses are intensive language courses from A1 to C1 level, which aim to improve students' oral and written French skills (listening, reading comprehension, and composition), as well as knowledge of French grammar, vocabulary, and phonetics necessary for developing those skills. Language courses are complemented with oral skills classes in small groups and self-study with personal support from appropriate staff. See <https://www.cidef.uco.fr/navigation/academics/learning-french/summer-programmes/>.

B1 Competences Ecrites will fulfill the grammar and composition course requirement for students completing the French minor.

...STUDENT SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Learning French at CIDEF gives international students the opportunity to get involved in a vibrant campus life through numerous events and activities, or by joining clubs and organizations. Several events are organized throughout the year including campus events, events for charitable and humanitarian causes, and cultural and festive events. Students may choose to join one or more of the numerous clubs and organizations at UCO including vocal and instrumental music groups, theater, sports and religious based organizations.

CIDEF hosts an exchange program office that organizes events (for example, an "international evening"), sports, and cultural activities that are opportunities to meet with French students. CIDEF works with A.F.I.A. (Accueil familial international de l'Anjou), an organization that gives students the chance to meet with French families for a meal or a cup of tea and hone their speaking skills. CIDEF offers day trips as well as excursion packages for an additional fee. See <https://www.cidef.uco.fr/navigation/student-life/excursions/>.

...ACCOMMODATIONS

When applying for a CIDEF course, students may choose from several types of accommodation, whether in a student residence or with a local family in a homestay. Homestays include a room in a private home, and summer students can choose from options for the meals included at the homestay or on campus. Students in a homestay during the fall and spring term can choose to have kitchen access or kitchen access plus several meals prepared at the homestay. Students who prefer a room in a hall of residence may choose from three meals a day or lunch only on campus. See <https://www.cidef.uco.fr/navigation/about-us/accommodation/>

...TO APPLY

Apply at <https://services.uco.fr/cidef/cideformation/>.

...ESTIMATED COSTS

	SPRING 2026	SUMMER 2026 (4 WEEKS)	FALL 2026 (TRIMESTER)
Tuition & Fees	\$4,225	\$1,850	\$3,325
Housing	\$1,860-2,910	\$815-1,185	\$1,860-2,910
Additional Expenses	\$3,500-6,500	\$1,500-3,000	\$3,000-5,500
Approximate Total	\$9,585-13,635	\$4,165-6,035	\$8,185-11,735

Tuition and fees are an estimate and are subject to change. All tuition and housing fees and dates should be confirmed with the program. Tuition and housing shall be paid directly to UCO. "Additional Expenses" is an estimate for airfare, excursions, meals, books, insurance, and transportation. Students are responsible for all expenses.

Chatham is committed to being as transparent as possible with respect to our study abroad financial arrangements. Financial transactions and business dealings are fully disclosed. Foreign currencies can be converted at www.xe.com/currencyconverter/.

