



KIIS Paris-Munich Winter 2020-21

IDST 350: Cuisine & Culture in Paris and Munich

Credit Hours: 3

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Syllabus subject to change

This class is taught in English. No prior knowledge of French or German is necessary to take this class

Course description:

This interdisciplinary, English-language course will not only demonstrate how food is an integral part of France and Germany while showcasing their respective cultures, it will also contextualize American eating habits, gastronomic traditions, and the current trends that are shaping the food scene in the United States. At the most basic level, students will become more aware of similarities and differences between American and European culture; at a deeper level they will examine how American eating habits have been influenced by the immigrant experience and pivotal world events such as war, natural disaster, financial boom, and economic depression. Participants in such a program will also have the chance to explore global topics that include social justice, sustainability, famine, waste, food literacy, genetically modified organisms, the rise of the fast food nation, and the slow food movement. In learning about the food and traditions of these two countries in the heart of Europe, students will also gain a deeper comprehension of European culture in general while at the same time coming to better understand the modern and historical foods of the United States. Although topic-specific readings, in-class assignments, and research-centered projects will provide the framework for an integral portion of such a course, the bulk of student learning will arise from experiential knowledge gained from guided tours, hands-on activities, directed excursions, and site visits in the host countries. This class also aims to familiarize students with the characteristics of the cultural capitals of France and Germany, Paris and Munich.

Learning outcomes:

- Students will demonstrate understanding of key aspects of French and German culture through quizzes, essays, and class discussions
- Students will analyze Paris and Munich as “distinct cultures” through essays and class discussions
- Students will compare and contrast their own culture with that of Paris and Munich through journal entries and class discussions
- Students will explore a specific aspect of culture from Munich or Paris, to be presented as a final project to the class during the last week.

Required Text: TBD (Right now, we are putting together a PDF group of articles, texts, etc to be used. If you plan on doing the same, we could put them together)

Evaluation of students:

- 1) **PARTICIPATION (30%)** – Attendance to all classes and program activity is **MANDATORY!** There are no unexcused absences. Absences will be excused only with a doctor’s note and/or consultation with the program directors. All students are expected to come to class prepared, to participate in discussions, to answer questions (with and without being specifically called on), to ask questions.
- 2) **QUIZZES (10%)** – there will be daily quizzes during the program based on readings, information presented during class, class discussions, and regular activities.
- 3) **PLACE AS TEXT (40%)** – students will have daily activities that will use the cities of Paris and Munich as the text for this class. These activities will be used so that students become “student-experts” in the different area of study. As such, students will be asked to lead discussions, ask and answer questions, and actively exchanging ideas with their peers. They will be asked to provide daily reflections on their findings and show the evolution of their expertise through the program.
- 4) **END OF PROGRAM PROJECT (20%)** – Students will provide a research paper by the end of the program on a topic of their choice. The topic must be approved by the program directors.

Academic Offenses:

The maintenance of academic integrity is of fundamental importance to KIIS and our home institution, Western Kentucky University. Thus, it should be clearly understood that acts of plagiarism or any other form of cheating will not be tolerated and that anyone committing such acts risks punishment of a serious nature. A student who believes a faculty member has dealt unfairly with him/her in a course involving academic offenses such as plagiarism, cheating, or academic dishonesty, may seek relief through the Student Complaint procedure.

- **Academic Dishonesty** – Students who commit any act of academic dishonesty may receive from the instructor a failing grade in that portion of the coursework in which the act is detected or a failing grade in the course without possibility of withdrawal. The faculty member may also present the case to the Office of Judicial Affairs for disciplinary sanctions.
- **Cheating** – No student shall receive or give assistance not authorized by the instructor in taking an examination or in the preparation of an essay, laboratory report, problem assignment, or other project that is submitted for purposes of grade determination.

- **Plagiarism** – To represent written work taken from another source as one’s own is plagiarism. Plagiarism is a serious offense. The academic work of a student must be his/her own. One must give any author credit for source material borrowed from him/her. To lift content directly from a source without giving credit is a flagrant act. To present a borrowed passage without reference to the source after having changed a few words is also plagiarism.
- (2016 - 17 WKU undergraduate catalog - p. 34)

Changes Disclosure:

The included schedule of class assignments and events is tentative and subject to change. Any changes announced during the program supersede the contents of this outline. When possible, two days’ notice will be given when a date for a graded assignment is changed. It is ***always*** the student’s responsibility to keep abreast of changes to the syllabus.

- December 26:** *Departure from the US*
- December 27:** *Arrival in Munich*
Munich walking tour
Lunch/Market scavenger hunt
- December 28:** Bread and bakeries activities
Lunch/Historical eateries outing
- December 29:** Small group excursions to Füssen
Tour Neuschwanstein Castle
Lunch in local *Gasthaus*
- December 30:** Bioladen/Organic markets activity
Lunch/Café culture and Bavarian specialties exercise
- December 31:** Fast food in Germany
Ethnic foods
- January 1:** *Travel to Paris*
Paris walking tour
- January 2:** Bakery activity
Neighborhood food study
Food at the FIAP/Industrial Food
Wine Tasting

- January 3:** Visit of Versailles market
Tour of the Palace of Versailles, its grounds and its farm
- January 4:** Farmers market
Lunch/Using local product
Café culture
- January 5:** Fast Food – Ethnic food in France
Meeting local producers
- January 6:** *Departure from Paris/Return to USA*

Attendance Policy:

KIIS program participants are expected to be punctual to and in attendance at all classes, presentations, meetings and required excursions, and to remain with the program for the full academic period. Unexcused absences from classes and/or mandatory meetings will result in a lowering of the student’s final grade, as will excessive tardiness. Multiple unexcused absences could result in expulsion from the program. Any absence from an academic class session must be excused for medical reasons.

Disability Accommodation:

KIIS will make every reasonable effort to provide accommodations for program participants with special needs or disabilities, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Be aware that many foreign countries do not have comprehensive legislation comparable to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). As a result, businesses and other establishments operating in foreign countries may not be able to provide accommodations.

If you have a disability accommodation need, we recommend you contact your KIIS Campus Representative, <https://www.kiis.org/about-kiis/contact-us/campus-representatives/> early in your program selection process so that s/he has time to discuss any specific needs, including which KIIS programs may be best suited. You also are welcome to contact KIIS Assistant Director, Maria Canning, maria.canning@wku.edu, to discuss your disability accommodation needs (e.g. housing, transportation, excursions, class schedule, etc.).

Immediately after acceptance, notify KIIS Assistant Director, Maria Canning, or KIIS Office Manager, Haley McTaggart, haley.mctaggart@wku.edu, if you have a special need or disability that might require any form of accommodation abroad. Failure to notify KIIS may prevent you from participating on your KIIS program.

If you require any accommodations abroad, you must provide KIIS Assistant Director, Maria Canning, or KIIS Office Manager, Haley McTaggart, an accommodation letter from your home

campus' disability accommodation office that lists the accommodations you are eligible to receive. Please do not request accommodations directly from your KIIS Program Director or other KIIS Faculty; the KIIS Office will notify your KIIS Program Director and/or Faculty after we have received your above accommodation letter.

In some cases, you may need to make arrangements for a caregiver to join you on your KIIS program, should your physician, campus disability accommodation office, or KIIS make such a recommendation or require it.

Title IX / Discrimination & Harassment:

Recent attention to gender discrimination and sexual harassment at colleges and universities reminds us of the importance of adhering to standards of ethical and professional behavior. KIIS Study Abroad is committed to supporting and encouraging safe and equitable educational environments for our students, faculty, and program directors. Students, faculty, and program directors are required to be civil and treat each other with dignity and respect. As such, harassment and/or discrimination of any kind will not be permitted or tolerated.

Sexual misconduct (sexual harassment, sexual assault, and sexual/dating/domestic violence) and sex discrimination are violations of KIIS policies. If you experience an incident of sex/gender-based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct, you are encouraged to report it to a) KIIS Assistant Director Maria Canning (+1-859-200-1000) or KIIS Executive Director, John Dizgun (+1-270-227-2288), b) WKU's Title IX Coordinator, Andrea Anderson (270-745-5398 / andrea.anderson@wku.edu) or WKU's Title IX Investigators, Michael Crowe (270-745-5429 / michael.crowe@wku.edu) or Joshua Hayes (270-745-5121 / joshua.hayes@wku.edu). Please note that while you may report an incident of sex/gender based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct to a KIIS program director and/or faculty member, KIIS program directors and faculty are considered "Responsible Employees" of Western Kentucky University and MUST report what you share to WKU's Title IX Coordinator or Title IX Investigator.

If you would like to speak with someone who may be able to afford you confidentiality, you may contact WKU's Counseling and Testing Center, <https://www.wku.edu/heretohelp/> at 270-745-3159.

For more information on KIIS Title IX, see <https://www.kiis.org/students/health-safety/title-ix-clery/>; additional Title IX resources can be found here <https://www.wku.edu/eoo/documents/titleix/titleixbrochure.pdf>.

Everyone should be able to participate on a KIIS program, attend a KIIS event, or work in a KIIS environment (e.g. KIIS office) without fear of sexual harassment or discrimination of any kind. Be respectful of each other.