

Grenoble, France

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Program: Intensive French Language and Culture,
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Majors: International Studies and Communication

Earning the Language Immersion Badge:



During my five week program in Grenoble, I took a French grammar class, civilization class, and speaking class, all of which helped me to improve and develop my French language skills. All aspects of my classes were in French, from our daily

assignments to our conversations with our friends and our professor. Although at times it was of course challenging to not be able to speak a word of English, it was a great way for me to improve my speaking skills in an environment where I was surrounded by the language I was studying. I was able to apply everything I was learning in class to my daily life in Grenoble, whether it was ordering food in the city or talking about my day with my host family. By being able to learn French in a classroom setting and then practice it with everyone around me I became more comfortable speaking the language and it became more natural to me. Living with a host family was also a big part of earning the language immersion badge for me because it was an opportunity to continue learning about the French language and culture outside of my classes. I got to practice my conversational skills and also learn more about French culture.

Transferable Skills:

I am using the skills that I learned during my program to continue working on courses for my French minor and to build on my language skills. I am also using the skills I developed during my time abroad in my international studies classes and my communication classes as I learn about different countries and cultures around the world. Having the

experience of living in a different culture than my own will help me to work with people from different backgrounds which is useful in both my majors and will be important in my future career. It is also a useful skill at my current work at the International Admissions Office at the U.



“My program in Grenoble gave me the opportunity to be immersed in a culture and language that I have been studying for years and to practice and expand on all areas of my French language skills. It allowed me to use everything I have studied to experience a completely new and exciting culture.”