

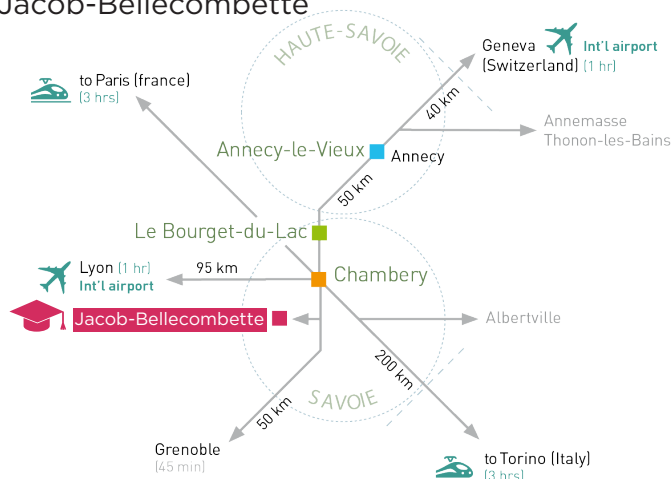
LEGAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STUDIES

INTERNATIONAL SEMESTERS AT UNIVERSITE SAVOIE MONT BLANC

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Basic knowledge in law, political sciences or history
- B1 level in English at least, B2 recommended

LOCATION: Chambéry / Jacob-Bellecombette



PRESENTATION

Students can decide to take a major in law or a major in social studies. The program covers a variety of undergraduate and postgraduate courses, mostly in law, economics and British and American social studies:

- Introduction to French law
- Introduction to Anglo-American Law
- The United Kingdom and the European Union
- Globalization and Emerging Countries
- 19th Century American History
- Introduction to American Institutions and Politics or British and Irish History
- American History and Society
- The Philanthropic American Tradition
- Cross-Cultural Negotiation

A number of courses in French are also provided:

- Crash Course in French
- French Proficiency Course
- French Grammar
- Translation (French to English)

Choose between:

Major in law

+ all courses are mandatory, choose 2 out of 5 courses

Major in social studies

+ all courses are mandatory, choose 2 out of 5 courses

TIME SCHEDULE

- Students are expected to spend an average of 20 hours per week in the classroom
- From early September to late December

FURTHER INFORMATION

International students on the program will attend classes along with law students and language students. Courses are taught by lecturers and professors from the Law Faculty and from the Faculty of Humanities. Tailored for international students, this program offers a unique academic experience in the French Alps.



DETAILED LIST OF COURSES



INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH LAW ♦ 4 ECTS

🎓 Course description / Learning Outcomes:

- Basic knowledge on the French legal system
- Understanding the differences between common law and civil law systems

📋 Program:

- French legal concepts, the Napoleon Code, the 1958 constitution
- The French Court system
- The sources of law in France

🕒 Course organization:

- 30 hours of teaching (lectures) and 20 hours of seminars
- 45 hours of personal work

✍️ Assessment:

- 50% final exam (written)
- 2 assessments

THE EU AND THE UK ♦ 4 ECTS

🎓 Course description / Learning Outcomes:

- Understanding the functioning of the EU and the UK's place in this specific context

📋 Program:

- The history of the adhesion of UK to EU
- The struggle between primacy of EU Law and the UK parliamentary sovereignty
- The specific opts out from UK
- The decision to leave EU (Brexit)

🕒 Course organization:

- 30 hours of teaching (lectures) and 20 hours of seminars
- 45 hours of personal work

✍️ Assessment:

- 50% final exam (written)
- 2 assessments

GLOBALIZATION AND EMERGING COUNTRIES ♦ 4 ECTS

🎓 Course description / Learning Outcomes:

- The "new mapping of the world"
- New technologies and acceleration of innovations
- From geopolitical issues towards geo-economical issues
- Unequal competition and weaknesses of the international regulation

📋 Program:

- The nature of «Globalization»: plural and asymmetrical
- Emerging countries: definition, strengths and weaknesses
- New challenges for the advanced countries
- What future for the nation-States in a multi-polar world?
- Case studies of some major emerging countries
- Some opportunities for the developing countries
- Poverty reduction and more inequalities
- The role of International Organizations

🕒 Course organization:

- 30 hours of teaching (lectures) and 20 hours of seminars
- 45 hours of personal work

✍️ Assessment:

- 50% final exam (written)
- 2 assessments





INTRODUCTION TO ANGLO-AMERICAN LAW

• 4 ECTS

Course description / Learning Outcomes:

- Basic knowledge on the Common law system
- Understanding the differences between common law and civil law systems

Program:

- The nature of the constitution
- The principle of parliamentary sovereignty
- Common law and precedent
- The sources of law in the UK

Course organization:

- 30 hours of teaching (lectures) and 20 hours of seminars
- 45 hours of personal work

Assessment:

- 50% final exam (written)
- 2 assessments

INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN STUDIES: 19TH CENTURY AMERICAN HISTORY

• 4 ECTS

Course description / Learning Outcomes:

- Understanding the history of the United States up to the 1900
- Understanding related documents

Program:

- The Founding of the United States
- Territorial expansion
- Federal policies towards Native-Americans
- Sectional conflict and the Civil War
- Post-bellum economic and social change
- Overseas Expansion

Course organization:

- 12 hours of lecture + 12 hours of tutorial classes
- 25 to 40 hours of personal work

Assessment:

- 100% final exam (written)

ADVANCED AMERICAN STUDIES: INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS AND POLITICS

• 4 ECTS

Course description / Learning Outcomes:

- Understanding the federal institutions of the United States and other key elements of contemporary American political life

Program:

- The spirit of federal institutions: the Founders' political philosophy
- The three branches
- The rise of the executive branch and debates on « the imperial presidency »
- The history of the two-party system and current parties
- The history of franchise and current voting behavior
- Important contemporary political issues

Course organization:

- 24 hours (lecture)
- 24 hours of personal work

Assessment:

- 100% final exam (written)

BRITISH AND IRISH HISTORY ♦ 4 ECTS

Course description / Learning Outcomes:

- Focusing on British politics in the late 20th and early 21st centuries
- Understanding how the past five decades have shaped present-day British politics

Program:

- General survey of UK politics
- Crises in the 1960s and 1970s (including a case study on the Troubles in Northern Ireland)
- The rise and fall of Margaret Thatcher and the Conservatives
- The legacy of Tony Blair and New Labour
- The legacy of David Cameron (case study on the rise of nationalism in the UK)

Course organization:

- 12 one-hour lectures
- 12 one-hour tutorials/seminars

Assessment:

- 100% final exam (written)

AMERICAN HISTORY AND SOCIETY ♦ 3 ECTS

Course description / Learning Outcomes:

- Understanding the forces that have shaped the USA and learning its history from the turn of the 20th century to the Vietnam war to better grasp today's stakes.

Program:

- Immigration, industrialization and urbanization in the US from its birth to the 21st century
- The Spanish-American War
- The Progressive Era, Theodore Roosevelt's presidency, Prohibition
- Woodrow Wilson and World War I,
- The Great Depression, Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal
- World War II
- The Cold War
- The Civil Rights Movement
- The Vietnam war

Course organization:

- 22 hours of teaching
- 15 hours of personal work

Assessment:

- 100% final exam (written)

THE PHILANTHROPIC AMERICAN TRADITION ♦ 3 ECTS

Course description / Learning Outcomes:

- Learning the historical background to understand today's stakes and debates, analyzing one's personal reactions to today's trends and learning the linguistic background required to discuss the topic.

Program:

- The origins of the American philanthropic tradition in brief
- The future of philanthropy: crowdfunding, youth giving...
- Philanthropy questioned
- Minorities and philanthropy

Course organization:

- 20 hours of teaching
- 20 hours of personal work

Assessment:

- 100% final exam (written)



CROSS-CULTURAL NEGOTIATION • 3 ECTS

Course description / Learning Outcomes:

- Understanding the issues and possible misunderstandings that can arise during intercultural negotiations
- Preparing a cross-cultural negotiation

Program:

- What is cross-cultural negotiation
- Cultural codes in international negotiations
- How to prepare intercultural negotiations

Course organization:

- 14 hours of teaching
- 8 hours of personal work

Assessment:

- 100% final exam (written)

FRENCH GRAMMAR • 3 ECTS

Course description / Learning Outcomes:

- Improving written French and grammar
- Consolidating the knowledge of spoken French

Program:

- French grammar and its difficulties
- French syntax
- Vocabulary

Course organization:

- 20 hours of teaching
- 15 hours of personal work

Assessment:

- 100% final exam (written)

FRENCH TO ENGLISH TRANSLATION • 2 ECTS

Course description / Learning Outcomes:

- Translation of French press articles into English
- Learning how to produce an accurate and idiomatic written translation of contemporary French texts
- Comparative analysis of the use of verbal tenses and of syntactic structure in the two languages

Program:

- A variety of press articles focusing on current political, economic, social, cultural and scientific issues in France, in English-speaking countries and throughout the world.

Course organization:

- 12 hours of teaching
- 12 hours of personal work

Assessment:

- 100% final exam (written)



INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION 1 ECTS

Course description / Learning Outcomes:

- Understanding the international and intercultural communication issues while developing operational skills
- Using the main communication techniques and tools

Program:

- Communication strategies: symbols, objects, trends, professions...
- Communication and public relations in intercultural and international contexts
- Cross canal communication, adaptation/standardization
- Brand strategies, advertising, digital communication, media...

Course organization:

- 12 hours of teaching
- 12 hours of personal work

Assessment:

- 100% continuous assessment (2 oral evaluations, 50% each)

SECOND FOREIGN LANGUAGE 2 ECTS

Course description / Learning Outcomes:

- Learning and usage of languages as a means to facilitate international communication, in groups corresponding to the Common Reference Levels of the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)
- Languages on offer: Spanish (A0 to C2), Italian (A0 to C2), German A0 to C1), Arab (A0 to B1), Chinese (A0 to A2)

Program:

- Improving proficiency in the five skills of the CEFR: listening, reading, spoken interaction, spoken production, writing.

Course organization:

- 20 hours of teaching (10 x 2 hours)
- 15 hours of personal work

Assessment:

- 100% continuous assessment (written and oral)

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