ABOUT THE PROGRAM
The France Program is located at The Center International d’Études Françaises (CIDEF) at the Université Catholique de l’Ouest in Angers, France.
The program coincides roughly with the dates of the Aquinas College Spring semester (February-June).

ELIGIBILITY
Participants must be full-time students of at least sophomore status and have completed FH 201 or its test equivalent. Participants must also be open to the cross-cultural experience and living with French families, and be in good academic and disciplinary standing.

ACADEMICS
Upon arrival, students will take a placement exam. Students will participate in classes focused on French language and culture. Additional electives may be offered in the following fields: translation, art, history, theatre, music, philosophy, literature, economics, etc.
“I would not take back my experience studying abroad in France for anything. You can not imagine how much a different culture, new people, and living in another country will change you and impact your life until you have the experience yourself. I discovered a different side of myself that I didn’t know I had. I fell in love with Angers and the university, the French food, and the culture. I fell in love with the people and my host family. In the end, I was in love with France. I was able to immerse myself into the culture and the language to improve my French and get the full experience. Upon returning to the United States, I had gained more cultural richness than I would have been able to get in just the classroom as well as a new family in France. When you are young, studying abroad and traveling is a wonderful opportunity that I highly encourage to everyone, especially to France, for French majors and minors!”

–Victoria Krowlikowski
France Alumnus 2012

“I had the time of my life in France. Everyone said that it was going to be a country of smelly, rude drunks who are snooty and selfish. They couldn’t be more wrong. From the moment leaving the plane, I was met with overwhelming hospitality, exquisite architecture, and unforgettable meals. Making the decision to pick up and leave for four months was the best. I had a great host family who invited me to come back whenever I want and I made lasting friendships with native French and international students alike, all while improving my command of the language. I plan to go back to France for graduate school—that is how much it impacted me. I know studying abroad in France will have a positive impact on anyone who is willing to immerse themselves as well.”

–Kenneth Ford
France Alumnus 2013

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COST
Aquinas Spring semester full-time tuition + $7000 estimated program fee (program fees will be confirmed on acceptance letters).

PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES:
• Housing for duration of program
• Academic materials and excursions through CIDEF
• Round-Trip airfare from Grand Rapids
• Int’l Student ID with medical and travel insurance

OTHER COSTS
Board, passport, and visa; personal spending on gifts, food, travel, etc.