What Is FRE 207F?

FRE207F is an intensive, four-week language immersion program which will be taught at IS Aix-en-Provence, an Institute specializing in the teaching of French as a foreign language. IS provides 15 hours/week of classroom instruction, oriented primarily towards oral comprehension and expression. In addition, students attend classes, taught by the resident Princeton faculty member, that focus on reading and writing skills. Students will also participate in cultural activities related to the course contents. Program participants lodge with French families in the area and are provided with dinner en famille as well as breakfast. All participants sign an honor pledge to speak only French at all times throughout the duration of the course. In all, FRE207F provides an outstanding opportunity for total immersion in French language and culture and for rapid acquisition of higher-level language skills.

Where?

IS Aix-en-Provence is housed in a former private mansion, located close to the town center “vieux ville”, with its cobbled streets, numerous fountains, thriving markets and vibrant café life. Once the capital of old Provence, Aix is one of the most beautiful towns in the South of France, which has retained much of its typical “provençal” ambience. It is also a cosmopolitan city of art and culture, which offers an amazing array of activities, and hosts a lively student community, with over 30,000 students. Visit www.is-aix.com (link is external) to see more of the Institute and its surroundings.

Circled by the hills immortalized by Cézanne’s paintings, Aix is well connected to many places of natural, cultural and historical interest. Marseille and the beautiful “Calanques” of Cassis (rocky sea inlets) are only 30 minutes away, Avignon, Arles and the picturesque villages of Luberon can be reached in less than one hour, and the Riviera in less than two. The TGV (Train à Grande Vitesse) links Aix to Paris in 2 hours and 40 minutes, and Marseille’s international airport is only 30 minutes away.

Who is eligible?

Students who have completed FRE 102-7, 107 or 108 by the end of the academic year.