*What type of student should go on this program (ex: personality traits, major, etc)?*  
Open minded people who are willing to learn about other peoples points of view etc. Regardless of what your personality or major is students should participate in a study abroad program.

**Instructors**
- What were they like when compared to UCSB instructors?  
The instructors were very similar to UCSB instructors. They held office hours and engaged in their students learning. Unlike UCSB, courses were taught in a much more personal setting.
  - Could you call them by their first names?  
Yes
  - Was the student/instructor relationship more formal than at UCSB?  
The student/ instructor relationship was much less formal
  - Were they available for help during office hours?  
They were available always.

**Courses**
- Were the courses more difficult when compared to UCSB courses?  
My program in particular was more difficult because it was an “intensive” course, worth double the units.
  - Was the grading system similar to UCSB?  
Yes the grading system was similar to that of UCSB.
  - How did the course structure differ? Ex) did you have many assigments or just final  
I had assignments everyday, midterm, and a final.
  - Did you have oral and/or written exams?  
Yes, both.
  - Was the final exam schedule flexible or inflexible?  
The final exam was flexible.
  - What kind of academic support, if any, did you receive?  
There was a lot of staff and academic support i.e (office hours, extra help)
  - Did you find you needed to be more independent and take more initiative abroad?  
Yes, much more independent.
  - Was classroom participation expected?  
Yes, it was part of my grade.
  - How were the host university courses different than UCSB courses?
Not that different. Most of the courses are taught by professors that are familiar to the UC system.

- Were classes usually on certain days/times and for how long?
Yes, Monday through Friday from 9-4pm

- What is the class culture like? How important was it to be punctual? Could you eat/drink in class? The class culture was similar to that of UCSB because my courses only had UC students. It was very important to be punctual and not eat in class.

Language
- In which languages were the courses offered?
French/English

- What language did you take your courses in?
  - French/English

- If you took your courses in a foreign language, please provide info about your overall experience, difficulty of courses, language acquisition, placement exams, etc.
Learning the language was difficult and frustrating, but ultimately I acquired a good understanding of the language.

Host University
- How large is the university? Student enrollment and approx campus size (smaller than UCSB)? Is it an urban campus with many tall buildings or just a few building?
The university was a UC extension and it was pretty small. Only about 60 students attended. The campus was located in the Bastille district, a pretty semi-urban setting with just a few buildings.

  - Do the local students live on campus, at home, or off campus?
I did not attend any of my courses with local students.

  - If not located in the city center,
    o How far or close is it to the city?
      It is located in the heart of Paris.
    o What type of public transportation could you take – cost?
      I took the metro, a very cheap mode of transportation.
    o Could students take cabs -cost?
      Students could take cabs, but its expensive.
    o How long would it take to get to the city center?
      About 15 minutes.

- Are there student clubs on campus that UC students could join?
No, only American students.

- Is there a bookstore on campus? Where did you get your books?
No, there is no bookstore on campus.

- Is there a computer lab on campus? Or, should students bring laptops?
Yes, there is a computer lab but students should bring laptops anyway because the internet is very slow.

- **What types of establishments are in the university’s neighborhood? (cafes, stores, etc)**

There is a pretty good nightlife in the Bastille. It is full of “hip” cafes and bars. There stores (i.e. supermarkets) that are perfect for students and their budgets.

**Housing**

- **What types of accommodations are available to UC students?**

Apartments or home stay

- **How close are they to campus?**

The apartments are about 10 minutes from campus and the home stay distance from and to campus varies.

- **How did you find your housing?**

I loved my apartment.

- **Where did you live and with whom?**

I lived by myself in the Bastille district.

- **If you lived off campus, was it difficult to find an apartment and roommate?**

The university found my housing for me.

- **Were the rooms nicer or not than I.V./UCSB dorms?**

The rooms were a little bit nicer than I.V/UCSB dorms.

- **Was it more expensive than living in I.V.? How much was a typical rent cost in US dollars?**

It was was expensive than living in I.V. The rent was around 2500 a month

- **How/who did you pay for housing?**

I paid the university.

**Food**

- **What was the food like?**

I was not too fond of the food. There was a lot of bread and cheese.

- **Where did you eat most of your meals? Cafeterias, restaurants, street vendors, etc?**

I ate most of my meals at home. I tried to only cook for myself.

- **How much was an average meal?**

The average meal was around 20 U.S dollars.

- **What time of day did people eat lunch/dinner?**

Lunch: 12-2pm, Dinner: 8-930pm

- **Would it be difficult for vegetarians to find meals?**

YESSSS
Travel/Safety
- If not discussed above, describe the public transportation system around your host university/city?

Metro
- Did you feel safe in your host city? Are there tips you would offer future students?

Yes, I felt safe 100% of the time.
- Describe the public transportation in your host country?
Metror (underground)
- Was it difficult/easy to travel to neighboring countries?
It was easy!

Host City/Country
- What was the weather like?

I went during the summer and it was pretty hot and at times humid.
- Describe your host city…which California/US city is it similar to (if any)?
My host city was similar to San Diego weather.

- What were some interesting/fun things that you did in the host city?

I always had picnics in front of the Eiffel tower and I saw the Picasso and Salvador Dali exhibits.
- How international was your host city in terms of tourism, cultural diversity, and international businesses?
My host city was one of the most international and diverse cities that I have ever been to.

Culture
- Describe the cultural differences that you observed/encountered.
  - Time & punctuality
    Not that important (always around 10 min late)
  - Eye contact & staring
    No eye contact or staring!
  - Relationships
    Relationships are usually not serious unless you are in your late twenties.
  - More formal dress in general, for women, for school, etc?
    In general, the women and men dress much more formal.
  - Alcohol consumption
    People drink to socialize, not to get drunk. The French look down upon obnoxious people.
  - What culture shock did you go through?
    None really….
  - Other?

Banking
- Were credit cards widely accepted?
  Bank of America

- Did you open a local bank account? Was it easy?
  No

- If you did not open a local bank account, was it easy to withdraw money from the ATM? Which banks were popular & had low ATM fees?

  Yes, there was an ATM machine near my house and it was really easy to withdraw money. The U.S bank that was most popular was Bank of America.

- Were there ATMs on campus? Yes