COURS DE CIVILISATION DE LA SORBONNE

All students take an intensive French language course offered through the Sorbonne. The entire course is divided into two sections – Grammar and Phonetics. The Cours de Civilisation classes focus on grammar, verb conjugation, spelling, vocabulary, written and spoken expression, and comprehension of literary texts. Once arriving in Paris, students will take a placement exam to ensure that they are in the correct level. There are five levels one can place into, which are outlined in the syllabus and vary by skill level. The grammar portion of this class is composed of individuals from all over the world, with classroom size averaging around 20 students. The final exam is composed of a written and oral evaluation. The phonetics portion of this class allows students to improve their pronunciation as well as their oral comprehension and expression skills. The phonetics courses are offered at six levels, varying by skill and one’s mother tongue. Phonetics classes take place daily every other week – for a total of four weeks – and last for an hour. There is regular evaluation of a student’s work and progress to guarantee success in both Grammar and Phonetics sections.