

Office of International Programs

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LA ROCHELLE, FRANCE – Spring Sem. (International Business School Exchange Program)

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Spring Semester: October 1 (Early Acceptance: April 1 of prior year)

WHO?

- You must must have completed French 203 (third-semester French). CBA students must have completed the Freshman/Sophomore core.
- You must be at least a sophomore; most CBA students will go as juniors.
- Your application must be approved by the Office of International Programs.
- CBA students: your application must be approved by the Dean of the College of Business Administration.
- Your application must be approved by the French section (this does not mean you must be a French major or minor!).
- You must have a 3.0 overall GPA to participate.

WHAT?

- Spring semester of study at La Rochelle International Business School, on France's Atlantic Coast. Courses, in both Business Administration and French as a foreign language, are conducted in French and in English.
- VU students work with the International Office at LRIBS to choose appropriate courses in various areas of Business Administration. Examples of courses you might take: Marketing, Intercultural Management, International Logistics, etc. The mix of courses to be taken in French and those to be taken in English will be determined according to the level of your proficiency in French.
- You will also take a course in French as a foreign language.
- Normally, students will register for a total of around 14 VU credits.
- All courses are considered to be VU credits. Courses may count toward General Education or toward some CBA electives or requirements. You will determine this in conjunction with your CBA academic advisor.

WHERE?

- La Rochelle International Business School (Groupe Sup de Co) is a private college of about 1600 students in the coastal city of La Rochelle.
- The city of La Rochelle, population 120,000, has a picturesque town center, along with the largest pleasure-boat marina in Europe. The modern LRIBS building is located a 20-minute walk from the old city center, in a newly-developed part of the city. It is next door to the EIGSI Engineering School (with which VU also has an exchange program) and five minutes' walk from the University of La Rochelle.

- The LRISB International Office will assist you in choosing one of a variety of housing options, from homestays to residence halls.

HOW?

- Consult with your French professor and your CBA advisor to find out if the La Rochelle program is right for you. You can't start planning too soon—as early as your freshman year.
- Fill out the application form in the Office of International Programs or from your French professor. Be sure to allow yourself enough time to gather all the documents required.

HOW MUCH?

- Tuition and General Fee: Students pay the same tuition and fees they would pay in Valparaiso. All VU study-abroad programs are considered "in residence," so all financial aid (except work-study and some 'on-campus' aid) applies.
- Room and Board: You pay the room fee charged by the LRIBS. Depending on your situation, you may do some cooking or have some meals with a homestay family.
- Study Abroad Fee: Each student who studies in La Rochelle pays an additional study abroad fee, which is used to cover administrative costs.
- Spending Money: Count on spending at least as much as you do in Valpo for miscellaneous items; then add on for any travel you might plan. Expenses such as these are difficult to estimate because they will be different for each student. It is also important to take the current dollar-euro exchange rate into account.

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