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Partner University Exchange

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

FAST FACTS

- **Exchange levels:**
undergraduate,
graduate
- **Language of instruction:** French
- **Language Requirement:** Two years college-level French prior to exchange
- **University website:**
www.univ-ag.fr
- **Length of exchange:** semester or academic year

GUADELOUPE,
MARTINIQUE, AND
FRENCH GUIANA AT
A GLANCE

Populations:

Pointe-à-Pitre: 171,773
Cayenne: 41,000
Schœlcher: 20,845

Climate:

Tropical climate, hot and humid with a rainy season from July to November

Pointe-à-Pitre to:

Cayenne: 3 hours
(by plane)
Schœlcher: 4 hours
(by boat)

Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, Guadeloupe

Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, Guadeloupe (UAG), though part of the French University System, is located 7,000 kilometers away from Europe with campuses in three different locations: Guadeloupe, an archipelago in the Caribbean Sea, has a campus that enrolls over 6,000 students, Martinique, an island of the Lesser Antilles, enrolls close to 5,600 students, and French Guiana, in northern South America, enrolls less than 2,000 students. Travel between campuses is possible via boat or plane, though students must choose one campus and enroll in all their classes there.

Academics

The language of instruction at UAG is French. Students can take courses in French literature,

history, foreign languages, biology, chemistry, computer science, geology, math, medical studies, physical education, physics, Tropical environment, economics, and law. Intensive French courses can be taken for an additional fee.

Housing & Meals

UAG does not provide housing for exchange students, though they do provide a place for students to stay for two weeks while apartment searching. Many students rent a flat from private residents. Check for cooking facilities in the flats before renting, if they are desired, otherwise meals may be purchased at cafes on campus.

Cost Information

Students pay their regular tuition

to UM and their room and board at UAG. Housing costs are approximately 120-300 EUR per month. A meal on campus is 3EUR. A student visa to study at UAG costs US\$50. Residents of Montana will need to travel to the French Consulate in San Francisco to apply for their visa. UM financial aid can apply towards tuition, living and travel expenses while on this program.

Credit Transfer

Students will register for classes upon arrival at UAG. The minimum full-time course load is 30 UAG credits per semester.

Program Dates

Semester 1: late September to mid January
Semester 2: early February to mid June

Guadeloupe, Martinique, and French Guiana

Guadeloupe:

Guadeloupe offers a fascinating blend of French colonial and Caribbean cultures, forming their own unique Creole culture. The islands have beautiful white sandy beaches, as well as volcanic mountainous terrain, making for great surfing, hiking, climbing, biking, and deep sea diving. TIAA's campus is in the city of Pointe-à-Pitre, the biggest city in Guadeloupe. Early morning

explorers will find a vibrantly colorful scene at the outdoor markets, where stalls sell the islands main exports of bananas, sugar cane, cocoa, and coffee.

Martinique:

Home to the infamous Mt. Pelee, Martinique is also a part of the Overseas Department of France. Today its diverse population, coming from Africa, Asia, and Europe, are part of a proud local

culture. TIAA's campus is in Schœlcher, outside of the main port city Fort-du-France.

French Guiana:

Located in northern South America with a tropical forest ecosystem, French Guiana is home to TIAA's third campus. The campus is located in Cayenne, a city famous for its Carnival celebrations that last from New Years to Mardi Gras.