Practical Information for Paris, France
May 28 – June 12 (2017)

Please find below practical information for the Paris 2-week part of the course. An organizational meeting will take place in early February for all enrolled students. Travel prices can be very fluid. Consider the prices given below as approximate estimates. **Students must arrive in Paris by May 28th.**

**Transportation**
Roundtrip airfare LAX-CDG (Charles DeGaulle Airport) typically runs between $1200 to $1600. Participants purchase 2 weekly Paris metro passes ($30/ea) for local transportation. Uber/taxi service is also available in Paris.

**Lodging**
Students will be housed at the Cité Universitaire located in the 14th arrondissement in the south of Paris. Pending confirmation; see http://www.ciup.fr/en/home/living/the-residences-2-28326/ for more information.

**Meals**
There will be a welcome to Paris dinner the night before our first class, as well as a farewell dinner in Paris to wrap up our session. These dinners are included in the program fees. Students get all other meals on their own.

**Special Events**
We will seek out special events and workshops that feature hip hop culture during our stay. Students should be prepared to attend four or five extra evening events, with admission prices ranging between $15 to $40.

**Health and Safety**
The Office of Overseas Studies in the Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at the University of Southern California urges students and parents to stay informed of conditions that may affect the health and safety of USC students abroad. Traveling and living in a foreign country always have their elements of risk. In study abroad as in other settings, students’ own decisions and behaviors can have a major impact on their own health and safety. There are many resources available to help students and parents better understand risks associated with traveling and living in foreign countries as well as precautions that can be taken. To aid students and parents in their consideration of potential health and safety risks, we have put together some information and provided links to readily accessible web sites that address issues of health and safety while abroad: https://dornsife.usc.edu/health-and-safety/.

**Insurance and International SOS**
All USC students are required to have sufficient health and accident insurance protection during their study abroad program. Study abroad students are not allowed to waive out of USC-provided insurance. To ensure proper coverage, all students going abroad must enroll in either the USC Overseas Policy or the USC Student Health Insurance Plan for the time they are abroad. There is no deductible. However, these insurance policies work on a reimbursement system, which means you will generally be expected to pay for your medical care and prescriptions out of pocket and then file a claim for reimbursement. When you submit a claim, you need to attach all of your receipts for payment. If your receipts are not in US dollars, you must also submit exchange rate information. If you do not have enough money to pay for service out of pocket, you can call International SOS to request guarantee of payment to the health service provider. Both types of USC health insurance include International SOS coverage. International SOS is a company that is on call to provide worldwide assistance 24 hours a day. International SOS coverage includes referrals to physicians, dentists, psychologists, clinics, and hospitals; medical evacuation; repatriation; and a range of other services. Students should receive an International SOS card prior to studying overseas.

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