TXA PARIS 2019
French Fashion: History & Techniques

Applications due: November 20th 2018

“<i>A walk in Paris will provide lessons in history, beauty and in the point of life.”</i>

Thomas Jefferson

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- Classes held at the Paris College of Art in the 10th arrondissement
- Classroom lectures, work in the atelier and research in the city
- Shared apartments (4 students) equipped with kitchen and laundry facilities
- 3-credit course as a UT elective
- Museum visits include: Musée des Arts Décoratifs, Fondation Louis Vuitton, Musée Yves Saint Laurent, Musée Pierre Cardin, Fondation Azzedine Alaïa, and more
- Weekly shared dinners
- Opening and closing soirées in Paris bistro
**French Fashion: History & Techniques**

**TXA PARIS 2019** is a 4-week Maymester of study based in Paris, France, for students in the Division of Textiles and Apparel. Through daily life in a global community to studying and working in a Parisian atelier, the students will experience the ultimate immersion in a foreign culture. Emphasis on design, merchandising and textile production will be explored through museum exhibits, tours of artisanal studios and individual research projects. The small, well-rounded group of 12-15 students will have the opportunity to travel on 2 overnight trips outside of Paris: first, to Granville in Normandy, to visit the childhood home of Christian Dior as well as the Medieval fortress of Mont Saint Michel, and then, to Marrakech, Morocco for 4 days where we will explore the traditional artisans of the souks and visit the Musée Yves Saint-Laurent.

**Program Director:** Gail Chovan is an Assistant Professor of Instruction in the Division of Textiles and Apparel at UT Austin as well as an independent clothing designer and installation artist. Her work has been featured in shows in Austin, in Marfa, Texas at El Cosmico and in Paris, France at the Eva Hober Gallery and the Galerie Virginie Louvet during Fashion Week. A fluent French speaker, she studied and worked in France for over a decade with degrees obtained from the Université de Paris III and ESMOD. For the past 10 years, she has taught students in Fashion Design in summer programs at the Sorbonne and at the Paris College of Art. She is currently working towards an MLA in Museum Studies through Harvard University.

**BUDGET**

**TOTAL: $5400**

Includes:

- Program fee: Paris College of Art classrooms & ateliers
- Entrance to museums & tours, visits to designer & artisan ateliers, and guest speakers
- 2 overnight trips (travel, tours, dinners & hotel): *Granville/Mont Saint Michel (2 days)*
  *Marrakech, Morocco (4 days)*
- In-class supplies
- Lodging in fully-equipped apartments
- Local transportation
- 4 weekly dinners: with Opening & Closing Dinners in a restaurant

**NOT INCLUDED:**

- Passport
- Insurance
- Personal spending
- Daily Meals
# TXA PARIS 2019

**FRENCH FASHION: HISTORY & TECHNIQUES**

**MAYMESTER 2019 APPLICATION – JUNE 2-29, 2019**

**DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 20TH, 2018**

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Acknowledgment Form

Below are a series of expectations and guidelines related to the TXA Paris Maymester 2019 course (TXAParis). Please read and initial each to indicate that you both understand and agree to follow. If you have any questions or concerns related to these statements, speak with the TXAP representative prior to signing the form.

ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSION

__________ Thank you for applying to the TXA Paris Maymester: French Fashion, History & Techniques! As always, we are excited about the program and greatly look forward to working with the 2019 student cohort. Students secure a place in the program upon paying the $75 Application fee upon acceptance and then the initial $500 deposit and fulfilling the other requirements listed below. (Your UT-Austin account: i.e., “What I Owe” page, will be billed for the deposit upon submission of this application).

We have room for 15 students this year. This program will have a waitlist in the event that additional spots open after the application period.

__________ All admitted students must be in good academic standing before the departure of this trip. They cannot be on academic probation.

__________ Students must be 18 years of age at time of departure to participate in the program.

__________ Upon application, your name will be submitted to the Office of the Dean of Students for a disciplinary check. The University reserves the right to interview the student during the application process and to deny acceptance to any applicant for any reason the University determines to be material to the applicant’s qualifications. Additionally, the University reserves the right to revoke acceptance at any time.

__________ The Study Abroad Office assesses a $75 non-refundable application fee of all study abroad participants, including TXAParis students; the fee will be forfeited if you withdraw from or are denied acceptance to the program. The Study Abroad Office will bill you for this fee upon acceptance of your application.

__________ Meeting the minimum application requirements does not guarantee acceptance. An applicant’s total educational and disciplinary record, professional attitude, level of preparedness and interpersonal maturity, advisor recommendations, and personal preparation may be considered in the enrollment process.

__________ An essay is required in order to submit your application.

- Essay overview:
  - What are your academic goals?
  - How will studying on this specific course complement these goals? (Please consider both the content and locations of the program’s course)
  - What are your personal and professional goals? How will studying on this specific program complement these goals?
  - No more than 500 words.
  - The audience is the faculty director, teaching assistant and program coordinator.
  - Avoid general statements like, “I want to study abroad to broaden my horizons.”
o Make connections to the program locations and course content.
o Address your motivation, goals and preparedness to study abroad.
o Focus on specific examples to illustrate your essay’s points.
o Utilize the Undergraduate Writing Center or the UT Learning Center.
o Type the essays in a word processing program (e.g. Microsoft Word), then copy and paste them into the online application.

FEES AND FUNDING

__________ TXAParis fees for 2019 are $5,400 per student. This covers the program fee, room and board in a Paris apartment, chartered travel for 2 overnight trips & lodging (Normandy & Marrakech), entrance fees for all museum visits & program trips, class supplies, an opening dinner & closing dinner in restaurants and one weekly student prepared dinner. Program fees do not include airfare to/from Paris, passport fees, personal items & spending, health insurance for the program’s duration, personal meals, and any independent travel expenses. Your Maymester tuition is covered under your Spring 2019 tuition fees!

__________ In terms of health insurance, all UT-Austin students studying abroad are required to participate in the International Insurance Coverage Program, as described on the Study Abroad Office website: http://world.utexas.edu/abroad/health/insurance

__________ Students are responsible for securing study abroad funding. To that end, it is critical that each student take the time to research funding opportunities and ensure that they understand policies/procedures/deadlines related to Maymester financial aid for study abroad, including availability of funds. If you plan to use financial aid to fund a portion of TXAParis, you are required to meet with your financial aid counselor to discuss study abroad and financial aid. The financial aid reward is considered to be a part of the spring semester.

__________ If you are receiving financial aid or external scholarships, be sure to enroll in the minimum number of spring hours required to remain eligible for that aid or scholarship. Also keep in mind that funds will be disbursed according to the schedule established by the donor. UT-Austin financial aid typically does not arrive until second session classes begin, meaning that you'll need to craft a plan for meeting expenses incurred prior to that.

__________ TXAParis fee installments are due according to the schedule below. If you withdraw from TXAParis after March 1st, 2019, you will not be entitled to a refund of any fees spent on your behalf.

• November 20th: Application due (Notification: November 28th and charged $75 upon acceptance through the International Office.)
  • December 5th: $500 deposit due (non-refundable)
    • March 1st, 2019: $2500 payment
    • April 1st, 2019: $2400 final payment

__________ When it comes to study abroad funding, it is the proverbial early bird that catches the worm. Plan now! A missed scholarship deadline or a misunderstanding about a policy can be incredibly costly, leaving you wilting in the Texas heat, rather than delighting in the “relatively” cool, crisp, French summer air – well, sometimes it does get hot over there.
OTHER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

___________ E-mail is the primary means of disseminating TXAParis information. Bad things happen when you do not read—and, when asked, provide timely replies to—e-mail, including possible removal from the program.

___________ Obviously, a valid passport is required to participate in TXAParis. You are also solely responsible for researching and fulfilling any additional European Union (EU) entry requirements, such as a visa. You must obtain updated information about these requirements, correctly fill out application materials, submit all required documents in the appropriate form to the correct authorities, and provide the necessary documents to the EU authorities upon arrival. The Division of Textiles and Apparel and UT-Austin can neither officially advise for the EU entry requirements nor guarantee a student’s entry into EU. All students are advised to contact the U.S. Passports and International Travel to confirm their French & Moroccan entry requirements: https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/borders-and-visas/visa-policy_en

___________ The TXAParis Director is specifically charged with the responsibility of terminating the attendance of any student(s) whose personal choices seriously violate the regulations of the host institution or effectively diminish or obstruct the rights of other students to the enjoyment and educational benefits of TXAParis. The Director, therefore, has discretion to send any such student(s) home without refund and/or course credit.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I acknowledge and agree to all the policies, procedures, and recommendations described on this form. I hereby certify that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. By signing below, I also authorize the University of Texas to release my transcripts to the TXA Paris Program.

Printed Name: __________________________________________________________

Signature and Date: ____________________________________________________

• Please return the completed application (form, initialed acknowledgements and essay in hard-copy to GEA 237 OR in digital form to chovan.gail@austin.utexas.edu
  • by Nov. 20**, 2018