EUROPE 2016-2017

December 26 – January 19

BUSINESS HONORS **STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

❑ **WHERE WILL YOU VISIT?** The plan for this year is to visit Berlin, London, Paris, Nantes, Lille, and Brussels. There will also be an excursion to Normandy and Mont St. Michel as we travel from Paris to Nantes.

❑ **HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST?** We are still working out the exact pricing details, but assuming a group of 15-20 students, the estimated cost of the trip is a little over $6,300. There may be a price break if more than 20 students participate. This amount includes fees at Audencia Business School, transportation, accommodation, meals, and some incidental costs. Actual expenses will vary some based on your choices of meals and free time activities.

Approximate breakdown will be $5500 for accommodations and transport, $250 for Audencia, and a projected $570 for individual meals and expenses. Deposits of $500 will be due in September. The balance of accommodations and transport will be due in early November.

❑ **WILL I GET ACADEMIC CREDIT?** Yes. Instruction will be provided by Audencia Business School and they will assign grades and grant credit. These credits can then be transferred back to CSUF probably as BUAD 499. The trip will fulfill your global awareness requirement in the Mihaylo College.

❑ **IS THERE A SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE? Yes.** 15 scholarships of $2,000 each are available to Business Honors students in good standing at the beginning of the Fall 2016 semester. Scholarships will be awarded based first on timely deposits and second on class level, with seniors getting first priority, then juniors, sophomores, and freshman. The timing of the awarding of funds is such that the scholarships work better for reimbursement than to pay expenses upfront.

❑ **WHAT ARE MY CHANCES OF GETTING A SCHOLARSHIP IF I WILL NOT BE A SENIOR NEXT YEAR? Your chances are good!** Nearly half of last year’s Study Abroad students were juniors, so your chances of getting a spot are good. Space might even be available for sophomores and freshman. We will accept up to 10 students on our wait list to fill places vacated by students who ultimately choose not to go on the trip. **If you don’t need a scholarship you automatically get a spot, regardless of class level.**

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❑ **ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR OTHER STUDY ABROAD TRIPS? Not for Business Honors students from the Dean’s office.** The Dean has provided funding specific for the Business Honors-sponsored Study Abroad trip. Many other great study abroad opportunities are available through the Study Abroad office, but these must be self-funded or you can apply for scholarships provided by the Study Abroad office or other entities.

❑ **IS THE TRIP ONLY OFFERED DURING THE WINTER BREAK? Yes.** This particular trip was designed to accommodate students who couldn’t spend a summer or semester abroad. At the time of its creation, it was also intended to balance with the summer and academic year offerings. Outside of this trip, there are a number of other study abroad experiences in the Mihaylo College of Business and Economics and across the campus.

❑ **WILL I BE SAFE WHILE TRAVELLING ABROAD? It largely depends on you.** Things can happen anywhere and all big cities can be dangerous! Stay with a group, be aware of your surroundings, and avoid distressed areas of the cities to minimize the chance of an unfortunate incident. Most incidents tend to happen when people are either alone or have had their judgment impaired (often by drinking).

❑ **CAN I GO ON THE TRIP IF I DON’T HAVE A U.S. PASSPORT? CAN NON-BH STUDENTS GO ON THE TRIP? Yes and Yes.** If you don’t have a U.S. passport, be sure to apply for a ‘Schengen’ visa for England and France at least 2 months prior to departure. Non-BH students in good academic standing are welcome to join the trip.

❑ **IS THE HOST UNIVERSITY AN ACCREDITED BUSINESS SCHOOL? Yes!** Our host university, Audencia Business School is part of the prestigious ‘grande ecole’ system in France and is fully accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The AACSB is the same body which provides the accreditation to Mihaylo College of Business and Economics at Cal State Fullerton.

❑ **WHO DO I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION? Your primary contacts are the BH assistants and Robert Mead in the Business Honors office SGMH-3357-B.** **The Study Abroad office UH-144 will also help with paperwork or alternative locations.** It is best to address questions about program content to Robert Mead via email at [rmead@fullerton.edu](mailto:rmead@fullerton.edu) or telephone at 657-278-4479.

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