

2017 Farm Practice in the Loire Region, France

ESA - ANGERS gives the opportunity to students from its partner universities to do a farm practice.

I - THE GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM:

The program has three main objectives:

- Language skills: ESA aims at helping international students to improve their language knowledge; this should help them in their subsequent studies at ESA.
- Professional skills: Students will have the opportunity to learn more about French culture and the French way of life, the western European agriculture and farm management.
- Cultural knowledge: the participants of these programs will have the possibility to learn more about the French culture and the French way of life, sharing the every-day life and customs of a French farmer's family. .

Please, note that the objective is not to earn money: This program is not about "summer-jobs", but "farm practices".

II - THE REQUESTED PROFILE OF THE STUDENT:

- He/she is a student in agricultural sciences, food sciences or agri-Business.
- He/she has a good level of French and is able to converse with the farmer and his family.
- He/she is motivated to improve his/her French, the knowledge of French culture and farm management.
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- He/she is in good health and able to do manual farm-work.
- He/she is motivated to do manual farm work, to adapt to different life and work conditions.
- He/she is willing to write a report about the farm (see below).

Non-French speaking students can be placed with an English speaking farmer family only if he previously participates to the Summer Program in June. Nevertheless, a high level of motivation would be required from the student in order to learn and/or improve his French. Places are very limited.

III - THE FARM PRACTICE:

The length of the work placement is either 4 weeks (minimum) or 8 weeks: please specify upon application!
The student will be placed in a farmer family (lodging and food is included) in the Loire Valley region. The student will share his family's life.

The Farm Internships are organized with the help of a club of local farmers, called EAI (Echanges Agricoles Internationaux). This association of farmers works very closely with Groupe ESA to organize farm practices.

The student will probably receive some pocket money from the farmer during his placement. The usual amount is 40€ per week depending on the financial situation of the farm and the work done by the students.

IV - THE FINAL REPORT AND CREDITS:

Credits allocated to the program: 6 European credits (ECTS) per 4 weeks period (only if required by the home University). The student will be required to write a report about his experience. The grading system is pass/fail.

This report has the following elements:

- Written in French or in English (only for non-French-speakers) by hand or computer
- About 10 pages
- Contents : Description of the farm, his natural and economic environment
- Description of one production of the farm.
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During the opening and preparation seminar (2 days at the beginning of July or 1 day at the beginning of the second period at the end of July), you can ask more details about the report. The quality of the written French is not so important. The aim of the report is to reveal the curiosity and the understanding of the farm by the student, its work and its environment.

V - APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

a. Requested documents

- One **letter of motivation in French**: The student explains why he/she wants to do this farm practice and for what kind of farm he/she is interested in.
- One **Curriculum Vitae** (typed with the computer , model Europass) **in French**: education, main points of study, specialisation, professional experience, placements, personnel interests (enclosed you will find a CV sample).
- Join a copy of passport .
- The application form “demande de stage en France” (it must be **typed, in French**)
- **Provide a “birth certificate” original translated in French**

Each university can present several candidates. The selection will be done in relation to the quality of the application.

A special attention will be given to the students who plan to apply for an academic program or an exchange program at Groupe ESA.

b. Application schedule:

Farmpractice beginning in July

- **Application deadline: March, the 31st** (by email).
- **Decision of Groupe ESA:**
 - on April, the 5th. We will tell you if you are accepted in the program.
 - During the 1st week of June, we will send the following information about your placement: farm activity, farmer’s name, direction, phone number and email. And for further information, the student will have to make contact with the farmers by himself...

Farmpractice beginning in August

- **Application deadline: May, the 2nd** (by email).
- **Decision of Groupe ESA:**
 - on May, the 9th. We will tell you if you are accepted in the program.
 - During the 1st week of July, we will send the following information about your placement: farm activity, farmer’s name, direction, phone number and email. And for further information, the student will have to make contact with the farmers by himself...

c. Contact persons at ESA:

Depending on your country of residence, all applications forms must be sent to:

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VI - FINANCIAL CONDITIONS:

As we have no external funding for this program, we must share the costs:

- The students will pay Health insurance for the farm practice period. The students must provide a health insurance certificate (in English or French) valid **for their whole stay in France**. If not, we can not accept them for the farm practice. The students will pay their own personal expenses during their stay in France, visa costs etc, train, plane, and hotel if they arrive before the beginning of the program.
- All costs during the 2 days of seminar in Angers are paid by ESA
- The farmers offer accommodation and food during the placement, and, perhaps stipends.

VII - 2017 TIME SCHEDULE AND PLANNING:

FARM PRACTISE (First period : JULY)

Wednesday, July, the 5th

Student's arrival in Angers in the evening.

Possibility to take the train (reservation by ESA), at the airport, at 14H PM

Cost: 40 euros /student(travelling from airport Roissy Charles de Gaulle to Angers)

Thursday and Friday, July the 6 and 7th :

Opening seminar (French agriculture, management of French family farms, organisation of the placement, duties and rights of the student during the placement, the final report)

From Friday evening, July the 7th to Saturday, August the 5th

Farm Practice // 4 weeks

FARM PRACTISE (Second period : AUGUST)

Friday , August, the 4th

Student's arrival in Angers in the morning (9 AM at railway station).

A teacher of ESA collect them at the station and transfer them to the check point with the families.

If students arrive before this date, they have to pay their accommodation

From Friday evening, August the 4 to Friday, September the 1st

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Friday , August the 25: Graduation ceremony

Friday , 25 August:..... Gala dinner at ESA (degree; return of the internship reports, internship evaluation...)

Saturday , 2nd of September : End of the programm for all students

For organisational reasons, the students have to respect this schedule.