

This is the estimated budget for this study abroad program. It serves as an estimated cost of attendance for your semester or year. Students often pay for study abroad through a combination of financial aid, personal funds, scholarships, grants, and alternative loans. The total amount listed as the Total Program Cost is the maximum amount of financial aid that can be awarded to you by GVSU. This total program cost does not reflect the amount of aid you will qualify for, rather, it serves as the cap on what can be awarded.

Cost Breakdown for Université Catholique de l'Ouest

Costs Billed by GVSU*

| Semester | | |
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| Item | Cost | Cost Description |
| GVSU Tuition: • 12-15 credits | \$5,824 <i>*Tuition based on 2015-2016 upper-level in-state tuition rates (12-15 credits). Out-of-state students will pay the out-of-state tuition rate.</i> | Paid to Grand Valley State University Student Accounts by the regular GVSU payment deadline. |
| Homestay costs for CIDEF Participants | See chart below for price range. | GVSU will bill all CIDEF applicants who apply for a homestay. Contact Becca Hambleton for actual cost that will be paid to GVSU. |
| IS 380 Course Fee | \$300 | Paid to GVSU. The IS 380 course fee is \$25 per credit hour. Participants of this program will register for 12 credits of IS 380. |

Total estimated fees paid to GVSU: \$6,124

ADDITIONAL COSTS:

| Item | Cost | Cost Description |
|--------------------------|--------------|--|
| Passport/Visa | \$436 | Passport fees \$135. Campus France Fee \$180. Visa fee is currently \$56. Plus \$65 for travel to Chicago for visa appointment. |
| Flight & train to Angers | \$1,500 | Paid to Airline Provider. Students will take the train from Paris to Angers. The train cost is approx. \$80. |
| Health insurance/ISIC | \$28 - \$300 | UCO requires students to sign-up for the French national health insurance. The cost is approximately 240 Euro. The Basic ISIC card will meet the PIC health insurance requirement. The French national insurance alone does not cover for emergency evacuation/ repatriation, so some students will need both. |

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| Homestay or foyer - UCO will arrange a homestay for students. Students interested in living in a foyer (student residence) will be required to make their own arrangements | Homestay w/out meals: \$1,200 - \$2,250 Homestay w/ some meals: \$1,750 - \$2,500 Foyer w/out meals: \$400-\$500/mo. x 5 mo. = \$2,000 - \$2,500 Intensive month housing costs: range from \$950 to \$1,375. See program UCO brochure for details. | These are general housing estimates. The final cost will largely depend on your choice of housing and length of stay. Cost may vary. This is an average cost for housing. Based on 5 months. Students who choose CIDEF and would like a homestay will pay the homestay cost to GVSU. GVSU will forward those funds to CIDEF. |
| Food | Students who are self-catering: \$1,500 - 2,000 Students who sign up for homestay with some meals: \$800 (around \$40 per week for meals not provided) | |
| Books & Supplies | \$250 | On-site personal expenses |
| Personal Expenses | \$2,250 (approx. \$450 per month) | On-site personal expenses associated with local transportation, cell phone purchase, and basic necessities. Based on 5 months. |
| Total Additional Costs: | \$7,164- \$9,236 | |
| TOTAL SEMESTER PROGRAM COST: Costs billed by GVSU + Additional Costs | | |
| \$13,288 - \$15,360** per semester | | |
| \$17,628 (estimated cost for out-of-state students who do not receive a tuition differential scholarship) | | |

September Intensive Language

Students interested in adding the September intensive month will earn an additional 6 credits for that month bringing the number of GVSU credits to 18+ for fall semester. Charges for the additional credits will be applied to the student's GVSU account. Students should request permission to register for 18 credits of IS 380 for the fall semester.

Out-of-state students who receive a GVSU tuition differential scholarship will be able to use that scholarship towards the cost of this program. Exception: international students will not have access to the tuition differential scholarship for use towards the cost of study abroad, however, they may still be eligible for the Partnership Grant.

The Padnos International Center will be providing (2) \$500 Partnership grants for the 2015-2016

academic year (excludes summer). If more than two applicants apply for this program, decisions on awards will be made based on the strength of a student's application and financial need. Students may be eligible for more than \$500, but two applicants will receive a minimum of \$500 in grant assistance. Decisions on awards will be made following the deadline for applications.

This estimate is based on the currency exchange rate for July 1, 2015. The exchange rate does fluctuate which may result in changes to the estimates above.

*Based on 2015-2016 in-state, upper-division tuition rate for 12-15 credits. If you complete more than 15 GVSU credits during your semester abroad, GV tuition charges for the additional credits above 15 will be billed to your GVSU student account after you return from your semester abroad and PIC completes your transfer of credit.

**The cost of any study abroad program depends to a large extent on the participant's personal spending habits and lifestyle. Personal travel, entertainment, gifts, souvenirs, and other types of personal spending are costs not reflected in the above estimates.

Semester Cost Comparison (Based on in-state tuition rates)

While many study abroad programs are similar in cost to a semester here at GVSU, other are considerably more expensive. The following will provide a comparison between average semester costs at Universite Catholique de L'Ouest and Grand Valley State University:

| | UCO | GVSU | Estimated Cost Difference per semester |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|---|
| | \$14,324 | \$10,294 | \$4,030 |
| W/ grant | \$13,824 | \$10,294 | \$3,530 |

UCO cost used in the comparison above is the average of the low and high end "Total Program Cost" listed above.