



IAU, Wine, Gastronomy & Sustainability of the Mediterranean Winter J-Term Program

Multi-City, Multi-Country (Multi-Region)

Quick Facts

Winter 2027

Dates: Late December, 2026 - Mid-January, 2027

Application Deadline: September 1, 2026

Costs: Contact the program sponsor for updated cost

Credits: 3

Winter dates and costs will be similar to the previous term. We will post updates when available.

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J-Term program scholarship available. Apply [HERE](#)

Program Overview

The Wine, Gastronomy & Sustainability of the Mediterranean J-Term Seminar focuses on the appreciation of gastronomy and wine, while exploring regional and local delicacies. Students will learn to appreciate how these products are produced, understand how they impact the environment, and will begin to recognize how our consumption choices may be a potential solution or hazard to the global environmental crisis. In this multi-country traveling seminar, students will have the opportunity to taste French, Spanish, and Italian wines, speak directly with winemakers and industry experts, and visit cultural sites in France, Spain and Italy.

Itinerary

- Italy: Florence
- **France:** Aix-en-Provence, Piedmont
- Spain: Barcelona

View the past itinerary [here](#). Please note, the schedule is tentative and subject to change.

View this short video clip to get a sense of this winter intersession traveling seminar!

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Contact Program Sponsor and Advisor



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This program is sponsored and administered by the College of Staten Island CUNY.

Academics & Program

Students can choose one of the following courses:

- **Business/Wine Studies 306:** The Global Wine Industry: International Trade, Regions and Tasting Analysis
- **Geography/Wine Studies 303:** Regional Wine Trade and Economics
- **Wine Studies/Hospitality 317:** Wine and Food Pairing
- **Marketing/Wine Studies 312:** Wine Marketing and Sensory Analysis
- **Environmental Studies/International Relations 375:** Environmental Security and Sustainability in the Mediterranean Basin

View the last syllabus [here](#). Details are subject to change.

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About the Professor



Professor Anthony Triolo also serves as the Coordinator of the Wine Studies Program at IAU. He received a Bachelor's degree (Summa Cum Laude) in International Affairs from the American University of Paris, and later earned a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies (Histoire Militaire, Sécurité et Défense) from IEP, Aix-en-Provence, France in conjunction with Université Paul Valéry III, Montpellier, France. Professor Triolo is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and has several years of hands-on experience managing sustainable and organic vineyards. His scholarly interests are centered around the relationships between international security and global environmental crisis with a particular focus on sustainable agriculture, which he sees as a possible panacea, playing a significant role in mitigating climate change, biodiversity loss, water scarcity and food insecurity.

Student Life & Housing

IAU's J-Term Traveling Seminars are unique in that the classroom and campus changes based on the location of the program. The J-Terms consist of 17-21 day academic and cultural courses led by IAU faculty and include 24/7 staff

support. The seminars are thematic in nature and involve travel through multiple countries. During the program, students have access to a variety of spaces including partner institutions, hotel conference rooms, lecture halls, and museums in which to conduct coursework and lectures. Students are housed in hotels or residence halls in each city. Breakfast is included.

Duration & Costs

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Late December - Mid-January

Costs

Contact the program sponsor for updated cost

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Costs included: Tuition and fees for 3 credits, lodging, daily breakfast, some group lunches and/or dinners, intra-program transportation (by plane, train, or bus), entrances/fees for all scheduled cultural activities and academic visits, orientation, and health, liability, and repatriation insurance.

Costs not included: International roundtrip airfare, most lunches/dinners, textbooks, and personal expenses.

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All costs, fees, and dates are subject to change without notification. Contact the program sponsor to verify all costs, fees, and dates for this program.

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Students who enroll in a January Term Seminar and the spring semester in Aix-en-Provence or Barcelona consecutively are eligible to receive a \$2,000 grant credited to their spring semester invoice. In order to be eligible to receive the grant, students must participate in the [Early Start Program](#) during the week between the end of the January Term Seminar and the start of the spring semester. The Early Start Program allows students to move in with their hosts a week before the semester begins, receive French or Spanish language instruction, and participate in local cultural activities! Visit IAU's [Scholarship website](#) for additional details.

Eligibility & Deadlines

Eligibility Requirements

- Minimum class standing - students must have completed at least one semester (minimum 12 semester credit hours) of college-level coursework at the time of application.

- 2.5 GPA or higher
- Students must be at least 18 years of age

Applications to Include

- Official transcripts
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher who knows the applicant from a classroom setting
- Statement of purpose

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September 1, 2026