



School of Languages and Cultures

Te Kura o ngā Reo me ngā Tikanga-ā-iwi

French Study Abroad FHSS 210 / 310 (20 points)

The School of Languages and Cultures offers French students an exciting opportunity to develop their language skills as part of their degree at our partner institution, Université de la Nouvelle-Calédonie (UNC) in Nouméa, during Trimester 3.

UNC offers a three-week intensive language course in the beautiful capital, Nouméa, in New Caledonia.

While at UNC, Victoria students must attend all classes as follows:

- creative writing workshop and grammar
- phonetics, pronunciation, speaking
- oral & written practice
- lectures on themes related to New Caledonia
- various cultural activities.

Interested students must register their interest to the Exchange Coordinator as early as possible, and no later than **5 July 2017** if they wish to be considered for the **French Embassy grant**. Students must **enrol with UNC and FHSS 210/310 by the end of July** and **complete enrolments and payment by the end of September**.

To enrol with UNC, students must complete and email the Student Application Form and the Student commitment form provided in the UNC brochure (or available from www.unc.nc), a copy of their passport (with visa if required), and a copy of their student ID. Full payment must be made **by the end of September**.

To enrol in FHSS 210/310, students need to print off a Course Add/Drop Form (CAD) via myVictoria or request a form from the SASO staff. Students then present their CAD to the French Exchange Liaison Coordinator who will sign off the change directly on the CAD. Students will then have to return the CAD to the SASO office, at which time they will be enrolled in the course. This must be completed **by the end of September**.

Tuition fees: The UNC course fee (€1260) includes classes, on-campus accommodation, a range of cultural activities, and transfers from and to the airport but does NOT include flights, travel insurance, meals or bank transfer fees. It must be paid to UNC by **30 September 2017**. To download the application form: www.univ-nc.nc, section UNC International. You also need to budget about NZ\$100 per week for food. Your accommodation includes a kitchenette and weekly transport is available for you to buy food. There are several student cafeterias on campus. If you wish to take the TCF (a French proficiency test), allow €50. It is also recommended that you budget for contingencies.

Students must pay the French Summer School fee, the return flight, travel insurance and food, and their enrolment with UNC must be completed by **30 September 2017**. Students must also pay the Victoria fee for FHSS 210/310. **Financial support is available** and a fee subsidy may apply once enrolments have been finalised.

Students must be in Nouméa from the very first day until the very last day of the course. They can arrive slightly earlier and leave slightly later, and stay on campus at no extra cost if they notify UNC beforehand. While at UNC, students must fully participate in all classes and cultural activities. Attendance to all classes, lectures and cultural tours is compulsory. Students can opt to take the *Test de connaissance du français* (TCF) valid for two years (€50). Students must commit to respect all University and students residence rules. At the end of the course, students receive their UNC results. These must be copied and handed in immediately upon return to the French Exchange Liaison coordinator. Victoria requirements for FHSS 210/310 are usually conducted before the Christmas University close down period, and must be completed at the very latest at the end of January.

UNC registration and payment deadline: 30 September 2017. Late applications will not be considered and registration is valid only when the full payment has been processed.

General Information

Prerequisites:

- **FHSS 210** – 40 100-level points, no language background required
- **FHSS 310** – at least 40 200-level points in French.

Assessment:

Assessment requirements must be completed by **23 December 2017**. A **pass/fail grade** will be awarded by the end of Trimester 3 2017.

- **FHSS 210** – portfolio (50%), including a copy of your progress report, transcript and proficiency certificate; 1000-word character essay (30%) in French (or a 2000-word essay in English for those who are beginners); 10-minute oral presentation in French (20%).
- **FHSS 310** – portfolio (50%), including a copy of your progress report, transcript and proficiency certificate; 1300-word character essay (30%) in French (or a 2000-word essay in English for those who are beginners); 15-minute oral presentation in French (20%).

Financial Support:

- The French Embassy in Wellington usually offers a small grant (about €400) towards the UNC French Summer School to the top student(s). Students wishing to be considered should notify the French Exchange Liaison Coordinator **by the end of Trimester 1**. After the selection, the French Exchange Liaison Coordinator notifies the French Embassy in Wellington. The amount of the grant is paid directly to UNC and the grant recipient(s) pay the reduced amount.
- Participants of the **Victoria International Leadership Programme** may be eligible to receive up to **\$1000** of funding for their exchange. Students must complete the minimum requirements of the VILP program prior to exchange in order to be eligible for the grant. Visit [here](#) for details.

UNC contact information: Université de la Nouvelle-Calédonie, International Office / Bureau des relations internationales, BP R4, 98851 Nouméa Cedex, New Caledonia, telephone: (+687) 290 450, email: studyfrench@unc.nc, website : www.unc.nc

How do I apply? Contact:

- **Dr Keren Chiaroni**, keren.chiaroni@vuw.ac.nz Exchange Coordinator

Checklist for students:

- Confirm intention of enrolment** with *UNC French Summer School* and in FHSS 210/310 as early as possible to the French Exchange Liaison coordinator, preferably by the end of Trimester 1, and no later than the end of July. To be considered for a French Embassy grant, you must notify the French Exchange Liaison coordinator by the end of Trimester 1.
- Contact the French Exchange Liaison Coordinator** again before completing your enrolment with UNC and in FHSS 210/310. This needs to be done by the end of September.
- Organise and pay for your return flight and a comprehensive travel insurance policy** using a travel agent of your choice well in advance. Note that there are no daily flight between New Zealand and New Caledonia and that you must attend the UNC course from the start to the end. Accommodation on campus is made available at no extra cost but remember to notify UNC of your early and/or late departure specifying what extra days you require.
- Get a new passport or ensure your passport is valid for the duration of your stay.** No visa is required for New Zealanders. If you do not have New Zealand citizenship, contact the French Embassy in Wellington to get a visa to study in New Caledonia.
- Complete the UNC Student Application Form, Student commitment form and send your payment before the end of September.** You also need to provide a copy of your passport and a copy of your student ID, and send your full payment to UNC. It is recommended that this is completed as early as possible as enrolment is limited to 45. The forms can be found at www.unc.nc. Late applications are not considered and enrolment at UNC is not considered valid until full payment is received. Let UNC know of your flight details (flights numbers, dates and times) as early as possible so that they can organise the airport shuttle and your accommodation.
- Complete your enrolment in FHSS 210/310 by the end of September** (see details on the previous page).
- Before your departure, fill in the Information form available from the French Exchange Liaison Coordinator** and return it with all the required information. These will be kept confidentially for the duration of your stay.
- Soon after your return from Nouméa, you must provide a copy of your UNC and TCF results and portfolio** (work and assessment done at UNC) to the French Exchange Liaison Coordinator **and make an appointment** to complete the assessment for FHSS 210/310.

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