

# UNCW PLS STUDENTS ABROAD

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Photo above: With Tour de France riders, Burgundy, France (2008)

**What did you do abroad that you couldn't do at UNCW?**



Photo above: At Notre Dame, Paris, France (2008)

I studied French language and culture. I lived w/ a French Family - Wonderful Experience!!! Further, I did an internship w/ the French government where I did a lot of translation, but ... I was also able to do PR (public relations) for the section of the Tour de France that went through the Burgundy region of France. I also got to be backstage and VIP for the tour and was able to meet both the president of the region and many riders - absolutely wonderful experience!

**How else was study abroad different from study at UNCW?**

Classes at UNCW teach beautiful and correct French. When I went to France I was able to learn real French with a French accent. I was forced to speak it and to express myself wholly through this other language. I learned to think in French and therefore my speech became much smoother and quicker. The cultural differences are small but obvious and I very much enjoyed learning these norms and expectations.

We went on many day and weekend trips throughout the region and to other surrounding countries - no other experience can compare.

