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PROGRAMS



3 WEEKS  
AT ACCENTS  
AND  
UNIVERSITÉ  
SAVOIE  
MONT-BLANC  
CHAMBÉRY



# FOCUS ON MOUNTAIN SCIENCE

With this program designed by *Université Savoie Mont-Blanc*, in partnership with *Campus France*, participants will broaden their knowledge in mountain science and practise their French. This rich and varied three-week program combines scientific aspects taught in English with French classes starting at beginner level. A wide range of topics will be studied and analysed, including the environment, climate change, rural development planning, and issues related to the mountain tourist industry.



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With over 15,000 undergraduate and 240 PhD students, **USMB stands as a university on a human scale, close to its local environment and very open to Europe and the rest of the world.** The university has a solid network of partners in some sixty countries while its internationalisation policy focuses on cross-border relations, French-speaking countries and developing cooperation networks.

USMB is a founding and active member of the **UNITA Alliance**, which brings together 12 Universities from seven different countries around shared values and goals, to promote a new form of European academic collaboration.



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USMB boasts 18 state-of-the-art research labs and, thanks to the recognised skills of its researchers and support staff, along with its cutting-edge technological platforms, the University actively collaborates with national research organisations (CNRS, INRAe, IRD, etc.) and other international partners. USMB visibly contributes to the production and dissemination of knowledge in order to meet current and future scientific and societal challenges. The University specialises in **three interconnected areas of excellence**: Human-environmental interactions; Services and Industry of the Future; and Cultural heritage - changing societies.

This three-week program is the perfect opportunity to develop expertise in mountain science while exploring related topics including: environmental changes and sustainable development in mountain areas; the impact of human activities on mountain ecosystems; control of mountain hazards; protection of mountain resources; and economic development and cultural diversity in mountain regions. Interdisciplinary research in mountain science is a core focus at USMB and this program combines theory and practice, innovation, new technologies and the latest technical developments.

Located in the beautiful French Alps, in the Savoie and Haute-Savoie region, on the borders with Switzerland and Italy, between Geneva, Turin, Lyon and Grenoble, USMB and its French language centre ACCENTS have plenty to offer students. While enjoying stunning landscapes and visiting famous natural landmarks, participants will benefit from quality French language classes, high-profile scientific research, and USMB's connections with an extensive network of companies of all sizes.



#### COURSE CONTENT

40  
HOURS  
PER WEEK

#### ■ French as a foreign language: 15 hours per week

- > Oral and written communication skills.
- > Development of intercultural competence.

#### ■ Mountain science: 12 hours per week

- > Introduction to mountain science and knowledge development.
- > Visits to innovative labs and meetings with researchers.
- > Field trips to iconic places to put theory into practice.
- > Conferences by experts in mountain science.

#### ■ Project module/ guided project: 3 hours per week

- > Students will reflect on the topics discovered during this exchange program and discuss best practices.

- > Student performance will be assessed through:
  - Attendance and level of participation in the different activities
  - Quality of the student's weekly journal and subsequent progress report
  - Progress in learning French language skills

#### ■ Discovering the beautiful French Alps, and Savoie and Haute-Savoie region: 10 hours per week

- > Visits to three of the region's top tourist sites.

*Non-contractual program, subject to change. A minimum of 10 students is required. The terms and conditions of sale including booking, cancellation and payment can be found on the Accents website: <https://www.univ-smb.fr/accents/>*

Duration

3 WEEKS



PERIOD: June

Location

CHAMBÉRY  
AND  
THE FRENCH  
ALPS

French ⊕ Sciences & University accommodation

€2,000



WEEK  
1

FRIDAY

Arrival and kick-off session

SATURDAY

Day trip to one of the natural landmarks (Geoparc des Bauges, or Parc de la Vanoise, or Croix du Nivolet).

SUNDAY

Free time

MONDAY

- > Morning: French language classes
- > Afternoon: Presentation of USMB courses in mountain science



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TUESDAY

- > Morning: French language classes
- > Afternoon: Visit to the Environnements, Dynamiques et Territoires de Montagne EDYTEM laboratory & focus on mountain tourism



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WEDNESDAY

- > Morning: French language classes
- > Afternoon: Field trip on the topic of local landslide-related risk management and the benefits of this study



THURSDAY

- > Morning: French language classes
- > Afternoon: Visit to the Laboratoire d'Écologie Alpine LECA laboratory

FRIDAY

- > Morning: French language classes
- > Afternoon: Group brainstorming session #1 and writing the scientific journal of the stay



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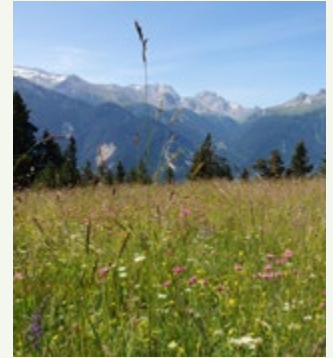
SATURDAY

Day trip to *La mer de glace* to discover a climate-sensitive site in mountain regions with a conference on this topic.



SUNDAY

Free time



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WEEK  
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MONDAY

- > Morning: French language classes
- > Afternoon: Work session at the Pôle Tourisme Montagne Inventive

TUESDAY

- > Morning: French language classes
- > Afternoon: Visit to a local company to gain insight into practical aspects of mountain science

WEDNESDAY

- > Morning: French language classes
- > Afternoon: Visit of the Savoie region with a trip to the Saint-Christophe caves



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THURSDAY

- > Morning: French language classes
- > Afternoon: Climate Fresk workshop

FRIDAY

- > Morning: French language classes
- > Afternoon: Group brainstorming session #2 and writing the scientific journal of the stay

SATURDAY

Day trip to Roselend Dam to discuss concrete environmental impacts of climate change.

SUNDAY

Free time



WEEK

3



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**MONDAY**

- > **Morning:** French language classes
- > **Afternoon:** Work session at the *Laboratoire d'Informatique, Systèmes, Traitement de l'Information et de la Connaissance (LISTIC)* laboratory in Annecy on remote sensing in a high mountain environment



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**WEDNESDAY**

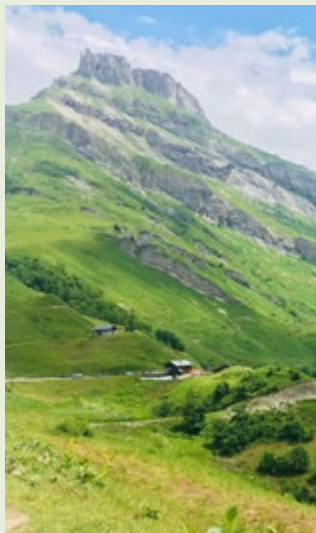
- > **Morning:** French language classes
- > **Afternoon:** Group brainstorming session #3 and writing the scientific journal of the stay

**FRIDAY**

- > **Morning:** French language classes
- > **Afternoon:** Closing session and finalisation of the journal

**TUESDAY**

- > **Morning:** French language classes
- > **Afternoon:** Visit to MND, a leading industrial group for ropeways, snow systems, mountain safety and leisure infrastructure & CLUSTER MONTAGNE, an association promoting know-how for sustainable mountain tourism and development, located in Montmélian (Savoie)



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**THURSDAY**

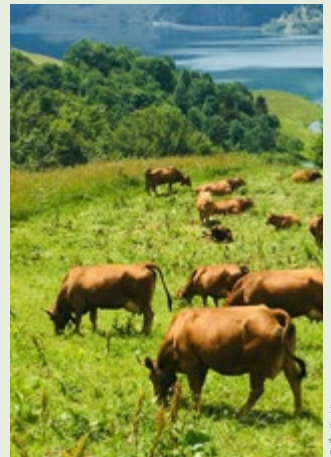
- > **Morning:** French language classes
- > **Afternoon:** Visit to an electricity production site at Le Bourget-du-Lac



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**SATURDAY**

Departure



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