

# Sénégal: Dakar

## Language Intensive

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**Semester:**

Spring

**Program Focus:**

Sub-Saharan Francophone

Culture

**Prerequisite Courses:**

Junior standing at the start of program and a minimum of

**3 years of college level**

**French for majors**

(completion of FR 321 with 3.0 GPA in French courses)

**2 years of college level**

**French for non-majors**

(completion of FR 202 with 3.0 GPA in French courses)

Minimum of 2.75 GPA highly recommended.

**Recommended Courses:**

FR 330: Francophone Literature (for majors)

FR 301: Composition & Conversation

(for non-majors)

IA 229/230: African Politics/ African Literatures

(for all applicants)

**Application Deadline:**

First Friday in February

**Overview:**

The Senegal program focuses on the historical, cultural, and socio-economic institutions of sub-Saharan Francophone Africa. Study takes place in Senegal's largest city, Dakar. Courses are taught by Africa Consultants International (ACI) and University Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar (UCAD) faculty. Topics include colonial heritage, post-colonial politics, contemporary Senegalese society, West African art history, West African oral

literature, sustainable development, and environmental issues. All coursework is in French. Housing is with host families. The program includes research trips to various sites in Dakar and to Gorée Island (an island near Dakar which served as a major center for the slave trade), Saint Louis (Senegal's second largest city), and the area of the Siné-Saloum delta (a national nature preserve containing wildlife, mangroves, lagoons, open forests, dunes, and sand islands). Students also conduct field study in a Senegalese village.

**Requirements Fulfilled:**

Fulfills the French Studies overseas study requirement.

Fulfills the two-course international studies requirement.

**Credits:** 4 courses per semester/16 credits

**Curriculum:****FL 101 Wolof Language**

**Instruction** (4 credits)

Emphasis is placed on speaking and comprehension skills.

Cross-cultural information and training are integrated into the program.

**IS 240: Area Study: Senegal**

(4 credits)

Includes extensive orientation activities; a series of organized visits to familiarize students with some of Dakar's major

organizations working in the fields of culture, development, women's issues, and the environment; visits and excursions to important historical and cultural sites outside Dakar; and intensive French language instruction.

**IS 241: Contemporary**

**Senegalese Society** (4 credits)

Course includes three topics:

- Senegalese Arts and Society  
Students learn about traditional and contemporary arts and explore how they are linked to their social and environmental context through traditional coursework and through excursions and hands-on workshops.
- Senegalese Literature  
The Short Story. A study of diverse aspects of contemporary Senegalese society through the short story genre.
- Sustainable Development  
Theory and Practice. Introduction to international and grassroots development activities through formal instruction and field study.

**IS 242: History of Islam**

(4 credits)

Presents the history of Islam in Senegal from the 10<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, focusing primarily on the beginnings of Islam in the Senegambia region, the slave trade and islamization, the colonial conquest and Islamic resistance army of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**Additional Information:**

**Senegal orientation page:**

●[http://www.lclark.edu/%7enico  
le/SENEGAL/HOME.HTM](http://www.lclark.edu/%7enico%20le/SENEGAL/HOME.HTM)

**Passport Details:**

During the early portion of the semester prior to departure, you will be required to submit your passport to the Overseas Office. Your passport will be returned to you just prior to your departure. During this time frame, the Overseas Office will secure your visa. If you plan to use your passport to travel during this time frame, please make an appointment with the Overseas Office immediately to discuss the process for obtaining a visa.

Please make sure your passport is valid for 6 months BEYOND the end of your program. If it expires before then, please renew it as soon as possible to avoid expediting fees.

**Passport Services and**

**Information:** Please visit

●[http://travel.state.gov/passport  
\\_services.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport_services.html) or University  
Station Post Office, 1505 SW  
6<sup>th</sup> Street, Portland.

**Passport photos (12  
required):**

We recommend Action Fast Photo, located at 9889 SW Barbur Boulevard next to Barbur Foods, (\$7.50 for 2/\$.43 for each additional). Please provide your LC student ID in order to receive the discount.

**Visa:**

A visa is required for this program. You will apply as a group during orientation.

**Health:**

Please make an appointment with the student health services center to get an updated list of immunizations that are recommended or mandatory for this program.

**Insurance:**

Students are covered under the insurance provided by Lewis & Clark College. Program insurance is mandatory and included in the comprehensive fee.

**International Student Identity  
Card:**

The card may be purchased at our office. Please check with our office for the cost. It may be required if you are traveling with the flight arrangements offered through this office.

**Fees To Plan For:**

Fees for the following items are not included in the comprehensive program fee:

- Passport fees
- Required photographs
- Visa fees
- International Student Identity Card
- Immunizations and health exams
- Books/Supplies
- Transportation to city of departure

This is not an exhaustive list

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