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## Linfield College: Study Abroad in France

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What has my experience in Linfield and more importantly in France done to my life? It made me who I am. I originally chose Linfield because it offered courses abroad. I wanted (and still want) to see the world! As a French major I was "required" to spend two semesters in a french-speaking country. It was a privilege to visit the southern part of France for the academic year of 1999-2000. Not only did I improve my french considerably, but I got to travel to Spain, Belgium, Italy, and Monaco during my stay in Montpellier, France. Living in Europe for a year opened my eyes to the old world and its culture. Being Colombian I already knew that USA was not the center of the world, but I had never been to a place older than 500 years, with so much richness in history and experience. I learned about the joy of the french cuisine and how refreshing it was to walk every where rather than drive. I made many friends and as an added bonus I met my husband, who was also studying abroad from the University of Washington. My study abroad experience shaped me as a cultured person and it made me hungry for more!



