

University of Strasbourg undergraduate summer conference

European views of
the American
Revolution, 1776-
1804.

Strasbourg, France,
June 9-20, 2025.

A convening of students and scholars jointly
organized by the AMERICA 2026 Program
and the Great Questions Foundation.

The American Revolution (1775-1783) changed the course of history on both shores of the Atlantic. As the first shots rang out at Lexington and Concord, people in Britain, France and many other European countries debated the significance of these momentous events. Why should people govern themselves? What is tyranny? How can a republican government succeed? Americans answered those questions in words and deeds; many Europeans did too shortly afterwards, bearing in mind this unique precedent.



Join us in Strasbourg this summer to explore this pivotal era that not only defined a nation, but also sparked a global dialogue on liberty and justice.

What we offer:

Students and scholars from all around the globe will gather at the University of Strasbourg this summer in the buzzing European city of Strasbourg, France. This unique experience will feature discussion-based sessions led by faculty members from the U.S. and the E.U. Strasbourg students and their peers from various countries and representing both two- and four-year institutions will work in small groups to discuss the continued significance of texts that laid the foundations of modern republican governments. Guided by pedagogy developed by the [Great Questions Foundation](#), which aims to help foster engaged citizens in functioning democracies, selected student participants will embark upon an intellectual journey to explore how the founding principles of the American Revolution continue to operate in the world today, and how people have come to understand them differently and more deeply.

A unique historical experience: [AMERICA 2026](#) program members will provide reading material and lectures. Funded by the French research agency ([ANR](#)), AMERICA 2026 brings together European and American scholars to renew the scholarship on the American and late eighteenth-century revolutions.

Field trips and cultural activities: with its charming atmosphere, rich history, and cultural diversity, [Strasbourg](#) offers a unique experience that captivates travelers. Located in northeastern France, the city is renowned for its stunning blend of French and German culture. Its historic center is a [UNESCO World Heritage](#) site, featuring the 1000 year-old Strasbourg Cathedral and picturesque half-timbered houses. Strasbourg is also the seat of the European parliament.



Who we are :

Ghislain Potriquet is Associate professor of American studies at the Université de Strasbourg, France. He teaches American history at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Ghislain is a member of AMERICA 2026. His research explores the French interest for American history from the middle of the nineteenth century to the present. A native of Paris, he likes to take visitors of the beaten-paths to make them discover his adoptive region of Alsace.

Ted Hadzi-Antich Jr. is Associate Professor of Government and Humanities at Austin Community College and Executive Director of The Great Questions Foundation. Over 10,000 students have completed courses that have been shaped by curriculum redesign efforts led or created by Ted to focus on the discussion-based study of transformative texts and ideas, which includes several years of international opportunities for U.S. students in Strasbourg.

Malou Kury is an MA teacher of English in charge of the year long study abroad program of the college of the Holy Cross. She is used to solving all kinds of issues. She will be supervising the logistics of the program during the America26 conference in terms of lodging, meals and excursions in June in Strasbourg an everlasting wonderful, vibrant city

A EUROPEAN CITY



The Strasbourg undergraduate summer conference is free to attend for selected participants, and affordable accommodation and meals can be booked directly at a preferred rate at the Gallia dormitories, located in the heart of Strasbourg and within walking distance from campus. Accommodation costs, including a lunch meal plan, range from €390 to €560 for the entire duration of the conference (June 8th to June 21st). Various options are available, including single rooms, double rooms, and studio apartments (for one or two people). Rooms will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Accommodation may be booked directly through the provider's online platform. Transportation and incidental costs are the responsibilities of participants.

Eligibility requirement:

Any student enrolled in an undergraduate program having successfully completed at least one course in modern history, government or philosophy.

Classes will be held in English entirely. Knowledge of French is optional.

How to apply?

Fill in the application [here](#) and send application documents to

strasbourg.summer2025@gmail.com

- The **priority deadline** for applications is **March 10**.
- The **first round of acceptance notifications** will be sent on **March 17**.
- From March 17, **applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until April 28**.

Questions?

Feel free to send any questions to

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