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Summer School

Celebrating 250 Years of Freedom and
Democracy: A Critical Assessment in Paris Noir

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Welcome to Sorbonne Nouvelle University!

As a **university of cultures**, Sorbonne Nouvelle anchors its identity in **openness, diversity, and intercultural understanding**.

The 2026 Summer School "**Celebrating 250 Years of Freedom and Democracy: A Critical Assessment in Paris Noir**" invites students from Minority Serving Institutions to explore the history and (urban) geography of Paris Noir through a balanced program of academic workshops, cultural visits, and artistic/professional encounters.

We critically explore French and US democratic ideals, minority experience and diversity politics, and our ongoing kinship.

Activities cut across **Social Sciences, Humanities, Art, Law**. A central priority is to amplify youth voices through interactive, participatory sessions led by doctoral students and young career scholars.

By connecting history, culture, and citizen engagement, Sorbonne Nouvelle affirms its commitment to **inclusive affordable education and international collaboration**.

Practical information

The program is open to all students from Community Colleges and Minority Serving Institutions.

Duration: 2 weeks

Credits earned: 4 ECTS

Cost: 2 400\$ - flights not included

Housing: student housing

USN's locations

LES SITES DE LA SORBONNE NOUVELLE



1 Campus Nation
8 avenue de Saint-Mandé
75012 Paris
🚇 Nation
🚏 Picpus

UFR Arts & Médias
UFR Littérature, linguistique, didactique (LLD)
UFR Langues, littératures, cultures et sociétés étrangères (LLCSE)
École supérieure d'Interprètes et de traducteurs (ESIT)

2 Pôle Sorbonne

Bibliothèque Sainte-Barbe
4 rue Valette 75005 Paris
🚇 Maubert-Mutualité

Bibliothèque Sainte-Geneviève
10 place du Panthéon 75005 Paris
🚇 Cardinal Lemoine

Sorbonne
17 rue de la Sorbonne
75005 Paris
🚇 Cluny - La Sorbonne

Librairie des Presses Sorbonne Nouvelle
8 rue de la Sorbonne 75005 Paris
🚇 Cluny - La Sorbonne

Maison de la Recherche
4 rue des Irlandais
75005 Paris
🚇 Place Monge

3 Campus Condorcet

Institut des Hautes Études de l'Amérique Latine (IHEAL)
5 cours des Humanités
93322 Aubervilliers cedex
🚇 Front Populaire

📍 CROUS Citeaux
45 boulevard Diderot,
75012 Paris

Co-ed student housing with gender-specific shared bedrooms.

Campus Nation's map

8 avenue de Saint-mandé, 75012 Paris

CAMPUS NATION : PLAN GÉNÉRAL



Bâtiment A : Bibliothèque Sorbonne Nouvelle, Administration composante UFR LLD
Bâtiment B : Enseignement et administration des composantes - ESIT, UFR LLCSE, UFR A&M
Bâtiment C : Enseignement et Services Centraux, DNJM
Bâtiment D : DEVU, SAC, Associations étudiantes, Syndicats

Provisional Program

On day one students are welcomed on the historic Campus Sorbonne: Interactive French–American conversation, Guided Tour of the Campus Sorbonne.

The academic program may include

- «We shall overcome» and Kendrick Lamar’s «Alright»: Old Wine in New Bottles ?
- Thinking race, fighting racism: the intellectual, political, and social mobilizations of African Americans in the United States and abroad.
- Racial capitalism in comparative perspective.
- Reframing the American Revolution: Diverse experiences and Transatlantic Alliances.
- Screening and debate of documentary.

The cultural program may include

- Guided tour, «Le Paris Noir tour».
- Josephine Baker at the Panthéon.
- Exhibition at Maison des Mondes Africains.
- Workshop at the Musée National de l’Histoire de l’Immigration.
- Visit at Little Africa Paris Village.



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Prospective speakers

- Laurence **Cossu-Beaumont**, Professor at Sorbonne Nouvelle University & Co-director of the Summer School.
- David **Diallo**, Professor at Bordeaux University & Co-director of the Summer School.
- Audrey **Célestine**, Professor at New York University (NYU).
- [Elisabeth Gomis, Maison des Mondes Africains.](#)
- [Kévi Donat, Parisian guide and creator of «Le Paris Noir tour».](#)
- Melissa **Grand**, Doctoral student.
- Linda **Hamidat**, Doctoral student.
- [Alicia Knock, Curator of the Paris Noir exhibit.](#)
- Luna **Kondombo**, Doctoral student.
- Nicolas **Martin-Breteau**, Professor at Lille University.
- Enricka **MH**, Film-maker.
- Jacqueline **Ngo Mpii**, founder of Little Africa Paris Village.
- Noëlle **Romney**, Doctoral student.
- Maude **Savidan**, Doctoral student.





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