

Tufts in Talloires

Course Proposal General Information and Guidelines

General Information

- Tufts in Talloires is a six-week summer program for undergraduate students that takes place at the European Center in Talloires, FRANCE.
- The Tufts in Talloires program mirrors Tufts' first summer session and is open to Tufts students from all class years and all disciplines in Arts and Sciences and Engineering.
- Students enroll in two credit-bearing undergraduate courses that they select from the ten that are offered.
- Fluency in French is not a requirement for students.
- Students are most often interested in combining this overseas experience with fulfilling requirements (distribution, major or other).
- There are generally 75-80 students enrolled in the Tufts in Talloires program each year. Students live with host families in the vicinity and come to the European Center each day for their courses.

Tufts in Talloires 2026:

- The Tufts in Talloires 2026 Program will run from **May 12 – June 26, 2026.**
- Course proposals for the 2026 program are due by **Friday, October 17, 2025, at 5:00 PM.**

Course Proposal Criteria

Course proposals must meet the following criteria in order to be considered:

- **Proposed course must already exist in the Tufts undergraduate curriculum and must offer approved undergraduate credit;**
- **Proposed course must provide a rationale for being taught in Talloires and include information about how it might use regional resources and incorporate the European Center's location and setting;**
- **Proposals must receive department chair approval by the October deadline.**
- **Proposal must be complete and adequately documented.**

Please note that course proposals selected for the *Tufts in Talloires* Program must have at least 8 students enrolled by the program's registration deadline (mid-February) in order to be offered in Talloires.

Tufts in Talloires course proposals are evaluated by the Subcommittee on the European Center at Talloires as well as the Academic Deans and the Director of the European Center.

Practical Information

Teaching in Talloires:

- All courses take place at the Tufts European Center in Talloires, France. The European Center itself is an 11th century Priory, part of a former Benedictine Monastery, and is classified as a French Historical Monument.
- Students participating in Tufts in Talloires come from all class years, all majors and are expected to have a minimum GPA of 2.75. Maximum program size is 85 students.
- Generally, ten courses are selected for the Tufts in Talloires program; students select and enroll in two of these courses when they register for the program.
- Each course meets three times a week (two 2.5 hour blocks and one 1.5 hour block per week) for a total of 18 class meetings in order to meet the contact hour requirements. Classes are offered on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Wednesdays are reserved for class excursions and group activities. Class meetings do not take place in the same time block each day.

- Class excursions, guest speakers or special class activities are organized by the European Center staff in coordination with each faculty member. Each class has the opportunity for one day-long excursion.
- Faculty are expected to be in residence for the entirety of the program.
- Technology for teaching (i.e. wireless internet) is available. Please note that projectors, adapters, and basic A/V equipment are available on-site, but specialized technology must be considered in advance.
- The European Center staff can assist with any logistical arrangement for excursions (transportations, bookings, sites, translation as needed, etc.). Faculty remain responsible for developing the academic rationale and structure for excursions
- Faculty will be notified of course selection outcomes earlier in the academic year. Selected faculty will also receive additional information about housing, pre-departure orientation, and program logistics.

Living in Talloires:

- Talloires is a very small resort village (pop. 1,600) on the banks of Lake Annecy, in the foothills of the French Alps. The village has a number of hotels and restaurants, one small grocery store, a bakery and an ATM. The closest city is Annecy, (pop 125,000) located about 10 miles away to the north. There is regular bus service between Talloires and Annecy.
- The TGV (Fast Train) runs regularly between Paris and Annecy. The trip takes 3.5 hours.
- The closest international airport is in Geneva Switzerland, about 40 miles away.
- In addition to a salary, faculty receive a living expense allowance to help cover the cost of their travel and lodging.
- Faculty housing in Talloires is arranged by the Director of the Tufts European Center. Local apartment rentals are organized based on faculty requests and requirements and apartment availability. Housing costs vary based on the size of the apartment and are deducted from living expense allowance.
- Transportation between Talloires and Annecy runs on a regional bus system; schedules vary depending on weekdays, weekends, and French holidays.

Questions?

If you have any questions about proposing a course for the *Tufts in Talloires Program*, including questions about the European Center or about local Talloires resources, please contact: Gabriella Goldstein, Director, Tufts European Center at gabriella.goldstein@tufts.edu.

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