The University of Massachusetts Summer Studio Program in France 2015

The 12 credit Summer Studio Program in France 2015 offers students an environment conducive to pursuing creative work and a European experience where travel and the study of art on location are an integrated part of the studio program. Students and faculty will be in residence at the Chateau de La Napoule from July 15 through August 15, 2015. Prior to the residence in La Napoule, participants will begin the program with a stay in Paris from July 4 – 14, 2015.

In Paris each student will have a 10 day prepaid museum pass to over 75 of the greatest museums in Paris, such as the Louvre, Orsay and the Pompidou. Each day in Paris will begin with a lecture corresponding to the day’s museum visits. There will also be a series of one-day study trips to locations such as Giverny, and Chartres.

3 academic credits will be applied to the creation of an artist's journal. This activity is daily and ongoing and consists of a visual and written dialogue of concepts and images, which center on the development of self-critical acuity. Critical thinking, the development of evaluative criteria, and the ability to articulate in written and drawn form are stressed as the vital core of our program.

Another 3 credits, part of the maximum earned 12 credits, will be awarded for a Research Paper and related PowerPoint presentation, completed prior to departure on an assigned artist. The Research Paper and PowerPoint will be presented to the entire group on-site.

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