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# REWIND

## MASTER'S OPEN HOUSE 12TH APRIL

## ARAB KNOWLEDGE FORUM 18TH APRIL

Under the patronage of and in the presence of His Highness Sheikh Nahyan Mubarak Al Nahyan, UAE Minister of Culture and Knowledge Development, the Arab Knowledge Forum was convened on April 18th at Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi. Several leading universities and key foundations participated in this important annual event, organised by the University Leadership Consortium, which promotes a constructive dialogue between leading figures from industry, chief academic officers and relevant governmental agencies as well as groups of the brightest young graduates of the leading universities members of "The Consortium".

The event joined the forces of these key entities to promote capacity-building activities, which improves the empowerment of the UAE's youth within the wider context of the strategic objectives for knowledge development and the sustainable development of human capital as the very foundation of continued nation-building initiatives.

## VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY DR. AHMED BILHOUL FALASI, MINISTER OF STATE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION 24TH APRIL

## MOU BETWEEN PARIS-SORBONNE UNIVERSITY ABU DHABI AND TOTAL 25TH APRIL



Art Exhibition: Wheel Of Life By Joëlle A. Kurdy

## ROBIN HOOD MUSICAL COMEDY BY THE FLE STUDENTS 27TH APRIL

## CONFERENCE: LES ENTRETIENS D'ABU DHABI MAY 1ST

Reconciling fossil fuel energy production and environmental protection: the vision of Sheikh Zayed. The event was organised under the Patronage of H.H. Sheikh Hazza bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council.

## THEATRE PLAY: ONCE UPON A TIME... OR TWO MAY 4TH

Culture Emulsion presented a Culture Emulsion and La Compagnie Incendies co-production written and performed in French and English under the patronage of l'Institut Français.

## COMMEMORATION DAY MAY 8TH

Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi and the Commander of the French Forces in the Indian Ocean presented a multidisciplinary conference dedicated to the heritage of the Second World War in ethics, sociology and literature.



Opera Screening: Festival D'aix-En-Provence « Les Noces De Figaro, W.a. Mozart »

The Conference was preceded by a military ceremony in the presence of H.E. Michel Miraillet, Ambassador of France in the UAE.

## OPERA RECITAL: FROM CRACOW, WITH LOVE MAY 9TH

In Celebration of Europe Day, an Opera Recital by Iwona Socha (Soprano) and Joanna Steczek (piano) was held in the Auditorium.

## ART EXHIBITION: WHEEL OF LIFE BY JOËLLE A. KURDY MAY 10TH

The opening of the solo exhibition of painting "Wheel of Life" by Joëlle A. Kurdy was held in the presence of H.E. Zaki Nusseibeh, Cultural Advisor, Ministry of Presidential Affairs.

## CINEMA: OPEN BETHLEHEM BY LEILA SANSOUR MAY 10TH

Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi screened the movie "Open Bethlehem" by Director Leila Sansour. The movie was followed by a Q&A session with the Director.

## WORKSHOP RESEARCH PROGRAMME: FRESH WATER AND RISKS IN THE ARAB STATES OF THE GCC MAY 11TH

A research seminar entitled "Fresh water, law and renewed stakes in the Arab States of the Gulf Cooperation Council" was hosted

by a panel of Experts from the Master of Sustainable Development Law and the Sorbonne Abu Dhabi research programme.

## LES MAJLIS LITTERAIRES: « A QUOI SERT LA LECTURE? » MAY 29TH

As part of the UAE Reads initiative, Vital Rambaud invited everyone to attend the last gathering of Les Majlis Littéraires for the 2015-2016 academic year.

## OPERA SCREENING: FESTIVAL D'AIX-EN-PROVENCE « LES NOCES DE FIGARO, W.A. MOZART » MAY 31ST

An opera buffa (comic opera) divided into four acts and composed by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart with an Italian libretto by Lorenzo Da Ponte, and based on a stage comedy by Pierre Beaumarchais, La folle journée, ou le Mariage de Figaro ("The Mad Day, or The Marriage of Figaro") was held at Sorbonne Abu Dhabi. The screening was directed by Richard Brunel.

## STUDENT IFTAR JUNE 20TH

The Student Affairs Department arranged and prepared a special iftar for our students on campus during the Holy Month of Ramadan.

## NEW JOINERS

It was a pleasure to welcome the following new members of staff to Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi:



**Patricia Chahwane**  
Receptionist  
General Services Department  
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Philosophy And Sociology  
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Head Of Section  
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Registrar  
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**Dr. Hadrien Dubucs**  
Head Of Department  
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Head Of Department  
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Sciences And Management  
Ext 9290



**Dr. Clio Chaveneau**  
Assistant Professor  
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**Valerie Derkx**  
French Lecturer  
French As A Foreign Language  
Ext 9158



**Eva Totems**  
French Lecturer  
French As A Foreign Language  
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**LES MAJLIS LITTÉRAIRES  
DON QUICHOTTE, UN BEST-  
SELLER ET UN MYTHE**  
9TH OCTOBER

With the participation of Silvia Castillo, Head of the Applied Foreign Languages Department at Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, Danielle Perrot-Corpet, Lecturer in Compared Literature at Paris-Sorbonne University and Frédéric Rouvillois, Professor at Paris Descartes University.

The Discussion will be in French.



**WORKSHOP -  
BREAST CANCER  
AWARENESS DAY**  
10TH OCTOBER

Join us and the Abu Dhabi Police Department for a series of awareness workshops as part of breast cancer awareness day.

The Workshops will be delivered in English.



**LECTURE -  
RADIATION AND  
RADIOACTIVITY IN OUR  
DAILY LIFE**  
11TH OCTOBER

Lecture delivered by Daniele Giufrida, Expert in Radiation Protection at the UAE Federal Authority for Nuclear Regulation (FANR).

The Lecture will be delivered in English.



**LECTURE -  
AN OLYMPIC LIFE  
...AND AFTER**  
16TH OCTOBER

A Lecture by Jean-Luc Crétier, French Alpine skier and gold medal winner in the downhill event at the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan.

The Lecture will be delivered in French.



**PHOTO EXHIBITION -  
"MULTI-RELIGIOUS  
CYPRUS" AND "GLOBAL  
INHERITANCE OF CYPRUS:  
HISTORY, MYTH AND  
RELIGION"**  
17TH OCTOBER

You are cordially invited to the "Multi-Religious Cyprus" and "Global Inheritance of Cyprus: History, Myth and Religion" photography exhibition, organised by the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus in the UAE.

The Exhibition will last until October 30th.



**THEATRE PLAY -  
LE DÎNER DE CONS**  
19TH OCTOBER

Culture Emulsion troupes offers "Le diner de cons", a well-known and recognised French play.

The Theatre Play will be delivered in French.



**LECTURE -  
TO OVERCOME DISCORD:  
RELIGIOUS PEACE AND  
COEXISTENCE IN EUROPE  
DURING THE SIXTEENTH  
CENTURY**  
26TH OCTOBER

Two guest speakers, Pr. Dr. Denis CROUZET and Dr. Clarisse ROCHE will tackle the issue of the peace-making process and how to put an end to the Wars of Religion during sixteenth-century Europe, especially in the German Holy Roman Empire and in the Kingdom of France.

The Lecture will be delivered in French.

# COMING UP NEXT

## OCTOBER

**04**

Workshop: Leadership  
Location: Oval Room  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**05**

Lecture: Philosophy and Religion  
Location: Amphitheatre Robert de Sorbon  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**09**

Majlis  
Location: Library  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**10**

Workshop: Breast Cancer  
Awareness Day  
Location: Atrium  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**11**

Lecture: Radiation and Radioactivity  
in our Daily Life  
Location: Amphitheatre Robert de Sorbon  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm



**17**

Workshop: Leadership  
Location: Oval Room  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Opening of the Cyprus  
Photography Exhibition  
Location: Atrium  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**19**

Theatre Play: Le Dîner de Cons  
Location: Auditorium  
Time: From 8:30pm

**24**

Professional Meeting/Museum Careers  
Location: Library  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**25**

Workshop: Poetry - Charbel 3-4 French-Arabic  
Location: Amphitheatre Robert de Sorbon  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**26**

Lecture: Vaincre La Discorde. Paix De Religion  
et Coexistence Religieuse dans L'europe de  
Xvie Siècle  
Location: Amphitheatre Robert de Sorbon  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Workshop: Leadership  
Location: Oval Room  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**28**

Happiness Day  
Location: Atrium  
Time: 3:00pm to 7:00pm

**29**

Workshop: Leadership  
Location: Oval Room  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**31**

Halloween  
Location: Cafeteria  
Time: 7:00pm to 8:00pm

## NOVEMBER

**02**

Geography - Environment Seminar Lectures  
of Environment: Dynamics of Territories and  
Societies Master  
Location: Amphitheatre Robert de Sorbon  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**03**

Flag Day  
Location: Atrium  
Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm

**04**

Spectacle - Elie Semoun  
Location: Auditorium  
Time: 7:30pm

**05**

Launch of the Career Mentoring Programme  
Location: Amphitheatre Robert de Sorbon  
Time: 2:00pm

**08**

Workshop: Sustainability and Community Services  
Location: Oval Room  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**09**

Lecture: The Twilight of Ancient Egypt  
Location: Amphitheatre Robert de Sorbon  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**12**

Concert - Choeur and Orchestre  
Sorbonne Universités  
Location: Auditorium  
Time: 7:30pm to 9:30pm

DON'T  
MISS OUT



**13**  
Majlis  
Location: Library  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Employability Workshop  
Location: Amphitheatre Robert de Sorbon  
Time: 6:00pm

**14**  
Workshop: Abu Dhabi Art  
Location: Oval Room  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**16**  
Fitness Challenge  
Location: Sports Building  
Time: 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Geography - Environment Seminar Lectures of Environment: Dynamics of Territories and Societies Master  
Location: Amphitheatre Robert de Sorbon  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**19**  
Alumni Reunion (Gala Dinner)

**20**  
Graduation Ceremony  
Location: Auditorium  
Time: 5:30pm

**22**  
Lecture: Religion Statute of Arab Countries  
Location: Amphitheatre Robert de Sorbon  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Children Creative Workshop  
Time: 2:30pm to 4:30pm

**23**  
Children Creative Workshop  
Time: 2:30pm to 4:30pm

Lecture: Conversation on the History of Jewels  
Location: Amphitheatre Robert de Sorbon  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**24**  
Independence Day Concert - Carole Samaha  
Location: Auditorium  
Time: 8:00pm to 10:00pm

Lecture: Conversation on the History of Jewels  
Location: Amphitheater Robert de Sorbon  
Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm

**25**  
Beach Volleyball Tournament  
Location: Sports Building  
Time: 9:00am to 9:00pm

**28**  
National Day Celebrations  
Location: Atrium

**30**  
Martyrs Day



**25TH NOVEMBER**  
Beach Volleyball Tournament



**2ND DECEMBER**  
National Day

**DECEMBER**

**02**  
National Day

**04**  
Majlis  
Location: Library  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**05**  
Professional Meeting/Museum Careers  
Location: Library  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**07**  
Climbing Contest  
Location: Sports Building  
Time: 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Ladies Dance  
Location: Sports Building  
Time: 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Workshop: Sustainability and Community Services  
Location: Oval Room  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Lecture: Sciences and Culture Around the Renaissance  
Location: Amphitheater Robert de Sorbon  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**08**  
Geography - Environment Seminar Lectures of Environment: Dynamics of Territories and Societies Master  
Location: Amphitheatre Robert de Sorbon  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Employability Workshop  
Location: Amphitheatre Robert de Sorbon  
Time: 2:00pm

**11**  
Prophet's Birthday

**12**  
Salsa Dance Show  
Location: Cafeteria  
Time: 12:30pm to 1:30pm

**13**  
Zumba Fitness Show  
Location: Cafeteria  
Time: 12:30pm to 1:30pm

**14**  
Basketball Tournament  
Location: Sports Building  
Time: 6:00pm to 10:00pm

Lecture: Sciences and Culture Around the Renaissance  
Location: Amphitheater Robert de Sorbon  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**20**  
End of Season Celebrations  
Location: Garden

**25**  
Christmas





*I simply  
love my job*

# FACE TO FACE WITH...

## Alexandre Blaise

Head of Department  
Sports

### **So, Alexandre, what's your story? Tell us about yourself**

Being so attached to sport since I was young, I always wanted to become a sport teacher. After a few years as a professional scuba diving instructor in the French Polynesia, I returned to France to teach PE at high school and since September 2004, at Paris-Sorbonne University.

### **What attracted you to Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi?**

The project is unique and in a career you don't usually get two opportunities to participate in the development of your university's overseas campus. I knew about the UAE since I was a teenager through my friends, which only strengthened my passion and my motivation to come here and discover this beautiful country.

I remember the night I received an email from my Sports Editor at Paris-Sorbonne University, announcing the creation of the new campus in Abu Dhabi. I was really excited and I was more than happy to volunteer.

### **What do you like about your experience here in the Emirates?**

I had the opportunity to be among the first founders of the ADISL university league with my colleagues from four other universities in Abu Dhabi.

In my opinion, the cultural mix at Sorbonne Abu Dhabi is unique and very rewarding.

To be able to teach the French standard to students from different countries is a pleasure, but also a real challenge. This is where the ambition of the Sorbonne Abu Dhabi project lies.

### **Do you recommend any interesting sports here in the UAE?**

Rock climbing and camping in the mountains during the winter is really nice as well as the many indoor sports available all year. Sorbonne Abu Dhabi has one of, if not, the largest artificial climbing structure in the UAE, which is ideal for our students to practice all year long. I am convinced that this sport, which will be at the Tokyo Olympics in 2020, will grow rapidly in the UAE.

Standup Paddleboarding (SUP) is very fun too. Whether for training or competition, Standup Paddleboarding is the perfect sport to be closer to nature as well as train your body at the same time. This is the sport of now without any risk of injury! Try it out!

### **How do you feel about your job?**

I simply love my job.

### **So, what do you do for fun?**

I love swimming and running as well as stand up paddleboarding inside the mangroves around Abu Dhabi - it's really amazing and great exercise.





## Dana Halwani

Syrian, living in the UAE  
Master in International Business  
and Languages

# A MINUTE WITH...

### Why did you pick Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi?

I picked Sorbonne Abu Dhabi because I believe that it is one of the best universities in the UAE. Also, knowing that it also offers the Applied Foreign Languages Bachelor's Programme, made my choice easier because I've always been interested in languages and cultures.

### How did your journey with Sorbonne Abu Dhabi help shape your professional experience?

It helped me establish cross-cultural friendships and learn about different cultures. It also helped me become more accepting of others which is very important in today's diverse world.

### Tell us about your particular experience as a Sorbonne Abu Dhabi bachelor student, master's student and employee.

When I first joined Sorbonne Abu Dhabi, I wasn't a French speaker. I had to take the one-year French Intensive course to be able to do my Bachelor's degree. It was challenging at the beginning to learn 2 new languages, French and Spanish but when you love and enjoy what you do, you forget about everything else.

Being a Master's student at Sorbonne Abu Dhabi taught me a lot because it gave me the chance to work with students from different age groups and different nationalities which helps shape one's personality.

And now I consider myself fortunate to be a part of Sorbonne Abu Dhabi's staff, and I am lucky enough to have amiable and cooperative colleagues.

### In what ways have you changed since you graduated?

I have discovered interests that I never knew I had, and I believe I've matured and changed as much mentally and emotionally.

### What do you do in your spare time?

I like crafting and I like to watch movies and series.

### What are your thoughts on social media?

I enjoy social media; and I believe it is the fastest and easiest tool for modern communication.

### What are your future projects?

I plan to focus on my career by proving myself since this is my first job after graduation. I would like to learn a new language maybe Italian or Portuguese.

### Based on your personal experience, what would you advise current students in Sorbonne Abu Dhabi?

Enjoy your experience at Sorbonne Abu Dhabi and don't be afraid to try and participate in new things. Try to find the right balance between studying and having fun because these moments will never come again ... and trust me you will miss them!

Thank you for sharing your experience with us. Sorbonne Abu Dhabi is proud of you!

# SORBONNE ABU DHABI INWITTA

## Make an impact in student life and become an Alumni Mentor

The Career Services and Alumni Relations Office (Department of Student Affairs) will soon launch the CareerLink Mentoring Programme which is a new career development scheme matching experienced professionals (mentors) from all fields of expertise with Sorbonne Abu Dhabi students (mentees) to help them develop employability skills and give them a practical insight into the changing employment market.

When students start thinking about their future careers, they have a multitude of questions: what career option best aligns with my degree? What skills are required from a particular job? How do I get a job in my chosen sector with no experience? To assist in providing answers to these questions, Sorbonne Abu Dhabi Alumni mentor a student in their field, regardless of their geographical location. Our alumni have extensive relevant professional experience and are eligible to play a crucial role in guiding our current students on career matters.

### What is career mentoring?

Career Mentoring is a relationship built on mutual respect, constructive feedback, openness and a willingness to learn and share. It is also an effective way for mentors to:

- Help students become more knowledgeable about the work place by sharing professional advice and career experiences.
- Help students learn what employers want when hiring fresh graduates.
- Develop self-confidence in our students.
- Explore career paths, broaden horizons and provide networking opportunities.
- Prepare graduates for the transition out of University and into the workplace.

Career mentoring can be sectors specific or cross discipline. Once we receive alumni applications,

the Programme Administrator will match alumni with students whose interests align with their professional expertise or industry. Applicants should keep in mind that having a mentor that has nothing to do with the student's academic programme may be more beneficial.

### Role of the mentor

It is worth keeping in mind that career mentoring is not a job placement programme. The role of the mentor is to provide support, guidance and encouragement to the mentee and to develop the knowledge that is needed to advance and develop their future career.

Mentors guide students with exploring career options and manage the mentoring relationship through a series of activities, which will be discussed in advance. A mentor's role may include the following:

- Actively listening and providing constructive feedback.
- Helping the mentee consider career options.
- Setting goals and identifying strategies to meet those goals.
- Helping the mentee identify their skills and qualities.
- Providing guidance (not direction).
- Help the mentee examine ways to overcome the barriers they may face on their career path.
- Collaborating in problem solving (but not solving the problems for the mentee).
- Give an insight into a particular industry or activity.
- Provide advice about job applications and how to produce an effective CV.
- Provide opportunities to develop interview skills.
- Act as a positive role model.

The Career Mentoring scheme will run between November 2016 and May 2017. Face to face meetings are expected to take place four to five times across the duration of the programme, at least once every month or once every two months depending on the mentee and mentor's preferences and availability.

Meetings are to be conducted either at the University or at the mentor's workplace.

### Benefits to Alumni mentors

The benefits of mentoring are many for both mentees and mentors. For mentors the CareerLink Mentoring programme will offer a unique opportunity to:

- Gain value from their mentor's professional experience.
- Enhance mentor's personal and professional development through coaching and advising.
- Engage with a new generation of students and acquaint themselves with upcoming talents.
- Offer an opportunity to truly make a difference to the career development of a student.

### How to enroll in the programme

Alumni who have a minimum 5 years work experience in various sectors are eligible to participate in the CareerLink mentoring programme. To take part in the programme, alumni are invited to contact the Career Services and Alumni Relations Office and send their CV together with the application form which is available upon request at: [careerservicesoffice@psuad.ac.ae](mailto:careerservicesoffice@psuad.ac.ae)

If you have questions about the programme, check out the programme FAQ's or contact the Career Services and Alumni Relations Office. The Programme Administrator will be happy to assist you at every stage of the mentoring process.

### Contact us

Career Services and Alumni Relations Office Department of Student Affairs

Tel: +971 (0) 2 656 9104

[careerservicesoffice@psuad.ac.ae](mailto:careerservicesoffice@psuad.ac.ae)



# CHRISTMAS IN ALSACE

The first Christmas Market in Strasbourg was held around its prestigious Cathedral in 1570. Ever since, its reputation has spread throughout Europe, testament to its authentic character and the high quality of everything it offers. The site of the market is home to 300 wooden cabins spread across 12 sites.

Strasbourg  
Capitale de Noël

The Mayor of Strasbourg unveils the illuminations in the shopping streets during the opening ceremony with the click of a single button. The fir tree, streets, houses, church facades, windows and balconies glow with a thousand lights, illuminated by countless ornaments, each more unique than the others. Lighting effects create an exceptional magical atmosphere that will put sparkles in the eyes of children and adults alike.



THE ICE RINK

Surrounded by a traditional Christmas atmosphere, an ephemeral ice rink stands in the midst of the Place Dauphine. A space is dedicated for children with sleds and accessories to skate safely.

CHILDREN’S VILLAGE (PLACE ST. THOMAS)

Throughout the Christmas Market, a programme filled with entertainment activities, storytelling and workshops immerses children in the magical and enchanting world of Christmas.

Like an enchanted carousel, everything is designed to make you dream, escape and let your imagination soar. Experience those precious moments with your family!

A CULTURAL CHRISTMAS

A multitude of shows, musical evenings and cultural entertainment are held during this magical time of Christmas.

Everywhere, orchestras, choirs and carols resonate in the streets, in churches and around the Grand Fir Tree. It is an opportunity for individuals and families, from children to adults, to indulge in unique moments and travel through time.

CHRISTMAS: A TIME OF SHARING

Christmas is a privileged time of sharing and solidarity. Over 90 charities, humanitarian associations and club services gather around the Grand Fir Tree at the Place Kléber, inviting everyone to take part in a common spirit of generosity.

Collection of donations and toys, sales of ornaments, Christmas cakes and greeting cards, mulled wine and chocolate tasting help raise funds to help those in need.

MONUMENTS, MUSEUMS AND OTHER KEY SITES TO VISIT

LA PETITE FRANCE

This is the most picturesque district in old Strasbourg. Fishermen, millers and tanners once lived and worked in this part of town where the streets were built level with the waterways.

The magnificent half-timbered houses date back to the 16th and 17th centuries. Their sloping roofs open onto lofts where tanners once dried skins.

THE HUMAN RIGHTS BUILDING

Built based on the plans of the British architect Sir Richard Rogers, the joint designer of the Beaubourg Centre in Paris, the Human Rights Building opened its doors in 1995 and houses the European Court of Human Rights. Visits inside the building are not allowed.



THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Its hemicycle, with a capacity of 750 seats, was completed in 1999. It accommodates the monthly sessions of this institution.

A PASS TO VISIT MORE PLACES AND SPEND LESS

The Strasbourg-Pass and Strasbourg-Pass Junior is your key to the city for 3 consecutive days. These passes offer free services and numerous discounts to discover all the monuments and not to be missed tourist sites, at your own pace.

For an immersive virtual visit kindly follow the two links below:

[www.strasbourg.eu](http://www.strasbourg.eu)  
[www.otstrasbourg.fr](http://www.otstrasbourg.fr)

Free wifi is available in most parts of the Strasbourg Christmas Market from WifiLib.

© Information from the Tourist Office of Strasbourg and its region

GASTRONOMY IN ALSACE

Alsace has a rich gastronomy that has brought about countless specialties. The genius of the Alsatian cuisine is to use common ingredients (eggs, potatoes, cabbage etc) to create true masterpieces. This cuisine of peasant origins was rediscovered with delicious inventions such as foie gras, pâté en croûte (crusted pâté), sauerkraut, baeckeoffe, kugelhopf, pretzels, flammekueche (tarte flambée), spaetzle and pastries, while staying true to its origins.



PRETZEL

This savoury heart-shaped biscuit has been the emblem of bakers since the 14th century. Its origin is as ancient as it is mysterious.

FLAMMEKUECHE OR TARTE FLAMBÉE

Some restaurants in the countryside serve only this dish. This thin dough covered in cream, onions and bacon is served on a wooden board in the centre of the table to be shared among guests as a finger food. What's best is that guests don't need to order seconds. The restaurants will keep serving more until you ask them to stop.

FOIE GRAS

“Pâté de foie gras” (goose liver pâté) was invented by the Strasbourg cook Jean-Pierre Clause around 1780. He had a little help from the Romans however, who introduced this superb fowl into Alsace, and by the Jews who had mastered the technique of fattening-up and preserving the liver (since their exit from Egypt).

KOUGELHOPF

A leading symbol of Alsace, this cake made from brioche dough has a unique shape making it ideal for sharing. It can be enjoyed as sweet or savoury.



THE CATHEDRAL OF NOTRE-DAME

The Cathedral of Strasbourg is a masterpiece of gothic art. Its facade represents the biggest book of pictures from the Middle Ages. Hundreds of sculptures seem to emerge from the wall and accentuate stunning light and shadow effects. The colour of the pink sandstone changes according to the time of day and the colour of the sky. On summer evenings, the lighting creates enchanting scenery.

Inside the cathedral, the long nave provides the perfect setting for spiritual contemplation. The stained-glass windows dating from the 12th and 14th centuries form an enchanting sight along with the rose window. The huge organ includes a remarkable case equipped with animated figures. The Renaissance astronomical clock, (the mechanism of which dates back to 1842) is a masterpiece in its own right, and visitors can admire a parade by the apostles every day at half past noon.





# ADVISING AND RESOURCES SECTION AT PARIS-SORBONNE UNIVERSITY ABU DHABI

The Advising and Resources Section was developed to support student success at Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi by implementing programmes and services.

### AU DEBUT - PEER MENTOR PILOT PROGRAMME

The Peer Mentor Programme at Paris Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is committed to providing an engaging and supportive community learning experience that guides new students in their academic, social and cultural transition at Sorbonne Abu Dhabi.

Within the first year, Advising and Resources have prepared the following documents:

- General Peer Mentor Information
- Policies and Procedures
- Glossary of Terms for New Students (English, Arabic and French)
- Evaluation Form
- Reference Forms
- Peer Mentor Agreement

### Programme objectives include:

- Providing role-models and leadership among students
- Promoting social and cultural integration
- Strengthening a sense of campus community through connections between participants
- Highlighting the different campus resources, policies and procedures
- Providing tutoring and academic support to students as needed

### Peer Mentor Work Schedule

- Weekly communication with peer mentees via social media
- Minimum of two face-to-face meetings per month
- Availability to support your mentee in meetings with their HOD or other Sorbonne Abu Dhabi management or administration
- Participating in monthly mentor meetings, trainings and coaching sessions
- Attending at least one group meeting per semester with your mentee. This can be either a social group activity or an educational group activity

### Mentees

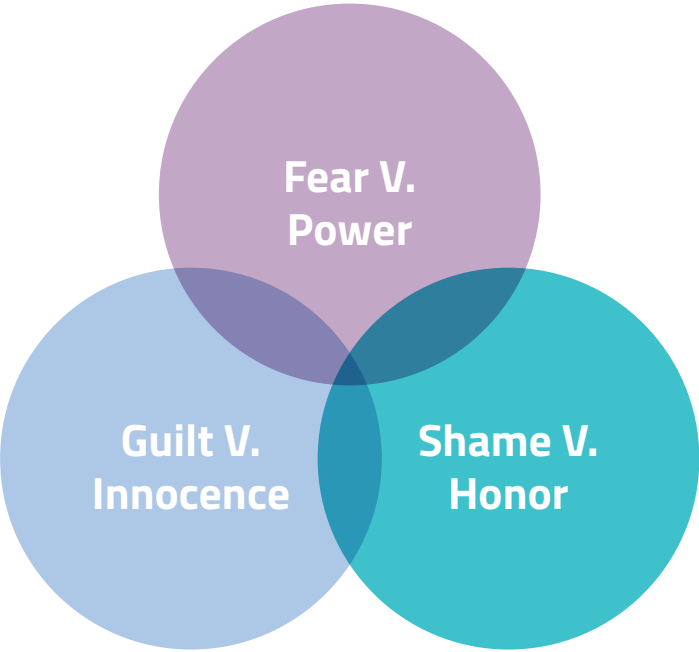


### Peer Mentor Training Programmes and Training Schedule

#### KnowledgeWorkxED (three 4-hour training sessions)

Practical exercises in coaching, identity formation, and adapting across cultures with engaging activities to build skill sets in listening, empowering, and creating a community using coaching tools and a focus on developing active listening skills.

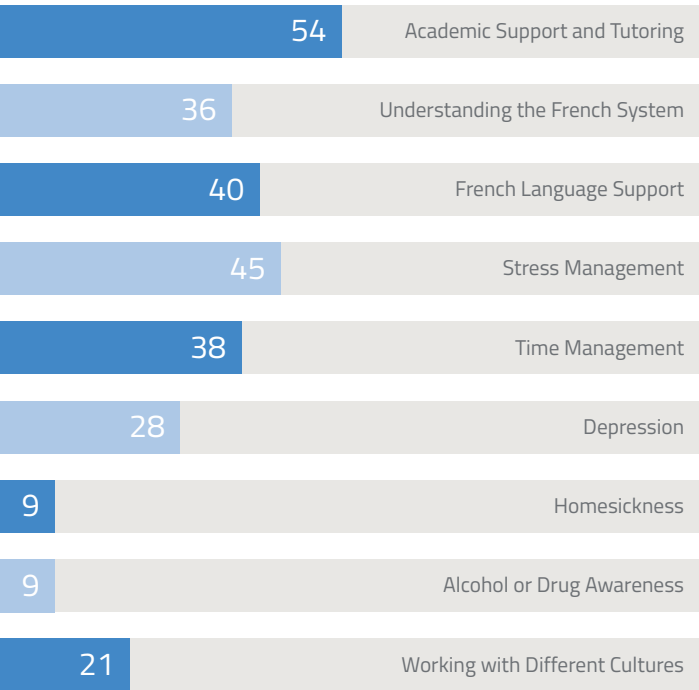
Personal development exercises are used to focus on self-management, time management, and resiliency. Cultural identity formation and inter-cultural coaching with emphasis on culture shock and the symptoms and practices to move beyond this condition.



### STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Members participated in a brief training session with the Communications and General Services departments in order to better understand their policies and procedures:

Student response to satisfaction survey when asked what areas the Peer Mentor should focus on:



### Future Leaders Development Training

The McDonalds Corporate Office for Middle East and Africa is providing Future Leaders Development Training to Sorbonne Abu Dhabi Peer Mentors, once a month.



#### Topics covered in past sessions:

- What is a leader and what are the different leadership styles?
- Aligning expectations and resolving issues through effective coaching

#### Topics to be covered:

- Leadership and Coaching
- Aligning Expectations and Resolving Issues Through Effective Coaching
- 7 Habits of Highly Effective People
- Effective Tools and Techniques for Group Communication
- Time Management Skills for School and Life
- Innovation for Leaders

#### Workshops

- Peak Performance Under Pressure –Stress Management
- Dissertation Support
- Dissertation Support II
- French tutoring



### Upcoming events

- Charity Day with the Special Care Center-March 3
- Sustainability initiative - date to be determined
- Campus wide activity with NYUAD and Masdar students
- Assistance in developing an Alcohol Awareness Programme

### Counseling Center at Sorbonne Abu Dhabi

The number of students visiting the Counseling Center is increasing.

### Scholarship programmes and study opportunities

- Fulbright Scholarship Information Session, Monday March 21st, 2016
- Schwarzman Scholars Webinar, Monday April 25th, 5pm at NYUAD
- Now What Workshop for L3 students and postgraduate students, April 14th (organised with the Sorbonne Abu Dhabi Counseling Center): Focus on supporting students to plan their future without anxiety
- Rhodes Scholarship Information Session on Wednesday, April 20th 2016
- E7 - Daughters of the Emirates programme in Dubai: Recruitment of Sorbonne Abu Dhabi applicants



Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi places sport on the centre stage, as sport is important and well recognised for its physical, mental, and social benefits. Nearly 20 sporting activities are offered through dedicated structures. The university offers students several opportunities for discovery and development while participating in events and championships with local and regional universities.

Students have the option to choose whether or not to integrate sports as part of their curriculum to earn a qualification (depending on their major and on the activity).

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## Sports Activities

- Chess
- Bellydance
- Paddleboard
- Golf
- Bowling
- Squash
- Crossfit
- Capoeira
- Natation Zoomers
- Badminton
- Table Tennis
- Breakdance
- Hip Hop
- Zumba
- Escalade bouldering
- Beach volley
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Fitness
- Muay thai
- Football
- Touch Rugby
- And much more

## Important Information

### SPORT ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING

- The practice: we require regular attendance.
- Information and communication: the list of available sports activities, timings and coach details are available at the sports building with the student jobs section from Sunday to Wednesday, 6:00pm to 10:30pm and the sports department (room no. 2.023). Alternatively, email [sports@psuad.ac.ae](mailto:sports@psuad.ac.ae)

### STUDENTS REGISTERED IN OPTIONAL SPORTS

Mandatory: 12 sessions/classes per semester. 1 justified absence allowed.

Signature of this card by the coach is mandatory (only one signature per week)

For more details, please contact the student jobs at the sports building or the sports department.

### Assessment procedures and number of ECTS:

2 to 5 ECTS: View the rules of the University with the Sports Department and with the coordinator of your department.

### DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING IN OPTIONAL SPORTS

- 1st semester: enrolment until October 6th 2016
- 2nd semester: enrolment until February 9th 2017

### HOW TO OBTAIN A LOCKER?

A locker provided by Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is available at the sports building reception. You must return it at the end of the academic year. In case of loss or replacement of the key, the deposit of 100 AED will be kept by the Finance Department.

The locker key must not be copied.

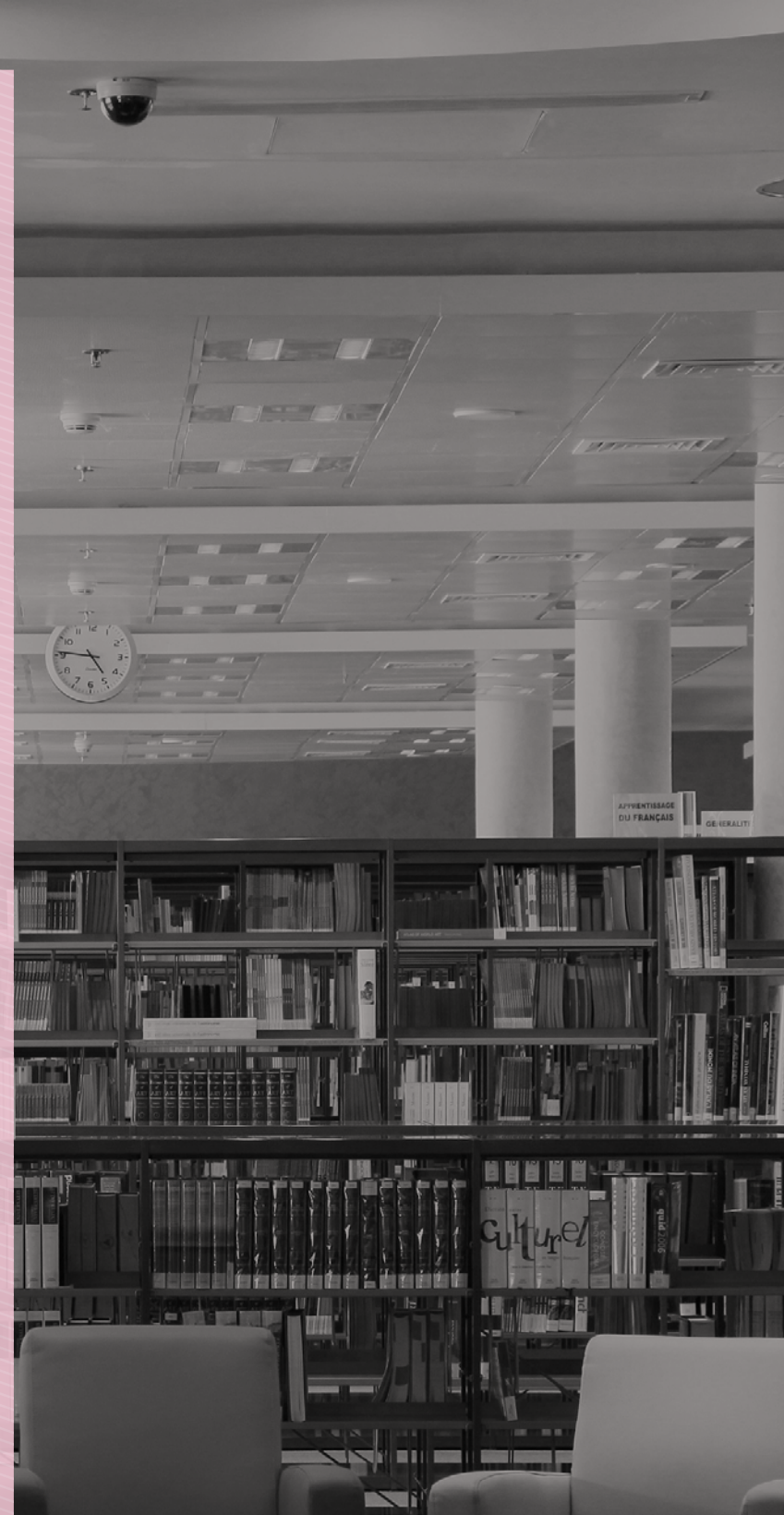




The Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi Library has a collection of more than 100,000 printed books and more than 200,000 e-books. The Library furthermore subscribes to a large number of electronic databases, which enable access to thousands of full text journal articles and reports. The library also has study facilities for about 400 students at a time, and more than 40 computers for accessing the library resources, email and the Internet.

During the academic semesters the library is open from 8:30am to 10:00pm on Sunday to Wednesday, 8:30am to 5:30pm on Thursdays and 9:00am to 5:00pm on Saturdays.

# OUR BOOK SHELF



## Selections from our recent acquisitions:

# 01



**L'ORDRE MATERIEL DU SAVOIR :  
COMMENT LES SAVANTS TRAVAILLENT  
XVIIe – XXIIe SIÈCLES.**

**Ed. Impressum, 2015**

**Author:** Waquet, Françoise

**Call No.** 509 WAQ

The book provides an inventory of the tools used by scientists including book, card, laboratory notebook, graph, image, scientific poster and databases from the sixteenth to twenty-first century.

# 02



**LOUVRE ABU-DHABI :  
NAISSANCE D'UN MUSÉE**

**Call No.** 708.9/072

Before the opening of the Museum, here is the opportunity to discover or to enjoy again the masterpieces he offers. A selection which reveals art in its entire universality.

# 03



**LA FOLIES DES BANQUES CENTRALES  
POL, 2015**

**Author:** Patrick Artus, Marie-Paule Virard

**Call No.** 332.46 ART

In this essay, Artus and Virard show how central banks have failed to play their role as a catalyst to re-engineer monetary policy in times of crisis. This has resulted in lasting financial problems whereby each shock is likely to be followed by shorter but more devastating ones.



# FUN FACTS

## THINGS THAT HAPPEN EVERY **60** SECONDS



Did you know more than 400,000 tweets are sent over the Internet and more than 300 hours of video are uploaded on YouTube every 60 seconds? To find out how big the internet has become, check out our infographic covering the latest statistics on things that happen on the internet every 60 seconds.



### WHATSAPP

**44,000,000** Messages processed  
**486,000** Photos  
**70,000** Video messages shared

### YELP

**26** New reviews posted on yelp

### LINKEDIN

**120** New accounts opened on LinkedIn

### REDDIT

More than **140** submissions on reddit

### GOOGLE

More than **2,315,000** searches

### FACEBOOK

**3,125,000** Likes  
**243,055** Photos  
More than **3,000,000** items shared

### TINDER

More than **18,000** matches made

### EMAIL

More than **150,000,000** emails are sent

### TWITTER

More than **430,000** tweets sent

### YOUTUBE

More than **2,700,000** video views  
**139,000** hours of video watched  
More than **300** hours of video are uploaded

### SPOTIFY

More than **39,300** hours of music listened  
**14** news songs added to spotify

### WWW

More than **100** new domains registered

### SNAPCHAT

More than **280,000** snaps sent on snapchat

### PINTEREST

**9,800**  
Articles pinned on pinterest

### INSTAGRAM

Around **56,000** photos uploaded

### ANDROID

More than **95,000** apps downloaded on android

### APPLE

More than **48,000** apps downloaded on iphone

### NETFLIX

More than **69,500** hours of video watched on netflix

### WECHAT

More than **21,000,000** messages sent  
More than **195,000** minutes of audio chatting on WeChat



# WHY STUDY FRENCH?



**POPULAR FOR STUDENTS**  
France is a popular destination for international students with the highest number after the USA and the UK



French is the second most studied language in the USA and around the world, with over **100 MILLION STUDENTS**



French is the **4th** most important online language



**BRITISH BUSINESSES**  
According to the British Council French is the **third most spoken language** for British businesses



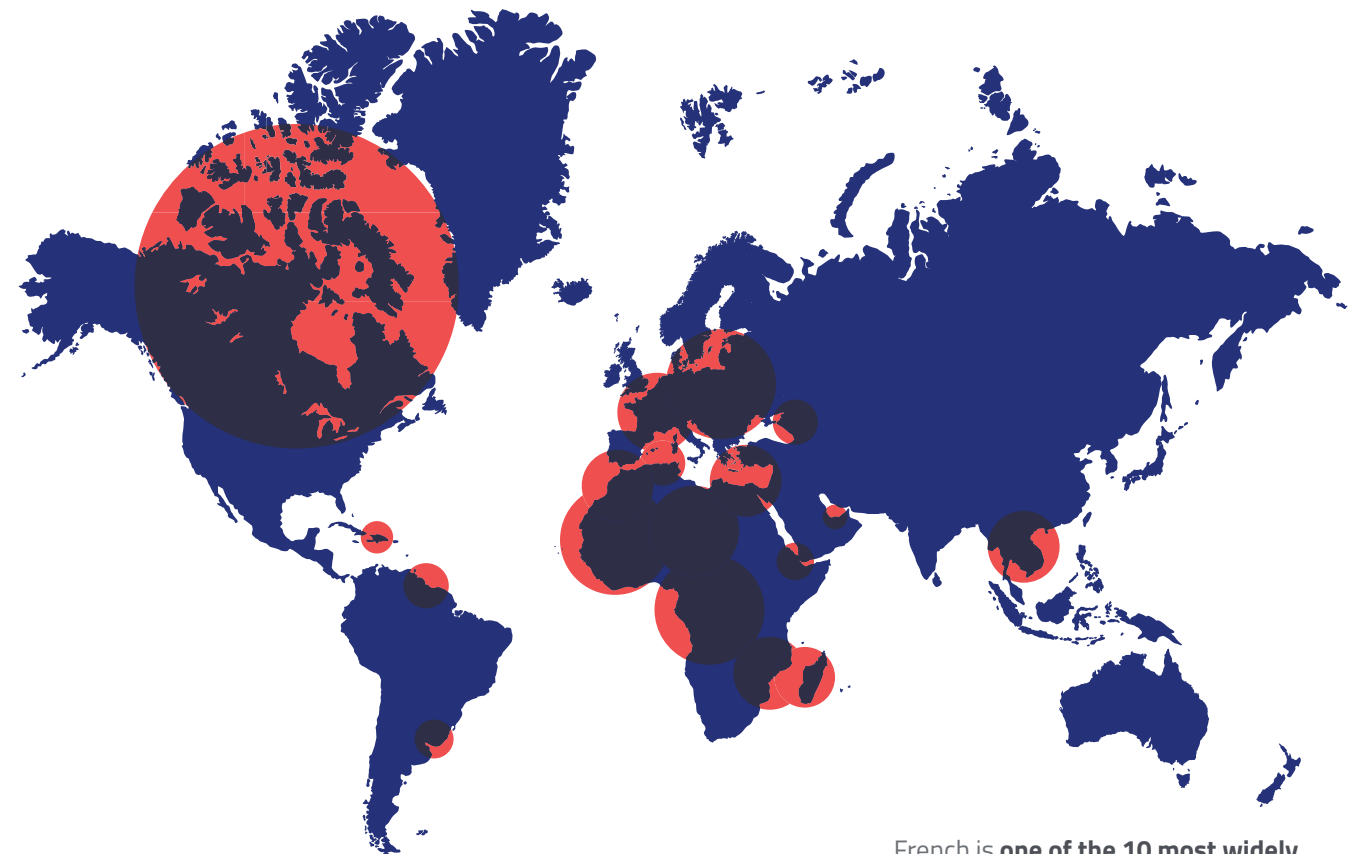
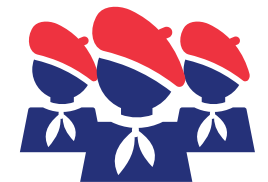
France and French-speaking countries account for 20% of the global trade in goods



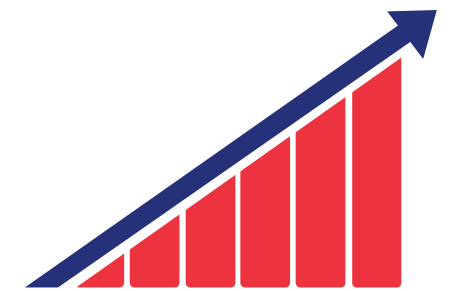
According to Bloomberg, French is the **third most spoken language** for international business

French is spoken on **every** continent with

**220 MILLION SPEAKERS**



French is **one of the 10 most widely spoken languages** in the world



**RAPID GROWTH**  
Many of the markets targeted for rapid growth around the world are those where French is a dominant language of culture and business



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