"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one’s lifetime."
Mark Twain, *The Innocents Abroad*

Chers Collègues, chers Etudiants,
Assez calme ici cette semaine avant le Fall Break de la semaine prochaine. Nous n’aurons pas de conférences ni d’activités particulières, que des examens de mi-semestre. Beaucoup parmi vous avez prévu sûrement de voyager et visiter l’Europe pendant la pause. Pour cela ce sera très important de nous dire où vous allez voyager au cas où nous aurions besoin de vous contacter. Certainement, nous ne devons pas avoir besoin de vous contacter, mais juste au cas d’urgence. Though we have most of your phone numbers from early semester, if you have changed in the meantime, please go to students.iaufrance.org to complete the contact form to update any information AND the travel form. You should have been following the news and learned by now about the Spanish Prime Minister’s decision to oust the leader of Catalonia and put an end to the region’s separatist movement. Though none of the foreign consulates (specifically US, UK and Australia) have issued any travel warnings, for those students who do plan travel to Barcelona, be aware that with a crackdown like this things could escalate quickly. Though we always urge you to be curious about discovering any new cultural experiences, try to steer clear of any big demonstrations in the region, whether in Barcelona or anywhere else in Catalonia. The will for independence in Catalonia is very strong, and the national government’s will to preserve Spain’s unity is quite forceful as well. Clashes are very possible so be sure you are not in the middle of it should it come to that. Otherwise ...
Safe Travels,
Leigh Smith
Dean

**Wednesday, 8 November - 6:30pm at Salle Bruno Etienne, Sciences-Po, Place de l’Université across from Cathedral**
*Soirée Sourire: Smile Awhile with Albert Camus*
Theatrical Readings from Dr. David Walker and Vincent Siano
We are expecting a big turnout at this event the week after break. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about Albert Camus.

**Extra Library Hours at CEF**
The library will be open a few extra hours this week.
Mon-Thurs to 10pm
Sunday 1pm-6pm
Note: Library will close at 9:30pm if empty at this hour.

**IAU hours next week**
During the Fall Break, IAU buildings will close at 5:30pm

**Final Exam Schedule**
Please click [Final Exam Schedule](#)

Note your final exams and plan accordingly. No make-ups scheduled for planning issues. More than two final exams in one day, students may see Dean Smith about scheduling another time. Schedule posted in buildings as well in "Files" under "IAU Fall 2017" Team.
Wellness schedule:
Tuesday, October 24: 9-12 am 5-7 pm
Thursday, October 26: 8:30-10 pm

Meetings are available by appointment and by drop-in:
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Weekend Travel Form
If leaving the area, be sure to complete the travel form and provide us with your latest cell numbers, please click link.