



Institute for American Universities Spring 2017 Graduation and Closing Ceremony

Friday, May 12, 2017 - 4-6pm

[Statue of Roi René at the top of Cours Mirabeau](#)

IAU is proud to announce the first graduation ceremony to take place this Friday, May 12, 2017 at 4pm beginning at the Statue of Roi René near the top of the Cours Mirabeau in Aix-en-Provence, France. Guests will meet here and proceed together to the Closing Ceremony and Graduation. Present will be IAU President, Dr. Carl Jubran as well as members of the IAU Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff.

Speakers will be trustee and IAU alumnus Kurt Volker (former US representative to NATO) among other noted IAU faculty and staff. Following opening remarks, academic prizes will be awarded along with the conference of diplomas to IAU's first graduating class of Masters' students. Professors and Graduates will be wearing graduation regalia while study abroad students will be wearing sashes handed out before the start of the procession. Host families and notable members from the city of Aix have been invited to this landmark event.

Program of Events

Presentation of Awards

School of Humanities and Social Sciences Prizes

Etienne Gros Prize (Literature Prize)

Edwin M. Smyrl Prize (History Prize)

Léon Wencelius Prize for Academic Excellence in Philosophy

School of Business and International Relations Prizes

Jeane and Evron Kirkpatrick Prize (Political Science and International Relations)

Larry Horner Prize in Business

French Department Prizes

Prix d'Excellence du Département de Français

William Marion Miller Prize (French Language Prize)

Anne Jourlait Translation Prize

Marchutz School of Fine Arts Prizes
John Rewald Prize (Art History Prize)
Creative Writing Prize

Presentation of Diplomas

Masters of Fine Arts
Master of Arts in French Studies
Master of Arts in International Relations

Student Closing Speech

Reception and Celebration

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2017 and all IAU students for an exceptional semester studying in France. We wish you all the best and hope that you remain in touch through IAU's extensive alumni network.

Merci, et meilleurs vœux à vous tous !