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COURSES OFFERED ON FRENCH CULTURE AND AMERICAN HISTORY

(HENDERSONVILLE, NC) – A new course, “*American History in Paris: Our Founding Fathers,*” will be offered at Community College through the Continuing Education Dept.. This Powerpoint walking guide for the American patriot and tourist will take students throughout the City of Light to places that are connected to the American Revolution and French involvement in that struggle. The three-session course will begin Monday at both campuses. One class begins at 10 a.m. and a second is at 6:30 p.m. Fee is ...

“American History in Paris” brings to life the close connections between the American colonies and France in the historic beginning of our country as we fought for independence from Britain. Famous names in American history – Benjamin Franklin, Jefferson, John Adams, John Paul Jones, Washington – will be joined with important French military – Lafayette, Rochambeau, deGrasse – as well as important locations in Paris – Hotel de Coislin, Hotel de Valentinois (where Benjamin Franklin lived in Paris), Place des Etats-Unis (U.S. Square), and others. The course enriches ones next visit to Paris, and also lends respect to our Founding Fathers and the historic Franco-American relationship.

In addition, the popular course, “*A Year in Paris: Living and Learning the City of Light,*” will start soon. Through discussion, Powerpoint, hand-outs, and memoirs, students will hear from a recent Paris resident about “real life” behind the sidewalk cafes and tourist destinations. The four-session series begins at the ICC campus with morning and evening classes offered (10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.).

Whether the student has been to Paris, or wishes to go, the popular course “A Year in Paris” answers many questions. Students learn about Paris in each of its glorious seasons -- summer’s sizzle, fall’s color and city habits, winter’s glistening darker days, and spring’s numerous holidays. Mary Jo Padgett relates her life living with an American family in Paris and with a Scotswoman and a French woman in Saint Germain-en-Laye, describes her favorite parks and hidden gardens, hot chocolate and chocolatiers, surprises in the metro, the American

Cathedral in Paris, weather, Bastille Day, learning the French language, French festivals, and more.

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