

# Berridge Programs

Find yourself in France.

## Creative Pathways

Program Structure and Curriculum

### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Creative Pathways is designed to help you discover and refine your artistic vision. Through hands-on mentorship, focused studio practice, and collaboration with peers, you'll develop your craft and create deeply personal work in your chosen discipline—Film, Studio Art, Music, or Acting. With a balance of workshops and independent time, this program encourages self-expression, skill-building, and portfolio development, while providing the opportunity to explore France's rich history and artistic culture. By the end, you'll gain confidence, a clear artistic direction, and a body of work to showcase.

### **DAILY SCHEDULE**

8:30: Breakfast

9:30: Community Hour

10:30: Morning Session

12:30: Lunch

1:30: Afternoon Session

4:00: Culture Club (Optional)

6:00: Dinner

8:00: Clubs/Activities (Optional)

## **PROGRAM COMPONENTS**

Each participant chooses an Artistic Concentration from: Film, Acting, Studio Art, Music. The program is broadly divided into Morning and Afternoon sessions with mornings offering more structured classes and afternoons set aside for studio time and working on projects.

### **ACTING**

Acting offers workshops and performance opportunities to help you master the craft of being truly present on stage and on camera. Focused on techniques like improvisation, script analysis, and physical theatre, you'll explore the works of acting theorists such as Stanislavski while developing confidence and creative expression. Workshops include Acting Techniques, Physical Theatre/Devising, and Performance Projects, where you'll prepare scenes and monologues for final performances, with opportunities to collaborate, direct, and participate in student film productions.

### **FILM**

Film offers workshops and hands-on filmmaking to master visual storytelling and build your film portfolio. You'll learn key filmmaking roles, including Screenwriting, Directing, Cinematography, Producing, and Editing, as you create professional-quality short films. The concentration covers four key areas: screenwriting theory and practice, filmmaking fundamentals like camera movement and lighting, working in crews to shoot scripts, and post-production skills such as editing, visual effects, and audio. Throughout the process, you'll collaborate with peers and culminate in a Film Premiere, showcasing your work.

### **STUDIO ART**

Studio Art combines workshops, one-on-one instruction, and intensive studio time to master technique, develop skills, and build confidence in your personal artistic practice. Work in a variety of mediums such as acrylic and oil paints, charcoal, pencil, sculpture, and photography, with a focus on design and creative exploration. The concentration includes Painting/Drawing, where you'll experiment with techniques in different mediums and landscapes, and Personal Practice, where you'll refine your work and create a portfolio with guidance from your faculty mentor. The experience culminates in a gallery show of completed and in-progress works.

### **MUSIC**

Music offers a unique opportunity to explore songwriting, self-production, and publishing using accessible technology. You'll write and record original music, developing your unique voice and expanding your skills through song structure, melody, and lyric composition. The concentration includes four key areas: Singer/Songwriter Lab, where you'll learn to write and record songs and collaborate with others; Music Production, focusing on creating a home studio setup and recording with a DAW; Instrumental Technique, to enhance your guitar and piano skills for songwriting; and Vocal Technique, to improve control and expand your vocal range for performance and recording.

## **LATE AFTERNOONS**

### **Culture Club (Optional)**

Immerse yourself in the essence of France, exploring its language, history, cuisine, and artistic spirit. In this weekly club, discover the luminous landscapes of Impressionists like Monet, the daring energy of modern artists like Basquiat and Hockney, and the profound impact of the Norman Conquest on French and English history. Learn French basics and uncover stories of France's past while enjoying hands-on cooking classes that celebrate traditional Norman flavors. Together, we explore the rich creativity, traditions, and resilience that shape France's unique identity.

## **EVENINGS**

Optional clubs and activities might include:

### **Film Club: A French Perspective**

Explore French cinema, from classics to contemporary films, focusing on the artistry and cultural depth of French filmmaking. Discover iconic directors like Godard and Varda, and engage in discussions about narrative techniques, visual storytelling, and French cultural themes.

### **Great British Bake-Off Club**

Discover the joy of baking as we come together to create pies, cookies, and scones from scratch. Learn and share techniques, explore new recipes, and prepare a beautiful high tea with a selection of baked treats.

### **Games Night: A French Twist**

Enjoy a fun, social evening with French-inspired games, from classic board games like *La Bonne Paye* to trivia and card games. Test your creativity and knowledge of French culture in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

**Mindfulness Club:** Explore the foundations of Buddhist philosophy and practice through meditation, mindfulness, and the study of teachings from ancient wisdom to modern interpretations.