Goals of the Program: The Dijon Study Group was established by the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures in 1966 with the specific purpose of giving students the opportunity to develop proficiency in the French language and to acquire a thorough knowledge of French culture in the broadest sense of the term through extended residence and study in France. These Departmental goals are in harmony with Colgate’s liberal arts philosophy and curriculum, which stress second language literacy and the need for knowledge of cultures other than one’s own.

Academic Program: The academic program is similar to a semester at Colgate in that students are required to carry a four-course load. These include three required courses and one elective.

Required Courses:
1) French 440—Contemporary Civilization and Culture: Taught by Professor Jacques Ciosmak, with occasional guest speakers. Counts toward a French/IR concentration, but not toward a straight French concentration. 2) French 401 (Stylistics): involves translation from French into English (thème) and from English into French (version). 3) French 480 (Major French Authors): taught by the Director, the course studies representative texts by such authors as Diderot, Baudelaire, Rimbaud, Bonnefoy.

Elective Courses:
Students may choose a fourth course among several electives. 1) French 469 (Contemporary French Literature), taught by faculty from Dijon. 2) French 292 (Stage), a teaching internship where students are teaching assistants in English at local high schools and/or junior high schools; this course is offered only with an S/U option; 3) courses at the University of Burgundy which are all humanities oriented (Literature, Philosophy, Art History, etc.).

Special Features of the Program:
An important feature of the program is an obligatory January period, devoted to orientation, acculturation, and intensive language study. It is designed to prepare the students to function well within both the social and the academic context. It is comprised of two parts: first, a two-day stay in the town of Troyes before arrival in Dijon, where the students get a chance to recover from their trip and get accustomed to life in a French town. Second, a week-long program in Dijon, organized and taught by staff at the university of Burgundy, and which includes, but is not limited to, an introduction to the French educational system and the Dijon campus, conversation courses, translation exercises, and visits to places of local interest.
The program includes three mandatory three- to four- day field trips that are part of the Culture and Civilization course, and three-day excursions. These mandatory field trips may include a weekend in Paris, a trip to the Loire Valley to visit some of the most important chateaux of the Renaissance, and a trip to Provence to visit the Popes’ palace in Avignon, the Roman ruins in Vaison-la- Romaine, the many historical sites in Arles, etc. The day excursions may include Vezelay, the Cistercian Abbey of Fontenay, the city of Beaune, as well as a tour of a local, traditional winery.

**Housing:** Students are housed with families, many of whom have been welcoming Colgate students for several years. This aspect of the program is at least as important as the academic program and perhaps more so in terms of linguistic progress and cultural awareness. Students may not live together in apartments.

**Cost of the Program:** Students will be charged their normal tuition to Colgate (the director pays the matriculation fees at the University of Burgundy from the program budget). Students will also be charged for their housing with families in Dijon, which includes breakfast and two other meals per week. Board expenses, which are roughly equivalent to those at Colgate, will not be included on the bill and will therefore be the students’ responsibility. There will be a surcharge to cover visa expenses, round-trip travel from a N.Y.C airport to Paris, and the chartered bus from Paris to Dijon. A small surcharge will be added to cover hotels and some meals during field trips, as well as transportation costs for day trips.

Experience has shown that students tend to spend more during their semester abroad than for a semester at Colgate. The Director of the group will supply parents of prospective participants with a profile of actual student spending from the previous year in order to give them an idea of what to expect.

**Prerequisite Course Work and Selection Criteria:** All students who wish to participate must satisfactorily complete (B- or better) French 301 (Advanced Grammar and Composition), and at least one 400-level literature course.

The Study Group is open to Juniors, and occasionally Seniors, who possess sufficient language competence and maturity to participate. This Study Group is recommended for French concentrators, but other students are strongly encouraged to apply. Although the Department does not require a specific cumulative GPA to be eligible, it is reluctant to consider anyone whose GPA is below 2.5. References who can attest to the students’ flexibility, adaptability, and emotional maturity must be included in the application.

**Application Deadline:**
Students who are thinking about the Dijon Study Group should start planning their course work as early as their first year in order to fulfill the prerequisites as
well as the requirements for
general education and
potential majors or minors in
other disciplines. Applications are made late in
the Fall semester of the
Sophomore year (more than one
year in advance). The
application deadline will be
Friday, December 5, 2003.
Exceptions may be made only
in unusual circumstances. For
further information, please
contact Professor John
Gallucci (204 Lawrence Hall,
x7285).

**Calendar:** Departure from
N.Y.C. usually is during the
second week of January.
There is a one-week break
toward the end of February,
and a two-week break at mid-
term in April. The program
finishes at the end of May.
The dates will vary according
to the French academic
calendar. The group travels
to Dijon together, but
students can set the date of
their individual return
flights.