New Option Proposal

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Why a new option as an alternative to the internship?
Doing an internship may be overwhelming for some students as it requires:

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<th>A minimum of conversation skills in French</th>
<th>Be open-minded</th>
<th>Ability to tolerate things that are different</th>
<th>Be open to any kind of situations</th>
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<td>Patience to cope with any circumstances</td>
<td>Ability to go with the flow</td>
<td>Not to be afraid to get your hands dirty</td>
<td>Do physical work</td>
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<td>Adaptability</td>
<td>Ability to be alone / Independence</td>
<td>Engagement</td>
<td>Interpersonnal qualities</td>
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<td>Responsibility</td>
<td>Willingness to engage in conversation</td>
<td>Self-discipline and be able to wake up on time</td>
<td>Strong desire to learn</td>
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Our Proposal:

A two-week Study Tour in the Dordogne area

Offered as an alternative to the 4-week internship
Where and when?

- In the Dordogne area
- 2,5 hour-drive from TOULOUSE
- Rural area
- 50% of the agricultural production of the Dordogne area is produced under specific QUALITY LABELS
- At the same time, very touristic area
- 1st French area in terms of rural tourism and direct sales from the farm operations
- From June 29th, 2020 to July 10th, 2020
Study-tour focused on Quality Labels
Companies and farm operations to be visited during the 1st week

Focus on PLANT PRODUCTION:

- Wine cooperative and vineyard under the appellation “Monbazillac”

- Walnut operation and traditional walnut oil processing plant—“Noix du Périgord”

- CIREF (Experimental Center on strawberries) and a Strawberry farm—“Fraise du Périgord”

Companies and farm operations to be visited during the 2\textsuperscript{nd} week, focus on ANIMAL PRODUCTION:

- Esturgeon farming at Domaine Huso where “Caviar de Neuvic” is produced 

- Geese and ducks traditional breeding farm to produce livers “Foie-gras du Périgord”

- Lamb production farm “Agneau du Périgord”
- Milk-fed veal operation “Veau du Périgord”
Some details

- **Academic details:**
  - Each week will bring **4 visits** and **one day of feedback**.
  - Students will be asked to make group presentation of the visits (oral + powerpoint) and to deepen the subject through bibliographical researches under the **supervision of one faculty member of PURPAN**.
  - Evaluation: 20% participation in the visits, 80% final presentation.
  - Credits attached to the 2 week course: **4 ECTS** credits.

- **Weekend (July 4th - 5th) is free** for students to visit the Dordogne area known as “**The land of 1001 castles**”

- **Additional cost**: Between $1,200 and $1,500 depending on the number of participants. The cost includes all meals during weekdays, local transportation, lodging, visits and insurance.
Thanks for your attention!