ILCF / ESDES Pathway
Full-time study
French language

ILCF offers **French language programs** designed to enable international students to **acquire the level of French required to enter higher education in France**, and more specifically to join **ESDES**, the **management school of UCLy**, under appropriate academic conditions.

> Benefit for ILCF students
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> Students who have completed a programme at ILCF benefit from a **10% tuition fee reduction** when pursuing their studies at ESDES.

10% tuition fee reduction
after completing a program at the ILCF
B2 target level,
required for access to higher education in France
Following a program at ILCF
Further studies at ESDES Business School
Learn French at the ILCF

Preparing for Higher Education in France

Organised by level (from A0 to C1), the program follows a structured university framework and leads to the award of a **University Diploma in French Studies (DUEF)**.

Beyond language acquisition, the programs include:

- the development of oral and written skills in accordance with the CECRL
- training in French academic methods and study skills
- structured academic support (semester organisation and tutoring)
- cultural activities fostering progressive immersion in French language and culture
- immersion courses at ESDES

This preparation enables students to **progressivelyreach the required level, particularly B2,** for admission to a wide range of university and business school programs.

Study at ESDES

ESDES Business School offers undergraduate (Bachelor's degree, 3 years) and postgraduate (Master's degree, 5 years) programs in management and business.

Bachelor in Business (3 year degree)

A three-year program covering the fundamentals of management, business administration and international trade, with progressive specialisation.

Master in Management (5 year degree)

A two-year program designed to deepen managerial and strategic competencies in preparation for positions of responsibility.

Master of Science (MSc) (5 year degree)

Specialised programs taught in English, focused on specific areas of management and finance.

Admission Requirements

Admission to ESDES programmes is based on academic requirements and language proficiency criteria specific to each programme.

Academic requirements

- A High School Diploma (or equivalent qualification) is required for admission to the first year of the Bachelor programme
- Admission to the second or third year may be considered based on previous academic background

Language requirements

- **No minimum level of French** is required for programmes taught in English
- **A minimum B2 level in French** is required for programmes taught in French
- **A minimum B2 level in English** is required for programmes taught in English

The programme followed at ILCF enables students to prepare and progressively reach the required language level within a structured academic environment.

Selection process

- Review of the application file
- Motivational interview conducted in French or English
- Fully online application procedure

Programme Dates & Fees

Tuition Fees

* *Indicative fees for the 26-27 academic year. (These fees include civil liability insurance, library access, the UCLy health contribution, and solidarity fund contributions).*
** *Estimated final proficiency level according to the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).*

Academic Calendar

ESDES Business School offers several intake periods throughout the year, making it possible to continue directly from an ILCF French language programme into a degree programme:

- Bachelor in Business: September and February
- Master in Management: September
- Master of Science programmes: October and December

Further Information

For any questions regarding the language programme or the ILCF-ESDES pathway:

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