



DUEF Program

Full-time study

French language

This program is aimed at **international learners of all levels** in French, from the age of 17, who wish to discover or master the French language and culture in a university setting.

Cultural activities complement the training and are offered by a dedicated team.

16 hours

of classes per week

20 hours

of classes per week with the complementary track

79%

success rate

ILCF - INSTITUTE OF FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE - LYON

A French course program for all levels

Presentation

Description

French courses are designed to develop both oral and written comprehension and expression skills. This progressive acquisition of autonomy in using the French language is supported through the study of grammar, vocabulary, and key aspects of French culture.

A wide range of language activities is offered, based on textbooks, workbooks, and authentic materials such as press articles, advertisements, comic strips, literary texts, and videos. Classes encourage active student participation.

Objectives

The program prepares students for the DUEF (Diplôme Universitaire d'Études Françaises).

Following a placement test, students are assigned to groups of 18 to 24 in order to prepare for:

DUEF A1 | DUEF A2 | DUEF B1 | DUEF B2 | DUEF C1 | DUEF C2

Target Audience

This programme is intended for learners of all levels of French who wish to develop their spoken and written language skills and/or prepare for the [DELFS](#) and [DALF](#) examinations.

What our students say

9 out of 10 students would recommend ILCF or report being satisfied with their learning experience.

Based on a survey conducted during the 2025-2026 academic year among all ILCF students, with a 75% response rate.

Program details

Course length

1 semester: 200 hours – 16 hours per week

1 academic year: 400 hours – 16 hours per week

Levels A0 to B1:

190 hours of French as a foreign language,
10 hours of language lab

Levels B2 to C1:

180 hours of French as a foreign language,
10 hours of language lab,
10 hours of lectures

Classes are held from Monday to Friday, in the morning and/or afternoon.

Level test

Before the start of each session, a mandatory placement test assessing written and oral skills is organized to integrate students into groups of homogeneous levels.

Complementary track

Learners can strengthen their skills through a 40 hours **complementary Language, Culture and Civilization track** of, bringing the total to 240 hours per semester.

[Find out more about this track by clicking here](#)

Cultural Activities

At ILCF Lyon, learning French continues far beyond the classroom

Our cultural activities department supports students throughout their stay with a tailor-made program of activities adapted to the duration and type of course attended.

Language exchange meetings with French students, activities on campus, cultural visits, trips, workshops and tasting sessions: a wide range of activities is organised every month to encourage the discovery of French culture, social interaction and the practice of French in authentic and friendly situations.

These activities are an integral part of the ILCF experience and allow students to discover Lyon and its region while developing their language skills in a real-life environment.

[Discover our cultural activities](#)

Diploma awarded

The University Diploma in French Studies (DUEF)

The DUEF is a French language diploma accredited by the [ADCUEFE](#) (Association of University Centres for French as a Foreign Language). It is awarded at the end of the program upon successful completion of the examinations.

This University Diploma corresponds to a programme of 200 to 240 hours. It is awarded with an indication of the level achieved, in accordance with the [CEFR](#) (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

Assessment Methods

- Be enrolled in the **DUEF program** at ILCF.
- Complete both continuous assessment and final examinations.
- Achieve a minimum average score of 10/20 in continuous assessment.
- Maintain regular attendance.

Credit Recognition

30 ECTS credits awarded

Calendar and Prices

Calendar and prices

Find the [2026-2027 calendar and prices](#) on our dedicated page.

Registration

How to register for ILCF-Lyon?

If you would like more information about the registration process, required documents and the different steps to follow, please consult our dedicated page.

[View registration procedures](#)

- **Choice 1:** You can register [online](#)
- **Choice 2:** You can register on site at [ILCF](#)

This pre-registration is required for the issuance of a visa. Your registration will be completed upon your arrival in France with the payment of the remaining balance.

Contact us

00 33 - (0)4 72 32 50 53

Hotline :

Monday to Thursday: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Secretariat opening hours:

Monday and Friday: 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Wednesday: closed

ILCF, French Language and Culture Institute

ILCF

23, place Carnot

69002 Lyon - France

ilcf@univ-catholyon.fr