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FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE INSTITUTE | Lyon



- French learning school
- Official Examination Centre DELF DALF TCF
- Cultural activities in Lyon and surroundings

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Citizens of the world, welcome home!

The Institute of French Language and Culture has been hosting students from all around the world for more than 75 years with a renewed joy every year! Our University which in 2025-2026 celebrates its 150th anniversary welcomes you on its modern and convivial campuses, located in the heart of the international metropole of Lyon and the beautiful Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region.

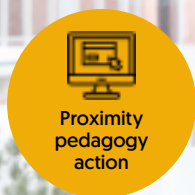
By choosing ILCF, you will be supported by a motivated administrative team and by qualified and experienced teachers who will take turns to ensure a valuable education and framework. Learning will be enhanced by cultural offers that will let you experience the French culture through a large range of activities. You will then be able to develop yourself and live your passions!

Our education, our programs and our teams have allowed us to be acknowledged by many institutional partners and international universities... but also by our students. For many years, ILCF has been awarded with the "Qualité FLE" label, and today UCLy has obtained the "Bienvenue en France" (Welcome to France) quality mark.

We especially want to thank you for the interest you show in our language and culture and we hope to soon meet you!

The ILCF Board of Directors

OUR STRENGTHS



FRENCH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES

Publics

These courses are aimed at all types of international learners, adults, technicians, researchers, au pairs...no matter their level in French.

Programs contents

The core curriculum covers four skills listed by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages – CEFR: oral comprehension, speaking, written comprehension and writing. Emphasis is also put on phonetics and pronunciation (languages laboratory). French classes improve autonomy in the daily life and address societal issues.

Training goals

- Learn French or improve oral and written skills;
- Validate a linguistic level with a university degree [DUEF] or an official diploma [DELF/DALF];
- Acquire the knowledge necessary to the comprehension of the French civilisation, society and culture;
- Live an intercultural experience.

Teaching organisation

Semi-annual and annual programs: from Monday to Friday, in either morning or afternoon groups

Monthly and summer programs: morning and/or afternoon classes from Monday to Friday.

Tutoring

In order to help you progress, the semestrial and annual program includes tutoring (up to 3 hours per semester, according to classes calendar), thanks to a personalized or in small groups follow-up.

What is tutoring? It is a formative, close support outside of class, with a teacher or a French student following a linguistic curriculum.

SEMI-INTENSIVE PROGRAM

ECTS equivalence per semester: 30

Semester: 200 hours | 16 hours per week¹
Academic year: 400 hours

Organisation by level and per semester	Common core	Thematic courses
A1.1 to B1	200 hours	-
B2 to C2	178 hours	22 hours

INTENSIVE PROGRAM

ECTS equivalence per semester: 35

Semester: 244 hours | 20 hours per week¹
Academic year: 488 hours

Organisation by level and per semester	Common core	Thematic courses
A1.1 to B1	200 hours	44 hours
B2 to C2	178 hours	66 hours

SHORT-TERM INTENSIVE PROGRAM

ECTS equivalence per semester: 8

February or June: 60 hours | 20 hours per week¹

Organisation by level and per month	Common core
A1 to B2	60 hours

Open provided that there is a sufficient number of participants

SUMMER INTENSIVE PROGRAM

ECTS equivalence per semester: 9

76 hours - 20 hours per week¹ + cultural excursions included | July, August, September

Organisation by level and per month	Common core	Thematic courses
A1.1 to B1	76 hours	-
B2 to C2	68 hours	12 hours

THEMATIC COURSES¹

As a complement to its French programs, the ILCF offers thematic courses by level. Thanks to these thematic modules, improve your written and oral communication with theatre, gastronomy, history, art, cinema courses. For each class, an outing related to the course is scheduled.

A1.1 to A2
A2 to B1
B1 to B2

ORAL COMMUNICATION

- French pronunciation and phonetics in language laboratory
- Learning grammar through games and songs
- Discovering the regions of France and Europe...
- Theatre, improvisation, debates
- Etc.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

- Imaginary storytelling and the discovery of literary texts
- Biography through figures from Lyon and/or France
- Gastronomy (recipes from here and elsewhere...)
- Reading comprehension and dictations to work on the mechanics of the language
- Etc.

1 OUTING INCLUDED

B2 à C2

LINGUISTIC

- Preparation for DELF B2 exams
- Preparation for DALF C1 exams
- Oral communication (rhetoric/eloquence/express yourself in front of an audience)
- Oral expression techniques
- Etc.

CULTURE AND SOCIETY

- Theatre: game, improvisation and live shows in Lyon
- Club philo
- Planet challenge
- Cinema, create a short cut: from writing to projection
- Etc.

UNIVERSITY, BUSINESS AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT

- French for academic goals: writings
- Tailored workshop to prepare your university entry/to look for an internship...
- Topics in French: business, military and security, international relations, medical
- Etc.

OPTIONAL COURSES AT THE UCLy

Learners, depending on their level, have the opportunity to take one or two courses in other UCLy training units. For more information, contact the ILCF secretariat at your arrival.

LEVEL TEST

A mandatory level test is set to evaluate written and oral skills in order to integrate students into homogeneous level groups².

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Attendance, ongoing evaluation and/or final exams on written and oral skills.

CERTIFICATION

Our programmes lead to a language university degree certified by ADCUEFE (association of Universities offering courses in French for foreigners). At the end of the semester, a university degree in French studies (DUEF) stating the level attained by the student is awarded. A Certificate of French studies and culture is awarded for summer and intensive short programme.

EUROPEAN CREDITS - ECTS

The training is expressed in European Credits. They will be considered by the student's home university.

OFFICIAL EXAMINATION CENTRE

It is also possible to sit for the DELF, the DALF and the TCF exams while following a programme at the ILCF.

Please find more about our programmes on our website

ilcf.net

¹ Non-exhaustive and non-contractual list subject to a sufficient number of participants and within the number of available slots.

² From 18 to 25 students per group depending on the language level.

OFFICIAL EXAMINATION CENTRE

DEL F DAL F & TCF

WHY SHOULD YOU TAKE AN OFFICIAL FRENCH EXAM?

You are planning to enroll at a French university:

DEL F B2 - DAL F C1 - TCF

You are asking for the 10 years resident permit:

DEL F A2 - TCF

You are asking for the French nationality:

DEL F B1 - TCF

For more than 35 years, ILCF has been an official examination center for French language diplomas certified by FEI (France Éducation International) and by the French Ministry of National Education. More than 1000 candidates pass each year.

DEL F and DAL F Diplomas

The DEL F (Diploma in French Language Studies) and DAL F (Diploma in Advanced French Language Studies) diplomas confirm international candidates' levels in French as a Foreign Language (FLE). These certifications can help you study in, work in or migrate to a French speaking country.

TCF Test*

The TCF (Test de connaissance du français) is a general test of French. It allows non-French speaking persons to evaluate and validate their knowledge in French, in a reliable and acknowledged way, thanks to simple and fast conditions.

**on request, for formed groups. Contact us for more information.*

Preparation for DEL F and DAL F exams

Depending on the program, ILCF offers a thematic preparation for exams for a total of 22 hours, during one semester, to get acquainted with these exams, to understand what is expected, to develop the necessary methodology, to practice with sample tests in order to sit for the exam in the best conditions and aim for an optimal outcome.

DEL F/DAL F

A2, B1, B2, C1 levels

- 4 independent diplomas of French
- Assessment of 4 skills: oral comprehension and writing, written comprehension and writing
- These diplomas are valid for life
- Recognised in France and internationally



CALENDAR AND TUITION FEES 2025 | 2026



Semester 1 (S1 - Autumn)

from October 1st 2025
to January 21st 2026

- Oral placement test: October 1st 2025
- Beginning of classes: October 6th 2025
- Holidays: from October 25th to November 2nd 2025 and from December 20th 2025 to January 4th 2026
- Public holidays: November 10th and 11th 2025

Semester 2 (S2 - Spring)

from January 27th
to May 22nd 2026

- Oral placement test: January 27th 2026
- Beginning of classes: February 2nd 2026
- Holidays: from February 14th to February 22nd and from April 4th to April 19th 2026
- Public holidays: May 1st, 8th, 14th and 15th 2026

Short-term intensive programme

from February 2nd to February 20th 2026
from June 2nd to June 23rd 2026

Subject to a sufficient number of participants

Intensive summer programme

from July 2nd to 28th 2026
except July 14th (public holiday)

from August 3rd to August 26th 2026

from September 2nd to September 25th 2026

An online placement test is organized before the start of each session.



Semi-annual and annual semi-intensive programme

- 1 semi-intensive semester..... 2 220 €
- 1 additional consecutive semester..... 2 040 €
- 1 semi-intensive academic year..... 3 860 €
- 2 semi-intensive semestres (S2 + S1 25/26)..... 4 150 €

Semi-annual and annual intensive programme

- 1 intensive semester..... 2 780 €
- 1 additional consecutive semester..... 2 560 €
- 1 intensive academic year..... 4 920 €
- 2 intensive semestres (S2 + S1 25/26)..... 5 210 €

Short-term intensive programme

- February or June 880 €

Intensive summer programme

- 1 month..... 1 010 €
- 2 months..... 1 940 €
- 3 months 2 868 €

Mandatory supplementary costs

- UCLy Civil Liability Insurance 15 €

Mandatory semestrial and annual fixed charges *[subject to modification]*

- Library..... 52 €
- UCLy Health centre..... 30 €
- Pedagogical contribution per semester 4 €
- ILCF Students Association Office 7 €
- Solidarity fund 15 €

For semester and annual programs, learners must purchase a language method not included in the rate. Approximately 35 euros.

Enrolment to ILCF

To register for the programmes or exams of your choice, go to the pre-enrolment form.

www.ilcf.net



You will need to pay a deposit which will be deducted from the total tuition fees.

OUR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The ILCF's cultural activities department welcomes you with a smile and accompanies you throughout your stay, to ensure you have an unforgettable experience at UCLy and in Lyon.

A programme that changes with the seasons

Immerse yourself in Lyon's unique atmosphere, discover its heritage, traditions and the magnificent landscapes of the region, located between the sea and the mountains. All year round, we organize a variety of carefully supervised activities to enrich your daily life and make your stay even more special.



Enjoy an immersive French cultural experience!

The world-famous French culture is full of treasures: gastronomy, art, literature, music... At the ILCF, we invite you to explore this fascinating universe through cultural activities designed just for you. Whether you're enrolled in an intensive one-month program or a full semester, let us guide you through the city's history with activities that will help you create precious memories and experience the richness of French culture.





The campus and its events

On campus, you can enjoy the services offered by UCLy: more than 25 sports activities, drama classes, an orchestra, exhibitions, film screenings and social events (shared world meals, Buddy programme, etc.). Immerse yourself in a dynamic university life and meet other students who share the same passions!



Community life

UCLy has a rich association life! The Student Office, the UCLy newspaper, web radio, ecological commitment - it's a great opportunity to get involved, carry out a project as part of a team and bring your ideas to life!



LIFE AT UCLY

The Catholic University of Lyon - UCLy, a private non-profit higher education institution, is located in the heart of Lyon. You will be able to benefit from all the services offered by the university, on all the campuses of UCLy.



Amenities

All of our amenities (campuses, university residences,...) are secure: video monitoring, security guard, access control and accessible to persons with reduced mobility.



Accommodation

UCLy helps its learners to find a place to live and offers several options (average prices per month, on 2024/2025 basis):

- **UCLy Saint-Bernard student residences:** from 560 € (excluding administration fees)
- **private student residences:** from 600 € (administrative fees and electricity not included)
- **independent apartments:** from 600 € (administrative fees not included);
- **living with a French family:** from 770 € per month half board from Monday to Friday+full board at weekends (administrative fees not included)

UCLy's Accommodation Office: uclly.fr/se-loger
Maison des Étudiants of UCLy Lyon:

maisondesetudiantslyon.fr

The learners shall indicate their wishes on the application form.



Repas

All CROUS restaurants in Lyon are open to UCLy learners during the academic year (except during holidays and summer period). Payments are possible with the IZLY card.



Campus Carnot cafeteria

Monday to Friday: 7:30am - 4pm



Campus Saint-Paul cafeteria

Monday to Friday: 7:30am - 4:30pm



Health, wellbeing and inclusiveness

The UCLy Health Service is composed of the Preventive Healthcare, the Counselling Service and the Disability Support Service. It assists UCLy students in different aspects of physical and mental conditions, and in their learning in order to facilitate their academic success.

Along their studies at UCLy, they can consult a doctor and have an individual support.

Throughout the year, preventing actions and events are led to inform and guide students.



University libraries

Enrolling at the ILCF offers access throughout the academic year to UCLy's university libraries located on Carnot and St Paul campuses, but offers access to every university library in Lyon as well.



Educational counselling

A guidance counsellor is available to guide you to choose the proper French academic training.



Internship in a firm

Students who wish to do an internship at a company* to further their training can obtain an internship contract in compliance with the current legislation in force after meeting with the ILCF Director.

**Finding an internship is left only to the student.*



International Relations Office

The UCLy International Relations Department is available to all students at the University and will assist you throughout your stay with:

- ISD International Student Desk: Visa questions, looking for a job? From your arrival to the end of your stay, benefit from personalized support! [Assistance with administrative formalities in France: visa/stay permit, health insurance, housing assistance, APL/CAF, etc.]
- Pôle International: cultural activities for UCLy's international students & buddy program

The international students guide : <https://www.ucl.fr/en/student-life/international-relations-office/international-student-desk/support-for-international-student/>



Sports Office

A 400m² sports hall is available on the Saint Paul Campus. In addition, about 25 sport activities are offered throughout the academic year: collective (volleyball, soccer, rugby, etc.) and individual sports (swimming, taekwondo, badminton, dance and more).



University chaplaincy

The chaplaincy is a meeting point, a place to share and think, open to all students regardless of their faith or philosophy of life.

Find all the UCLy services

On our website

www.ilcf.net/en

Scan the QR Code



ADMISSION PROCEDURE

1

Prerequisites

- To be 18 year old or at least 17 with a written parental consent;
- To have a secondary school diploma with the exception of summer and short-term programmes;
- From beginner to C1 level (A1 level minimum for short intensive programme).

2

Pre-enrolment

Step 1: Fill in the pre-enrolment application form

- online: www.ilcf.net
- on site: ILCF, 23 place Carnot 69002 Lyon, FRANCE
- by email: ilcf@univ-catholyon.fr
- by postmail: UCLy - ILCF Lyon - 23 place Carnot 69286 Lyon Cedex 02 - FRANCE

Step 2: Pay the pre-enrolment deposit

In order to confirm your pre-enrolment, you need to pay a deposit which will be deducted from the total tuition fees:

- by credit card online on: www.ilcf.net
- by bank transfer [see our bank details on the pre-enrolment form]: send your receipt by email at ilcf@univ-catholyon.fr
- by French check paid to "AFPICL"

3

Enrolment

Step 1: Provide the necessary documents

In order to finalize your enrolment, submit the documents requested below on our online registration platform <https://inscriptions.ucl.fr/> and log in using the ID and password created during your pre-enrolment or submit directly to the ILCF secretariat:

- photocopy of your passport
- photocopy of your high school or university diploma, translated into French (no translation needed for diplomas in English or Spanish)
- an ID photo
- *If you have already sit for a French exam (DELFI/DALF/TCF/DUEF), please send a copy of your certificate (front and back).*

Step 2 : Pay the enrolment balance and mandatory fees

All selected programmes must be paid for in full as follows:

- pay online on the ILCF website (using the login and password you used when you pre-registered online) before or within the first days of your arrival
- pay at the ILCF office:
 - by credit card (Visa, Visa Electron, Maestro, Mastercard, American Express, Union Pay, JCB etc.)
 - by French check in euros payable to "AFPICL"

We encourage students to use a credit card.

Step 3 : Pay the CVEC

Students enrolled for a semester or a year have to pay the «Contribution à la Vie Étudiante et de Campus – Contribution to Student life and Campus» (103 € - Fees 2024-2025) to the CROUS (Centre Regional des Œuvres Universitaires et Scolaires – Regional Centre for Scholar and University scholarships). The payment shall be done exclusively online via the following link: messervices.etudiant.gouv.fr

You must include the CVEC certificate in your online registration file or send it by e-mail to the ILCF secretariat.

Deadline payment

The balance must be paid before or upon arrival and, at the latest, 15 days after the classes begin for the semester and the academic year and 5 days after for short and summer intensive programmes.

Registration certificate

A certificate of enrolment is sent after receipt of the complete application and full payment of the tuition fees. For the semester and academic year sessions, a student card will be issued a few days after the start of the course.

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Additional administrative procedures

Student Visa

As soon as we receive your application, the ILCF will send you the pre-enrolment certificate necessary to apply for your student Visa at the French Embassy in your country.

For learners who are not from States belonging to the European Economic Area, we invite you to consult the official site of visa deliverance to France (<http://france-visas.gouv.fr>) and check with the French embassy in your country if you need a visa to stay in France.

We recommend doing these procedures at least **3 months** before the start of the chosen program.

For a stay longer than 90 days

If you live in a country or territory that follows the «Études en France» procedure, it is mandatory that you send your application via the platform to ask for a long-stay student visa that lasts over 3 months [VLS-TS]. Do not hesitate to consult (<http://www.campusfrance.org/fr/>) and to get more information from your country's Espace Campus France.

For a stay of maximum 90 days

For short stays up to 90 days and according to your nationality you must, depending on your situation, ask for a short-stay Schengen visa.

To know if you need a visa: <http://france-visas.gouv.fr>

For more information: <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/venir-en-france/>



No tourist visa can be converted into a «Student» visa or residence permit. No visa can be issued after your arrival in France. For more information: <https://www.ucl.fr/en/>

Mandatory health insurance

If you are a citizen of the European Union, you will need your European health insurance card issued in your country of origin.

If you are not a citizen of the European Union and for a stay longer than 90 days, you must register with the Caisse Primaire d'Assurance Maladie [free registration] when you arrive in France, on the following website: <https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr>

As registration may take several weeks, we recommend that you take a personal and international medical insurance to cover the first 2 to 3 months of your stay in France.

To supplement the reimbursements provided by the Assurance Maladie, you can subscribe to a mutuelle.



For stays shorter than 90 days, we recommend you to subscribe to your own private health insurance before your arrival in France. For further information: www.ucl.fr

Visa/residence permit validation and renewal

At the latest 3 months after your arrival in France, you must validate your visa on the website :

<https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>

To renew your residence permit, you must complete an application form 2 to 3 months before the expiry date and submit it on the website :

<https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>

Cancellation policy

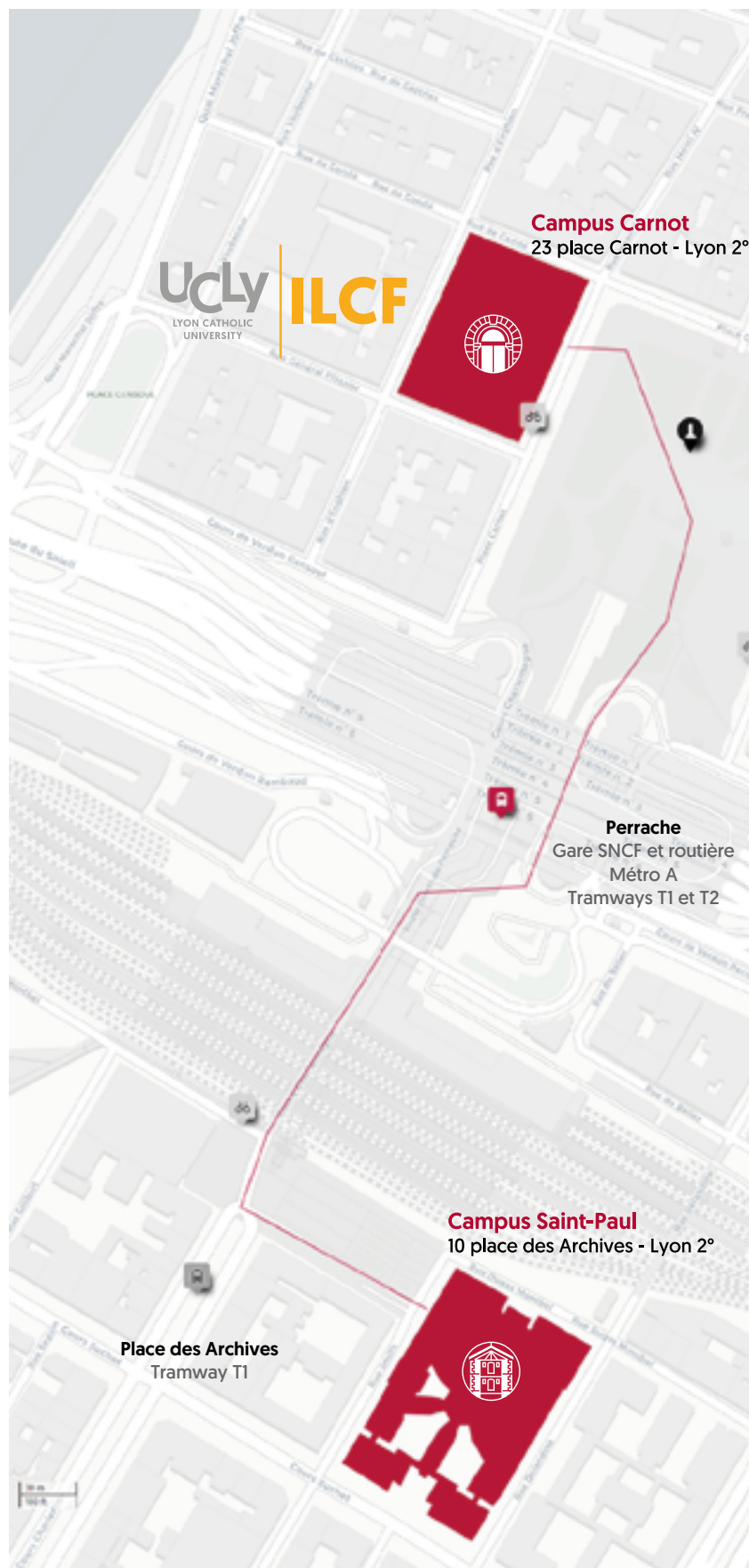
VISA REFUSAL

If the visa is denied by the country of origin and if the student provides us with the original copy of the official document confirming the refusal, the deposit will be reimbursed, except for 160 euros to cover administrative costs. The reimbursement will only take place if the ILCF administration is made aware of the situation by a written document at the latest 8 days before the level test. After that period, the totality of the payment will be kept by the ILCF.

OTHER CASES

Pre-registered or registered students who decide to cancel or quit will not be refunded. The whole payment already settled will remain the property of the ILCF (see general terms and conditions available online www.ilcf.net).

GETTING TO THE ILCF



ACCESS

By public transport

Campus Carnot

23 place Carnot - 69002 LYON



Take the T1 or T2 tram lines (stop at Perrache station), or Metro line A in the direction of Perrache (stop at Perrache station) or a bus.

Campus Saint-Paul

10, place des Archives - 69002 LYON



Trams T1 and T2 (stop at Place des Archives station) or Metro line A (stop at Perrache station).

By bike

Secure indoor bicycle garages in front of the campuses and Velo'v stations just in front.

By car

Campus Carnot : 23 place Carnot 69002 Lyon

Campus Saint-Paul : 10 place des Archives 69002 Lyon

By plane

From the Lyon-Saint-Exupéry airport, take the Rhônexpress tram and exit at Vaulx-en-Velin - La Soie, then take Metro line A to Perrache station.