

Study Program

UNIVERSITY
CENTRE FOR
FRENCH STUDIES



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VIA
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PERPIGNAN AND ITS SURROUNDING REGION

Located between the snow-capped mountains of the Pyrenees and the Mediterranean, Perpignan lies at the epicentre of a triangle made up of Toulouse, Barcelona and Montpellier – one of the world's most popular tourism regions.

Its sunny climate, cultural heritage, Catalan identity and the outstanding tourism destinations in its vicinity (including the Carcassonne Citadel, the Canal du Midi and numerous picturesque villages, such as Collioure) make Perpignan the ideal place for combining tourism and learning French.

THE UNIVERSITY OF PERPIGNAN VIA DOMITIA

Founded in 1350 by King Peter IV of Aragon, the University of Perpignan Via Domitia features a modestly sized, multidisciplinary and dynamic campus.

Every year, more than 9500 students follow courses in a broad range of subjects, including literature, languages, human and social sciences, law, economics, management, exact sciences, sport and tourism. The University has outstanding expertise in the fields of renewable energies and human sciences, and has been awarded the Erasmus Mundus label in recognition of its excellence. The programmes of study that it delivers are supported by dynamic and international research conducted by our 16 laboratories.

THE UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR FRENCH STUDIES

The CUEF (University Centre for French Studies) boasts 35 years of experience and is one of the departments in the University of Perpignan Via Domitia's Faculty of Literature and Human Sciences.

Every year, the CUEF welcomes several hundred students and teachers from all backgrounds and helps them learn about French language and culture. We can provide you with support tailored to meet your specific requirements as you pursue your further studies in France, study for a qualification in your home country or bolster your teaching expertise. Our experienced teaching team, working alongside our «Induction, activities and accommodation» department, delivers general French language courses or courses geared towards meeting certain objectives all year round, together with a rich programme of socio-cultural activities.

The CUEF has established itself as a leading provider of courses in French as a Foreign Language in France. It also shares its teaching expertise within the framework of many other international projects, delivering bespoke training programmes for students and teachers. Our centre is an accredited quality provider of French as a Foreign Language programmes: Label Qualité FLE.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Our courses can be attended by anyone over the age of 17 wishing to learn French or improve their knowledge of it. The range of courses we provide includes everything from programmes for beginners to programmes for advanced students, as well as specialist modules and courses on teaching methodology.

TEACHING TEAM

Our French as a Foreign Language teachers are all qualified teachers from the University of Perpignan. Teachers from other faculties also contribute to the specialist courses on offer (French for tourism, legal French, French for economics, etc.).

All our classrooms are Internet-enabled and feature interactive whiteboards for a modern and motivational type of learning.

SERVICES

The Espace Francophone of the University Library and the Language Centre are available for you to use throughout your stay. You can work on your language skills in these special areas during your free time.

The Espace Francophone are the only ones of their kind in France and are managed by tutors specialised in teaching French as a Foreign Language. They are available to help you with your research or homework. These areas stock manuals and reference books (dictionaries, grammar books, books of exercises with the answers in them, etc.) and have a lending service (for novels, essays, monographs, comics, CDs and DVDs).

The language centre has facilities for self-teaching in French so students can learn completely independently. You can undertake pronunciation and phonetic correction exercises. Students also have access to language learning software in the multimedia IT room, so they can work on their language skills at times that suit them.

When you choose to learn French at the CUEF, you automatically get a student card. Valid throughout Europe, it gives you discounts on museum entry prices, cinemas, tourist destinations and certain restaurants.

ACADEMIC YEAR

GENERAL FRENCH UNIVERSITY DIPLOMAS IN FRENCH STUDIES (DUEF)

The CUEF offers courses lasting one semester open to all students of all levels – from beginner through to advanced. Our courses run throughout the year and are for anyone interested in starting French from scratch or perfecting their skills. Our intermediate and advanced courses combine general French language classes and themed workshops. Each course leads to a University Diploma awarded in recognition of the level of study achieved.

1 semester = 1 level = 1 diploma

Objectives

- Improve oral and written communication skills
- Increase vocabulary and knowledge of grammar
- Expand knowledge of French culture and civilisation

How courses are structured

Students may study for a total of six diplomas in accordance with the Common European Reference Framework for Languages (www.coe.int).

DUEF A1 & DUEF A2: General French

DUEF B1: General French + 2 common thematic courses

DUEF B2: General French + 4 common thematic courses

DUEF C1 & DUEF C2: General French + 4 common thematic courses

Thematic courses:

- French through images (B1, B2, C1, C2)
- French through the press and the media (B2, C1, C2)
- French: chanson and civilisation (B1, B2, C1, C2)
- French and economics (B1, B2, C1, C2)

Number of hours: 220 hours of lessons, 20 hours per week, Monday to Friday.

An assessment will be conducted in the first week to gauge your level and determine which group you should go in. There will be 11 weeks of lessons and one week of remedial classes. Knowledge will be tested throughout the course; lesson attendance is therefore compulsory.

We can offer a 10% reduction for students wishing to study over two consecutive sessions.

Period

Classes are available over three semesters:

Autumn (September – December) / Spring (January – May) / Summer (June – mid-August)

FRENCH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES FRENCH STUDIES UNIVERSITY DIPLOMAS

The diploma in French for Academic Purposes prepares students for university study. Its aim is to provide them with all the skills they need to study in a French university – the University of Perpignan in particular. This course is reserved for B1-level students.

Objectives

- Enable students to perfect their French
- Provide them with an understanding of the specific linguistic features of the academic discipline they have chosen
- Enable them to assimilate methodological techniques and French university culture

How courses are structured

Number of hours: 400 hours of lessons, 20 hours per week, Monday to Friday.

The lessons run over two semesters. Knowledge will be tested throughout the course; lesson attendance is therefore compulsory.

Period

There are two sessions per year: Autumn – Spring (September – May) / Spring – Summer (January – mid-August)

GENERAL FRENCH : MODULES

Our modules are scheduled such that you can organise your timetable and attend the lessons that interest you. These lessons are adapted to meet your needs and availability. By selecting the number of hours that you want to do, you can improve your level of French.

The modules are open to all A2-B1 students.

Objectives

- Improve oral and written communication skills
- Expand knowledge of French culture and civilisation

How courses are structured

40-hour package

60-hour package

80-hour package

Period

September to May

SUMMER

GENERAL FRENCH

Our courses are open to anyone wishing to start French from scratch or perfect their French language skills. Perpignan is right in the heart of one of Europe's leading tourist destinations: the CUEF organises tourism excursions and sociocultural activities so you can find out more about the region.

Objectives

- Start French from scratch or perfect your level of French
- Learn about French culture and civilisation

How courses are structured

Level A1 to C2 classes in general French are offered, in accordance with the common European reference framework for languages (www.coe.int).

Every week, you can follow:

- Classes in French language and civilisation
- Themed workshops

1 to 10 weeks

Number of hours: 20 hours per week, Monday to Friday.

There will be an assessment in the first week to gauge your level.

Period

June to mid-August:

In June, registration covers French lessons only.

From July to mid-August, registration covers French lessons and sociocultural activities to help you get the most out of your stay.



LEGAL FRENCH

The CUEF can provide you with more than French lessons: it can offer you a fully-fledged course with specific linguistic training and a programme of lectures designed to help you develop your language skills and knowledge in a given professional field. This course is reserved for B2-level students.

Objectives

- Improve knowledge of legal French
- Get an introduction to French law
- Learn about the internal logic of the French legal system
- Understand and acquire a legal culture
- Study for a diploma in business French (DFP) awarded by the Paris Chamber Of Commerce and Industry.

Organisation des cours

Number of hours: 72 hours in total, from Monday to Friday

Every morning:

- 2 hours of general French
- 2 hours of legal French
- 12 hours of lectures in the afternoon

Optional: the cost of registering for the Diploma in Business French is €110.

Period

July (3 weeks)



DIPLOMAS AND EXAMINATIONS

TEACHER TRAINING

The CUEF offers teacher training modules for teaching French as a foreign language. These include theory and sharing experience based on classroom observations. This course is aimed at teachers wishing to diversify their teaching aids and their classroom methods. It will be underpinned by one key strategy: sharing resources via an approach which incorporates the speed and richness of digital technologies, together with the ways in which they can be used and produced in class. Imagery and its relationship with words will be tackled via an educational discussion – linguistic and cultural – initiated by cross-referencing different kinds of media: cinema, literature, comics, music, etc.

This course is reserved for B2-level students.

Objectives

- Diversify teaching by incorporating new educational technologies
- Apply differentiated teaching methods

How courses are structured

Number of hours: 20 hours from Monday to Saturday, together with a cultural programme that involves discovering the region and undertaking sociocultural activities.

Period

July (1 to 2 weeks)

Erasmus funding:

Funding may be available from your home country's Erasmus+ agency. Simply provide University of Perpignan's OID code (OID code: E10201100) and then return the funding application form to us to be signed.

A LA CARTE COURSES

Leveraging the educational expertise it has acquired through numerous international projects, the CUEF is able to organise bespoke courses in general French, professional French or in teacher training at your request.

Please feel free to contact us!

UNIVERSITY DIPLOMAS IN FRENCH STUDIES (DUEF)

You can sit an examination in pursuit of a University Diploma in French Studies for your particular level on completion of any of our semester-long and year-long courses. Each level is assessed by tests throughout the session (continuous assessment). Your attendance at classes and performance in final examinations are also taken into account. It is recognised by all University French Studies Centres that are members of Campus FLE – the network of French universities which run courses in French as a foreign language for overseas students and teachers.

EXAMINATIONS CENTRE

The CUEF is an examination centre:

- Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française (French language study diploma): A1, A2, B1, B2
- Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies en Langue Française (advanced French language study diploma): C1, C2

There are four examinations periods every year: December, March, May, July.

- Test to ascertain students' proficiency and knowledge of French: All students and people applying for French citizenship
- There are eight examinations periods every year: September, October, November, December, January, March, April, May.

- Professional French diploma: business, legal, medical
- There is one examination period every year: July.

- French assessment test: adapted for Québec and adapted for Canada
- There are three examination periods every year: November, February, April.

Feel free to contact us for information about dates and prices!



EXCURSIONS AND SOCIOCULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The CUEF will be delighted to help you explore Catalonia and its surrounding area. We organise cultural and tourist visits to Collioure, Figueres and Carcassonne.

Every session, one-day excursions is organised to these iconic locations. What's more, with your student card you can enjoy all the activities and services offered to students – access to the library, the Espace Francophone, sports activities, cultural workshops, excursions, concerts, theatre trips, ski trips, diving, etc.

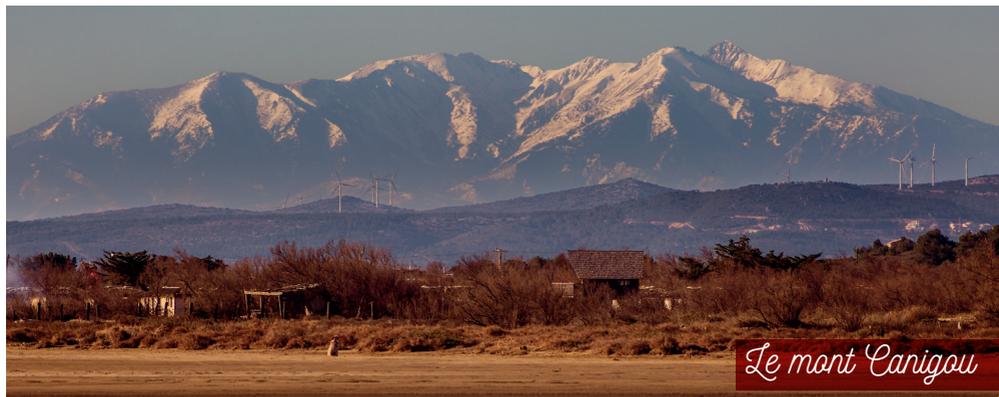
In the summer, excursions are planned every Sunday. Buses run to the beach every afternoon and on Saturday evenings, and trips to museums and picturesque locations are organised, together with opportunities to taste French specialities. These are just some examples of the numerous activities you can take part in to make the most of your stay.



Collioure



Perpignan



Le mont Canigou

ACCOMMODATION AND CATERING

Accommodation

The CUEF has its own «Induction, activities and accommodation» department which will help you find accommodation to suit your needs and wishes. We have many types of accommodation available:

- University residence: the University residence is on the campus, 200 m from the classrooms, guaranteeing complete safety and security for students.
- Private student residence: the student residences are for students from France and from all over the world. They have common areas, so you can socialise with the other students in the residence.
- Host families: this is the best way to have a completely immersive and culturally-enriching experience! We have been working with our selected host families for several years. They'll help you discover French culture and French cuisine, and will help you explore the region.

Catering

There is a university restaurant and two cafeterias on the University of Perpignan Via Domitia campus. They offer a range of varied low-cost meals.

In town, you will find a wide range of restaurants for whatever you are in the mood for, as well as many supermarkets. There are also several restaurants on the seafront that you can enjoy.





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