

CIDEF

Centre International
d'Études Françaises



COME AND LEARN FRENCH in Angers - In the Loire Valley



2024-2025



UCO

UNIVERSITÉ
CATHOLIQUE DE L'OUEST

L'UNIVERSITÉ CATHOLIQUE DE L'OUEST IN ANGERS

Created in 1875, the Université catholique de l'Ouest attracts some 13,000 students every year to its **9 campuses** in Western France and overseas. Located in a landscaped park a mere **5 minute-walk from the city centre**, the Angers campus offers its **7,500 students** both an exceptional setting and a high-quality study environment.



1875 foundation
of UCO



6 faculties

Droit, économie, gestion • Éducation • Humanités •
Sciences • Sciences humaines et sociales •
Théologie et sciences religieuses



200 partner
universities

125 degree
programmes



THE CENTRE INTERNATIONAL D'ÉTUDES FRANÇAISES

Since its creation in **1947**, CIDEF - which is part of the Faculty of Humanities - offers students and teachers from around the world various programs in French language and culture. CIDEF has been granted the **Qualité FLE label** (French as a Foreign Language quality certification) and is an examination centre for certifications and university diplomas.

 **1,150** international
students

 **76** years
of experience

 **40** lecturers



ANGERS



Angers is located in the heartland of the Loire Valley – a UNESCO world heritage site.

In 2023, Angers ranks **1st among the French cities offering the best quality of life** and is among the **top 10** French cities regarding student life.



155,000
inhabitants



► **1,5** hours from
Paris by TGV



► **1,5** hours from
the Atlantic coast



UNIVERSITY DIPLOMA IN FRENCH LANGUAGE AND FRANCOPHONE CULTURES

Course content

After taking a **placement test**, students are placed in a **language course** corresponding to their **level** (ranging from level A1 to level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). About 20 students per French language class.

Electives can be chosen depending on students' language level, the current trimester or semester, areas of interest, and personal or academic requirements. These electives represent **3 hours** per week on a total of **21 contact hours** per week.

A certificate is given to the students who attend less than 21 hours per week.

	A1	A2	B1.1	B1.2	B2	C1
Language class	9	9	9	6	6	6
LANGUAGE COURSES		Number of hours/week				
Speaking skills	3	3	3	3	3	3
Writing skills	3	3	3	3	3	3
Listening comprehension	3	3	3	3	3	3
Phonetics	3	3	3	3	3	3
Grammar		3	3	3	3	3
French through theatre				3	3	3
English-French translation				3	3	3
FRENCH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES		Number of hours/week				
Business French*			3	3	3	3
French for fashion		3	3			
French for tourism*				3		
French for academic purposes					3	3
CULTURE		Number of hours/week				
Socioeconomic studies					3	3
Sociocultural studies			3	3		
French history			3	3	3	3
Art history			3	3	3	3
Literature				3	3	3
Music history					3	3
Philosophy					3	3
French politics					3	3
European political system					3	3

Optional | **Compulsory** | **Spring only**

Optional courses will open according to semesters and numbers of students.

* Also prepares for Chamber of commerce exams

Course schedule

	Fall 2024-2025	Spring 2025
Pick-up service at the train station	October 1	February 4
Placement test	October 2	February 5
Start of classes	October 7	February 10
End of trimester	December 21	
End of semester	January 25	May 29

Tuition fees

1 year	6,300 € + 120 € registration fees
1 semester	3,600 € + 120 € registration fees
1 trimester	2,833 € + 120 € registration fees
1 week	please contact us
Deposit	350 €

Educational materials (+/- 60 € per study period)

A 5% discount is granted to students who have attended the preceding session in its entirety.

All course sessions started or registered for are due.

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THE SUMMER PROGRAMS

The course offer

This study programme is open to anyone over 18 who wishes to take an intensive French course during one or several weeks / months, in July, August or September. 80h/month.
About 20 students per French language class.

This course is also an opportunity to discover the city and the Angers area through the various extra-curricular activities and day trips offered by CIDEF. → p.14

	A1	A2	B1.1	B1.2	B2	C1
Language	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Speaking skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Listening comprehension	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Culture and Heritage			✓	✓	✓	✓

Summer 2024

Course schedule

	July	August	September
Pick-up service at the train station	July 1	August 5	September 2
Placement test	July 2	August 6	September 3
Start of classes	July 3	August 7	September 4
Date of departure	July 27	August 30	September 28

Tuition fees

1 month	1,533 € + 120 € registration fees
Deposit	350 €

Summer 2025

Course schedule

	July	August	September
Pick-up service at the train station	June 30	August 4	September 1
Placement test	July 1	August 5	September 2
Start of classes	July 2	August 6	September 3
Date of departure	July 26	August 29	September 27

Tuition fees

1 month	1,578 € + 120 € registration fees
Deposit	350 €

Educational materials (+/- 30 € per study period)

A 5% discount is granted to students who have attended the preceding session in its entirety.

All course sessions started or registered for are due.

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À LA CARTE COURSE

At CIDEF

This course is designed for:

- **Anyone over 18** wishing to study French language and the culture of French-speaking countries for one or several weeks at any time of the year. After taking a placement test, students are placed in a language course and, depending on their level, they can take general French language, French culture or French for specific purposes classes. They can attend up to 21 contact hours per week.
- **Groups** wishing to learn a language abroad at any time of the year. The course content and schedule are worked out in collaboration with the group coordinator. Depending on demand, this course may include general French classes, French for specific purposes, cultural activities and excursions.

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Online

This course aims to consolidate the students' language skills as well as their knowledge of French culture. After a placement test, the students may access online teaching tools available on an e-learning platform.

Course content is offered through various pedagogical modules that include:

- written and oral comprehension
- grammar, vocabulary and phonetics
- writing skills

Students work at their own ability level and pace according to a schedule specifying the expected time frame and deadlines.

On request students may receive support from a teacher to assist them when necessary.



UNIVERSITY DIPLOMA

PREPARATION FOR ACADEMIC STUDIES

Course content

This diploma prepares international students for university degree programmes. Students have the opportunity to acquire language, cultural and methodological skills, notably through subject-specific courses, so to have the prerequisites necessary for joining French Universities.

SEMESTERS 1 and 2

Core courses	Language and methodology	
	Professional project	
	English	
Electives	SCIENCES	HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
	Mathematics	Social, cultural, and economic environment
	Chemistry	Institutional and historical context
	Physics	2 modules to choose among a selection of subject-specific courses
	Life science	

Please note that this diploma does not guarantee admission into a 1st year Bachelor's degree ("L1"): students must apply and be admitted to study in a French University.



Noblesse, congolese student

«I will have fond memories of my time at UCO, which gave me so much. Thanks to the teachers and educational staff, I am entering a new stage of my life with confidence, rigour and energy.»

Course schedule

Back to school: 2nd september 2024

End of the year: 28th june 2025

Tuition fees

1 year 5,630€ + 120 € registration fees

Deposit 50% tuition costs at registration

All courses started are due.

The deposit and registration fees are non-refundable.



UNIVERSITY DIPLOMA

PEDAGOGICAL TOOLS AND PRACTICES FOR FFL TEACHER TRAINING

Course content

This **distance learning** course is designed to give the FFL teacher or student teacher the **necessary methodological, didactic and pedagogical fundamentals**. The aim is to consider and reflect upon the processes and strategies at work when you teach/learn a language. This is complemented by a work placement (for student teachers) or a **professional experience** (for teachers) so as to analyze one's own perception and approach of teaching.

The university diploma requires completion of 7 modules (including 6 cores modules) and a professional experience report.

Core modules

Planning a teaching session

- distinguishing between the initial situation & the expected learning outcomes
- setting objectives & sub-objectives
- choosing the right assessment for the teaching goals
- choosing a class activity
- choosing adapted class material

Teaching grammar

- understanding the “grammar” we teach
- choosing an approach to teaching grammar
- choosing grammar points according to the set objectives
- designing a sampling phase
- defining the type of activities envisaged

Learning how to assess students' production

- distinguishing between diagnostic assessment, formative evaluation & summative evaluation
- becoming acquainted with skills assessment
- designing an assessment chart
- introducing students to self-assessment
- building a positive culture of assessment

Fostering a dynamic learning process

- getting acquainted with the concept of cohesion
- distinguishing between cooperation & collaboration
- understanding what is meant by “group”
- learning how to manage and motivate a group
- suggesting activities towards a cultural project

Teaching phonetics

- introducing fundamental notions
- understanding the importance of rhythm and connected speech
- getting acquainted with the phonological specificities of French
- conceptualizing phoneme articulation
- considering best practices in terms of students' progress and assessment

Developing effective learning strategies

- singling out abilities and learning styles
- getting to know the useful strategies according to the various skills
- targeting strategies to be implemented
- offering practical tools
- taking a reflective stance

One elective module to be chosen

French for specific purposes

- distinguishing between FFL / FOS (specific purposes) / FLP (professional-oriented) & français de spécialité (specialized)
- making sense of case studies
- building a curriculum
- choosing class material
- devising an activity for a specific group

Learning languages through games

- getting acquainted with the notion of game
- distinguishing between recreational activity, educational game & classroom game
- understanding game-based pedagogy and its pertinent environment
- becoming acquainted with material adapted to game-based pedagogy
- devise a game for the class

Course schedule

The university diploma is implemented over a two-year period.

Each year CIDEF offers a schedule including 4 modules (each module represents about 20h over a 5-week period). At the end of the two-year period, the teacher or student teacher must have completed a work placement or professional experience for a minimum of 100h.

Tuition fees

Course	1,580 € + 120 € registration fees
Deposit	350 €

Please note that all courses started are due.
The deposit and registration fees are non-refundable.

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Olivier Bru, Université de Bâle, Switzerland

«As a teacher of FFL abroad for many years, I wanted to refresh my knowledge. I therefore chose to study in for the DU FLE while remaining in my country. I never was isolated thanks to the forum where I was able to exchange with my peers as well as with my teachers. I was able to review the basics and learn new methods that reinforced my way of teaching habits.»



TEACHER TRAINING

Training in your own school

CIDEF offers training courses by experienced instructors (teachers, lecturers, textbook writers, instructional designers, teachers of non-linguistic subjects) who come to your school for training sessions.

For those training sessions:

- subjects are specifically adapted to the needs and requirements of each group
- the number of contact hours and the duration of the course are flexible
- the teaching methods are varied (workshops on specific subjects, best practices, specific linguistic difficulties and issues of French)

→ CIDEF offers a **certificate of attendance** at the end of the training session

→ **CIDEF also offers such training sessions in Angers**

Online training

CIDEF offers online learning tools - designed by experienced instructors - available on an e-learning platform. Those asynchronous learning courses include theoretical videos, practical material (worksheets, online activities), complementary readings and group activities (forum, padlet, tag clouds...). Each module represents 20h over a period of 5 weeks, is supervised by an instructor.

The modules currently available are:

- Planning a teaching session
- Teaching grammar
- Learning how to assess students' production
- Teaching phonetics
- Fostering a dynamic learning process
- Developing effective learning strategies
- Learning through play
- French for specific purposes

→ CIDEF offers a **certificate of attendance** or a **certificate of competence** (for the relevant module) at the end of the training session.

CERTIFICATIONS

CIDEF is an examination center

For the diplomas of the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry

- Diplôme de français du tourisme, de l'hôtellerie et de la restauration (B1)
- Diplôme de français professionnel des affaires (B2, C1)

For the certifications by **France Éducation International**

- Test de connaissance du français pour l'intégration, la résidence et la nationalité (**TCF IRN**)
- Test de connaissance du français tout public (**TCF TP**)

CIDEF prepares for the following examinations

Several examination periods are offered in collaboration with the University of Angers.

CIDEF offers classes preparing for:

- Diplôme d'études approfondi en langue française (**DELF**)
- Diplôme approfondi de langue française (**DALF**)

The DELF and DALF diplomas are valid indefinitely and recognized internationally.

The TCF certification is valid for two years.



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***DFP** **DIPLÔME**
DE FRANÇAIS
PROFESSIONNEL



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EDUCATION

STUDENT LIFE

Local cultural activities

CIDEF proposes cultural activities all year round. The offer varies according to programmes and seasons.

Gastronomy

- Cooking class
- Wine and cheese tasting
- Lafayette market

Sport and nature

- Loire boat trip
- Sports matches
- Terra Botanica

Art and history

- Château of Angers
- Fine arts museum
- Jean Lurçat museum

Business world

- Chocolate factory
- Cointreau factory
- Giffard factory

Excursions

CIDEF proposes excursions all year round. They usually take place during the weekend. In case of a day trip, a packed lunch is required.

- Mont-Saint-Michel and Saint-Malo
- Castle of the Loire Valley
- Gulf of Morbihan
- D-Day Normandy landing beaches
- Giverny (Museum of Impressionism and Monet Foundation)
- Anjou troglodyte village
- The Cinéscénie of the Puy du Fou

The price for each activity will vary depending on the activity.

All excursions are charged 70 € per excursion with a 340 € package for 5 excursions.

On-site registration or pre-booking by e-mail.

Cultural activities and excursions are non-exchangeable and non-refundable.



[Student life]



The Bureau des échanges culturels

The **BEC** gives international students the opportunity to meet with French students and spend time in a friendly atmosphere with French families wishing to share their way of life and culture.

It also organizes cultural and sport activities:

- International evenings
- Peer mentoring between French and international students
- International day in local schools
- Contact with other UCO clubs and organizations (sports, humanitarian aid, culture, international...).



ROOM AND BOARD

Homestay with board

Academic year 2024-2025

Homestay (individual room)*	Trimester	Fall semester	Spring semester	Academic year (according to arrival and departure times)
+ access to the kitchen	1,199 €	1,583 €	1,679 €	3,307 €
+ access to the kitchen + breakfast (7/7) + 3 evening meals per week	1,873 €	2,481 €	2,631 €	5,211 €

Summer 2024 - Summer 2025

Homestay (individual room)*	July August	September
+ access to the kitchen + lunches on campus from Monday to Friday	693 €/month	693 €/month
+ access to the kitchen + lunch and dinner on campus from Monday to Friday	951 €/month	
+ homestay breakfast and dinners (7/7) + lunches on campus from Monday to Friday	1,008 €/month	1,008 €/month
+ access to the kitchen + breakfast 7/7 + 3 dinners/week + lunches on campus from Monday to Friday		918 €/month

Privately-owned student residences and board

Summer 2024 - Summer 2025

Student residences (CIDEF partnership)	July/August
+ lunch on campus Monday to Friday	800 €/month
+ lunch + dinner on campus from Monday to Friday	1,070 €/month

Academic year 2024-2025 and September

Please contact student residences directly**

*Housing insurance is included.

**See our list online: cidef.uco.fr

Other room and board options are available. Please contact us.

The meal plan options are only available if a sufficient number of students has booked them in advance.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

REGISTRATION PROCESS

ONLINE www.cidef.uco.fr

- 1 - **Registration form:** to be filled in, signed (by the parents if the student is under-age) and returned online, by mail or email. Registration possible at the CIDEF secretariat.
- 2 - **Tuition fees deposit*:** 350 € and 120 € application fees per session.
- 3 - **Accommodation deposit*:** 350 € if you book accommodation through CIDEF.
- 4 - **Documents to be attached:** a photocopy of your passport + a high school diploma or a document proving your registration in your home university + a copy of your private insurance for the entire period.

CONDITIONS

- Be 18 years old or be under the responsibility of an adult for the entire duration of the program
- Have a high school diploma
- Arrive at the beginning of each session (beginner students only)
- We welcome students with disabilities and needing specific conditions of study. Thank you to contact CIDEF's disabled persons contact at cidef@uco.fr cidef@uco.fr»

PAYMENT CONDITIONS

The tuition fees must be fully paid prior to arrival. Payment can be made by transfer, by foreign bank cheque, by cheque, in cash or by credit card at CIDEF.

CANCELLATIONS CONDITIONS

- All course sessions started are due.
- Registration fees and deposits are non-refundable.
- In case of visa refusal (letter from the French Embassy to be attached), the advanced payment of tuition fees will be reimbursed upon presentation of a bank account number. An amount of 470 € (+ 350 € for accommodation) will be retained by CIDEF.
- In case of visa acceptance but cancellation by the student, no refund will be made.

- ★ - *deposits will be deducted from the tuition / accommodation fees.*
- *tuition fees can be paid by bank cheque payable to a French bank or bank transfer.*
- *all bank charges are to be paid by the student.*

INFORMATION

The administrative formalities necessary to enter France must be carried out by the student.

VISA AND RESIDENCE PERMIT

You should validate your VISA (VLS-TS) online upon arrival
administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr

- The renewal of the visa must be done between 2 and 4 months before expiration of the visa on the national platform ANEF: administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr

Note that tuition and registration fees must be fully paid before CIDEF can issue a registration certificate.

INSURANCE

Three types of insurance are compulsory:

- **French public health insurance (free of charge for European citizens):** registration can be completed online before or upon arrival in France at <https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr>. If you are an EU citizen, you must bring your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).
- **Home insurance policy** (chargeable/included in the price for accommodation via the UCO housing service).
- **Third-party insurance**

THE STUDENT LIFE AND CAMPUS CONTRIBUTION

For any program exceeding three months, the Contribution de Vie Étudiante et de Campus (CVEC), is compulsory and has to be paid prior to or upon arrival in France.

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