Learn French by the seaside in an attractive historical region

Vendée Catholic University – France

ICES University is known for its academic excellence and individual tutoring

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Course presentation

A 3-week intensive French Language Program with native teachers specialized in French as a Second Language Teaching

Placement test

Courses from beginner to advanced level

25 hours/week, 75 contact hours, small groups

Opportunity to get a Level Certificate

You may earn 12 ECTS

Free access to the Library and Media Center

Skills and goals

Thanks to small groups and individual tutoring, the aim is to gain a CEFR* level during these three weeks of study.

*Common European Framework Of Reference For Languages

You will be working on the six main skills: oral expression and comprehension, written and reading skills and oral/written interaction.

Learning outcomes for Level A1 (complete beginners)/Level A2 (false beginners)

- Ability to recognise concrete information about common everyday or job-related topics. (Express feelings in a particular situation, describe a desire or a goal, ability to open a bank account).

Level A1: Phonetics, ask simple questions, understand simple answers, make appointments.

Level A2: Ability to deal with administrative paperwork, make reservation, speak about past and future events, take part in a routine conversation on simple predictable topics.

Learning outcomes for Level B1 (intermediate)/Level B2 (intermediate+)

- Ability to understand straightforward factual information about common every day or job-related topics. (Express feelings in a particular situation, describe a desire or a goal, ability to open a bank account).

Learning outcomes for Level C1-C2 (advanced)

- Ability to express an opinion on current affairs, to give the pros and cons, to communicate with emphasis on how well it’s done, in term of appropriacy, sensitivity and the capacity to deal with unfamiliar topics, and to deal with hostile questioning confidently. Ability to debate.

Teaching method: use of textbooks. The professors will also work on various medium (photos, movies, articles...)

Cultural activities and field trips

Practice French and discover the history and culture of the region of Napoleon.

- Discover La Roche-sur-Yon, city of Napoleon, and the French gastronomy (cooking workshop)
- Discover the History of Vendée (visit of a Museum and a typical ancient dwelling)
- Discover the South of Vendée Region (Maillezais Ancient Abbey, Nieul-sur-l’Autise)
- 1 day to the Historical Theme Park « Puy du Fou », Best Historical World Park in 2017

Optional field trips: Bordeaux, Mont-Saint-Michel and D-Day beaches, Les Sables d’Olonne, Loire Castles...

Accommodation

- On-campus housing included*
- Individual room and bathroom
- Shared kitchen and facilities
- Wi-Fi included

*Meals are not included in the cost

This program can be subject to changes (February 2018)
All-inclusive price: 1 435 €
Including: 75 contact hours + accommodation + 4 excursions
Not included: meals, 2 optional fieldtrips, visa, transportation to and from La Roche-sur-Yon

Online registration: ices.fr
► Contact information: international@ices.fr

How to reach La Roche-sur-Yon:
► 3 hours high-speed train ride from Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport
► 1-hour train ride from Nantes Airport
► Individual pick-up at La Roche-sur-Yon train station

We look forward to welcoming you at ICES!