

STUDY Abroad

UNIVERSITÉ DE SAVOIE

Beginner to Advanced French Language Program

FRANCE

with



LOCATION

Located in the heart of the French Alps, Chambéry is about 3 hours from Paris and the Mediterranean coast. This charming city is also well connected to major European cities by high speed train. Enjoy nearby Alpine and cross-country skiing and water sports.



PROGRAM DETAILS

This program offers intensive French language and culture courses at the Institut Savoisen d'Études Françaises pour Étrangers (ISEFE). Benefits include on-site orientation, two excursions during the semester, and weekly organized activities. In addition, students may choose to take tourism or management courses in English. Students with advanced language skills can take one or two regular university courses in French. See Course Descriptions on the ISEP website for more details. The program includes 20 hours of instruction per week for 11 – 13 weeks (220 total). Students usually receive 12 – 14 US credits based on local transfer policies.

Eligibility: A proficiency test for language level will determine the content of language courses and electives.

HOUSING AND MEALS

Students are housed in homestays with an independent room, bath, and kitchenette. Meals are not included.

DATES

Academic year: September – April
Semester 1: September – December
Semester 2: January – April

ISEP-DIRECT COST

ISEP-Direct costs are very affordable. See the ISEP website for current prices.

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FRENCH LANGUAGE COURSE OPTIONS:

CORE FRENCH LANGUAGE COURSES

All students enroll in one of the following core French language courses. After taking a placement exam, students are placed into one of the following language levels. Courses start at complete beginner level.

Basic User	A1	<i>Study of the basics of French and introduction to life in France.</i> Understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed to satisfy concrete needs.
	A2	<i>Study of the basics of French and introduction to life in France.</i> Understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance on familiar and routine matters.
Independent User	B1	<i>Study written and oral practice in modern French and aspects of French civilization.</i> Understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar topics regularly encountered in work, school or leisure.
	B2	<i>Study perfection of written and oral linguistic skills and aspects of French literature and civilization.</i> Understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions. Produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and varying viewpoints.
Proficient User	C1	<i>Study perfection of written and oral linguistic skills, modern French civilization, and history of French literature.</i> Understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognize implicit meaning. Use language flexibly and effectively in a variety of contexts. Produce clear, well-structured, detailed text.
	C2	<i>Study perfection of written and oral linguistic skills, modern French civilization, and history of French literature.</i> Understand virtually everything heard or read. Summarize information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing accounts in a coherent presentation, fluently and precisely.

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES

In addition to the 16 hours per week of French language courses, students may choose from one the following options:

- 4 extra hours per week of French language and culture courses (required for beginners)
- 4 hours per week of courses in management, marketing, or business-tourism hospitality taught in English
- For advanced French speakers, students may be permitted to take university courses in French.

Guidance on which extra courses to choose will be provided upon arrival.

ADDITIONAL CULTURAL AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES

- The introductory excursion into the Alps immediately acquaint new students with the region and mountain resorts.
- The two cultural weekend seminars per semester allow students to deepen their knowledge of French culture with a visit to France's attractive tourist regions. Excursions will be determined on a semester basis but may include Art and Sculpture in Paris, Gastronomy and Wines in Thonon-les-Bains, and Film Festivals and French Cinema.
- Full access to the weekly program of cultural and leisure activities are organized by ISEFE for a small additional fee.