



MICEFA French Language & Culture Syllabus

Dates: 30 June – 29 July 2026

Level: A0 (*complete beginner*) – C1 (level based on placement by the ILCF French academy. Levels are based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages CEFR).

Hours: Language Courses held at the ILCF Monday through Friday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (60 hours)
10+ cultural excursions in and around Paris, please see program calendar.

Credits: 4 credits

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Course Objectives:

The objective of this course is for the student to learn and perfect their French oral and written competencies through immersion learning both inside and outside of the classroom through intensive language courses at the ILCF and participation in cultural activities in and around Paris throughout the program. Students will quickly progress in their language skills by studying the four language competencies (oral expression, oral comprehension, written expression and written comprehension) in small, level-based groups. They will then be able to put their language skills to work while learning about French culture through numerous cultural visits outside the classroom.

Curriculum:

- Oral & Written Comprehension
- Oral & Written Expression
- French Grammar
- Cultural Visits in and around Paris

Course Materials:

- French as a foreign language manual (version depends on level placement)
- Documents and multimedia (literary excerpts, press articles, video clips, brochures, etc.)

Assessments and Evaluation:

Continuous testing in the form of quizzes and presentations throughout the program in the French language courses. A common exam is also provided to all students of the same language level at the end of the session. Final grades for students are based on a combination of continuous testing scores, final exam score, and attendance & participation grades.

Attendance and Participation:

Attendance is essential to the curriculum of the program and will be checked daily. Students are required to attend all course sessions and cultural activities in order to receive full credit for this course. Unexcused absences will not be accepted. Students are required to email the course contact person to inform them of their absence.

Excused absences include but is not limited to the following:

- Illness or injury
- Family or personal emergency

Students will be asked to justify all absences.

Student Code of Conduct:

1. Student presence at courses and cultural activities is mandatory. Students must provide justification for all excused absences
2. Students must arrive on time to courses and cultural activities, excessive lateness will influence the credits earned in the course
3. Students are expected to turn cellphones off or put them on silent mode during courses and cultural activities
4. Plagiarism and/or cheating are not tolerated during this course. If a student is caught cheating during the course, the final grade will be a 0.

Program Schedule:

Please see the program calendar for information on specific cultural activities offered. Students are offered between 10-12 cultural visits during their program.