



Live and learn French in the heart of France



Torterie Hall, main building of Institut de Touraine

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INSTITUT DE TOURAINE

[Institut de Touraine](#) is a private higher education institution. It was founded in 1912. Our school is specialized in teaching French as a foreign language and French culture. We operate under the academic supervision of the University of Tours. Over 2500 students from 80 countries come each year to learn French.

Institut de Touraine is located in [Tours](#), a city of 300.000 inhabitants (including 30.000 students in higher education), one hour away from Paris by high speed train. The school is in the city center and most accommodations are within walking distance. The Loire Valley is famous for its Renaissance castles, its medieval towns and its gastronomy. Our region is part of [UNESCO](#) World Heritage List.

With more than 20 full-time faculty members, the Institute offers a wide choice of courses for students over 16 and juniors (in closed groups). Vocational training for teachers of French as a foreign language is available every summer. Most multinational courses are intensive (20 hours per week).

Since 2007, the school has been awarded the “[Qualité FLE](#)” label by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Institut de Touraine is a member of [Groupement FLE](#) , [CampusFrance](#) and [The Education Valley](#).

STUDYING AT INSTITUT DE TOURAINE

We place the student at the center of the learning experience. We do our utmost to facilitate progress, in class and after class.

For one-month and three-month courses, a three-tiered program is proposed:

- A **French language course** (15 hours per week) to work on all competencies. This course is run by two teachers (one for oral competencies, one for writing/reading skills) ;
- A course of **phonetics** (2 hours per week, in half-class, in a language laboratory) to improve pronunciation and oral understanding;
- **Additional courses** (3 hours per week), which depend on the level of the students (writing workshop, grammar, exam preparation, civilization, literature, professional French: business, diplomacy, legal, etc.).

Each course has a total of 12 to 15 students.

Express courses (starting every Monday) are organized with small groups (6 to 10 students). There are three different formulas: **extensive** (15 hours, morning class), **intensive** (15 hours and 5 hours of conversation class); **super intensive** (20 hours and 5 hours of writing skills). Private lessons can complement these courses (3 hours per week).

All programs are organized in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference.

Progress is constantly monitored. Students move from one level to the next depending on their assessments. All students find at Institut de Touraine programs that suit their levels and the duration of their stays.

Upon registration, students take on **online placement test** on the Internet.

All students have access to **personal guidance**: to study French, to further their studies in France or to solve daily life issues. Our advisors facilitate the studies and help to overcome difficulties. An **online learning platform** complements the programs.

Institut de Touraine is an official **examination center**. Students can sit [DELFE](#), [DALF](#) or [e-TEF](#) while they are studying at Institut de Touraine. This is a definite advantage if students wish to pass an official exam of French while in France. Our optional courses prepare the students for these exams.

Our **media center**, specialized in French as a foreign language is available for all students. The media center is open every afternoon on weekdays, to further one's studies or to feed one's curiosity. At the media center, teachers are available to guide students.

Students can engage in **integrative activities** while in Tours: volunteering in non-profit organization, extracurricular activities in primary schools, sports, etc. We make the connection between the students and various institutions in Touraine. These integrative programs can be recognized with ECTS credits. They are excellent opportunities to practice French in “real life”.

Institut de Touraine is under the academic supervision of [University François-Rabelais of Tours](#). Our curricula are reviewed by university professors. Our instructors teach at the University of Tours. Thanks to our closed links with the university and its department of linguistics, our pedagogy is constantly updated. This academic supervision is a guarantee of quality for our students.

THE CAMPUS

Our school is located in the city center, only 2 minutes away (by foot) from the medieval district and the shopping area.

The Institute uses 3 buildings next to each other, which include:

- ✓ 30 classrooms, with interactive white boards or computers,
- ✓ 6 language laboratories,
- ✓ 1 computer laboratory,
- ✓ A library and a media center,
- ✓ Wi-Fi access
- ✓ A computer room with 30 PCs and Internet access
- ✓ 2 foyers equipped with piano, table tennis, table football, etc.
- ✓ A cafeteria with vending machines.

ACCOMMODATION

Institut de Touraine can book any type of accommodation for the students:

- ✓ Host family
- ✓ Students' residences
- ✓ Furnished flats, serviced apartments
- ✓ Hotels.

Most accommodations are within walking distance from the Institute.

Host families are always a popular choice, highly valued by students. Full immersion facilitates interactions in French and cultural discovery. Over 200 carefully selected and monitored families welcome our students. Our formulas include half board on weekdays and full board on weekends.

Students' residences propose single rooms with private bathroom or studios. University residences are available only in summer (from June until August). Private residences are open all year long.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We schedule **guided excursions** with our teachers throughout the year : Loire castles, Paris, Mount Saint Michel, Futuroscope, etc., and activities such as **theater workshop**, cooking, **wine and cheese tasting**... Our region is famous for its cultural heritage and gentle way of life. Live the experience to the fullest with the Institute!

From June until August, our entertainment coordinator plans daily activities for the students: cultural social or sport outings, to cater for all needs. These activities give opportunities to mingle with other students and to meet French people.

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