

Language

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Centre universitaire d'enseignement
du français aux étudiants étrangers

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Quality programs and courses

Rich and varied course offerings

Tours, the cradle of the French language?

Tours, a former capital of the kings of France is also the capital of the Touraine, a French region where «living is an art». Famous writers like François Rabelais, Honoré de Balzac or Pierre de Ronsard come from this region. Those living in Tours have the reputation of speaking the purest French. The long presence of the king's court in the region might explain this label. Situated in the heart of the Loire Valley, Tours is one hour from Paris by high speed train (TGV).



A University open to the world

Open to the world, the University François Rabelais of Tours has 24,000 students, of these almost 3000 from 120 different nationalities. Pluri-disciplinary, the university offers a choice of 7 Faculties (in fields such as Arts, Languages and Literatures, Law and Social Science, Economics and Management, Sciences and Technologies, Medicine, Pharmacy), a Center for Renaissance Studies, an Institute of Business Administration (IAE), an Engineering school (Polytech Tours) and two university Institutes of Technology (IUT).

The CUEFEE at the service of international students

The University Center for Teaching French to International Students (CUEFEE) is a part of the International Relations department at the University François Rabelais. Its mission is to accompany international students as they learn the French language and about French culture and pursue their studies in Tours. Students enrolled at the CUEFEE benefit from student status and can access all of the University's services: libraries, cultural and sports activities, university cafeterias, preventive medicine, and more.

A network of professionals teaching French as a Foreign Language

The CUEFEE is a member of the Association of Directors of University Centers of French for International Students (ADCUEFE) - Campus FLE. This professional organization of 25 French Universities who propose programs of French as a foreign language for international students and teachers guarantees for you:

- the quality of the teaching;
- a variety of learning techniques;
- the quality of the welcome and integration into the university;
- the richness of the cultural environment;
- the harmonization and the recognition of certifications and diplomas.



Recognized Quality

Since 2007, the quality of the programs of the CUEFEE is guaranteed by the "Label Quality FLE" delivered by the CIEP (International Center for Pedagogical Studies) and recognized by the French ministries in charge of education, higher education and foreign affairs. The Center is regularly audited in order to have this certification renewed.



Cultural Activities

The CUEFEE organizes throughout the year cultural excursions (visits to chateaus, to museums) as well as organized celebrations for its students.

The CUEFEE welcomes the entire international learning community: exchange students, individual students, PhD candidates and researchers... The French courses are organized by level and according to the needs of the learners. Three principal aspects are emphasized: the study of the language, an understanding of the culture and French for university studies.

Examples of courses proposed at the CUEFEE*:

General language classes:

- Oral language
- Written language
- Linguistic reinforcement

Cultural classes and cultural options:

- Practical life and culture
- Theater Workshop
- Current Events
- History of Tours
- Culture and society
- Initiation to literature
- Chateaus and landscapes of the Loire Valley
- French society through film and song

French for university studies:

- University methodology
- Written expression at the university
- Course Options
- Preparation for the TCF DAP

* indicative of offers, may vary according to the number of students and student needs.

