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BIARRITZ LANGUAGE SCHOOL – BIARRITZ, FRANCE.

The NRCSA Center in Biarritz is housed in a modern and spacious building, and offers 15 bright, air conditioned classrooms for groups of 2 to 12 participants. The Center is centrally located, and is only 10 minutes by bicycle from the center of Biarritz. The main train station and airport are also near the school. Teachers are qualified to teach French to foreign students (Diplôme de Français Langue Etrangère) and have excellent knowledge of the French culture and civilization. Many of them have lived and taught French abroad and speak several languages, therefore relating easily to different cultures. Together with their enthusiasm and spontaneity, they guarantee lively and effective lessons.

Biarritz is a peaceful haven nestled between the Pyrenees mountains and the Atlantic ocean in the Basque region of France. Originally a quaint fishing village, Biarritz began its evolution into a fashionable and refined seaside resort in the 19th century with the arrival and attention of Napoleon III and his empress Eugenie. Presently, Biarritz is also world-renowned for its excellent surfing, long sandy beaches, and year-round mild climate in addition to its wonderful architecture, elegant buildings, casinos and palaces.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The focus of the program is to work on the practice of the language using oral expression, thus enabling the student to rapidly communicate in everyday situations. The training follows the contents and progression of a manual (French as foreign language) for adults, to which authentic material is added to help the student get a better understanding of the social and cultural aspects of the language. The method is above all interactive and communicative. The programs are carefully structured but sufficiently flexible to allow progress according to each student's level and learning pace.

Standard Program Group 22 lessons per week. A general French program that takes place during the morning.

Intensive Program Group 30 lessons per week. Elementary-Intermediate level required. The Intensive Course combines the Standard Program of 22 lessons with 8 lessons per week in the afternoon based around the discovery of France and the French through communicative and creative skills. There is a maximum of 10 students per class, with an average of 6.

Standard Program + Golf Lessons 2 weeks, Group 22 hours per week + 10 golf lessons per week. Afternoon classes Monday through Friday at the Golf of Ilbaritz, a magnificent 9 hole course beautifully situated in an exceptional setting between the sea and Pyrenees mountains. The golf program is limited to 4 participants, however your training program will be personalized and will accommodate your ability and objectives. Please bring your own golf clubs and equipment.

Standard Program + Surfing Lessons 2 weeks, Group 22 lesson + 10 surfing lessons per week. The surfing program takes place at the "Plage des Basques", which offers several types of high quality "beach breaker" waves for advanced surfers and smaller waves at other locations for beginner level surfers. Lessons are limited to 8 participants per group, however your training program will be adapted to your objectives. All materials, such as wet suits and surf boards will be furnished locally. Should weather conditions force a change in beaches, the school will provide transport to an alternate surfing venue.

Teen Program-Biarritz Only Ages 13-17. 15 lessons per week + excursions, sports & cultural activities

Homestay Tutor Program 20 or 30 lessons per week in the home of a French tutor. A totally different way of learning French, you will be invited by a family to integrate their lifestyle while constantly speaking French. Consequently, the learning process is working not only during the private lessons but every time you are with the family, during meals, outings or participating in their activities. It is an excellent way to gain an insight into French culture.

Teen Program-Biarritz Only. Ages 13-17. 15 lessons per week + excursions, sports & cultural activities. Bordeaux Language Institute holds their Teen Program in the city of Biarritz, situated at the foot of the Pyrenees mountains. For more information on this program, please see the NRCSA website, or contact NRCSA.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays. Host families live all over the city, some in the centre and others in nearby suburbs. The distances from the school to the families can vary from 10 minutes by foot to 25 minutes by public transport. Homestay accommodation includes a private room, breakfast and dinner on weekdays and all meals on weekends.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

The cultural activities that Bordeaux Language Institute offers after the lessons are an excellent way for to discover a beautiful city and region, an experience which will broaden your knowledge of the French language, culture and history. All entrance fees, transportation, etc. are at additional cost.

TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 823 North 2nd Street, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

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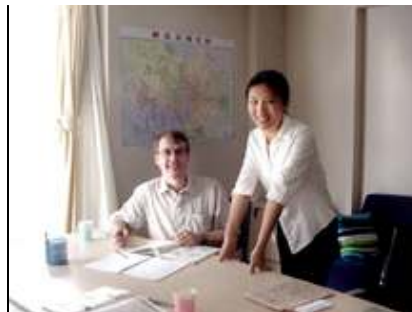
Program & Admission Information - Biarritz, France

Programs

We will work collaboratively with each student to succeed in increasing their French language proficiency. To achieve this we believe there are 3 essential factors to successfully learn French :

- Expert and friendly teachers
- Dynamic teaching methods with a communicative approach.
- Small classes of 5 - 10 participants

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Much of the training material is specific FLE (Français Langue Etrangère) teaching methods and the rest is produced by the center. Teachers are constantly reviewing course material and methods and finding new ideas for different programs. Students can either borrow or purchase the textbook you require in class. On the first day of arrival, you will pay a small deposit, depending on your level, and at the end of the course you can either keep the book or have it refunded (unless it has been damaged). Additionally, there is a library of written, video and audio material available to all students.

Eight levels of study are offered:

- True Beginners - No knowledge of the language whatsoever.
- False Beginners - Has no or very little knowledge of the language, a few words.
- Elementary 1 - Can make simple sentences but has little knowledge of the grammar and can understand if spoken to slowly.
- Elementary 2 - Can speak and understand in everyday situations (ordering food, asking your direction, etc.), but finds it difficult to formulate long sentences or hold a conversation.
- Intermediate 1 - Comfortable when conversing or understanding French speaking natives, but still makes mistakes and needs to extend knowledge of the various structures and tenses.
- Intermediate 2 - Has attained a good level in French, masters more elaborate sentences and is at ease in everyday conversations. Needs to develop vocabulary and grasp the peculiarities of the language.
- Advanced 1 - Has acquired a certain autonomy and is at ease when communicating. Emphasis will be made on comprehension of texts and development of written/oral vocabulary and expression.
- Advanced 2 - Has an excellent level of French and is now seeking to develop an in-depth knowledge of the language or focus on a special interest.

Throughout every course, both teachers and the Director of Studies closely monitor students' progression, so that step by step students will move from one level to another at their own pace. Furthermore, if a student feels that he/she is having difficulty understanding the lessons or finds them too easy, then the Director of Studies will be happy to find a solution to the problem.

All group programs have a maximum of 10 students per class, with an average of 6. Each lesson has a duration of 45 minutes.

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Standard Program
Intensive Program
Standard Program +
Golf Lessons
Standard Program +
Surfing Lessons
Teen Program

Admissions &
Academic Credit
Certificates & Exams

Activities

Excursions, Cultural &
Social Activities

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Admissions & Academic Credit

The school welcomes students age 17 years and older in the adult programs and 13-17 year olds in the Teen Program, regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. No previous knowledge of French is required except where otherwise indicated.

Students desiring credit for their study programs should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. schools consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

For more information about academic credit in French speaking countries, [please click here](#).
For general information on academic credit, [please click here](#).

Certificates & Exams

All students receive a Certificate of Attendance indicating the level of French they have attained at the end of their program.

The school can prepare students for the following exams:

- DELF 1 Examination
- DELF 2 Examination
- DALF Examination
- TEF of the Paris Chamber of Commerce

ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000 SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

** If you have a problem while studying abroad, call the 24 hour hotline! Call Any Time from Anywhere! Medical or travel emergencies, legal or medical or embassy referrals, lost passport or luggage, emergency message relay, coordinating emergency prescription replacement or cash transfer, emergency translations, 24-hour medical monitoring. Problems seldom occur, but when they do, it is nice to know insurance and worldwide assistance are included in your cost for study dates prepaid through NRCSA as reflected on your NRCSA confirmation. Additional optional insurance available upon request. Refer to the certificate for specific terms, conditions and other details regarding benefits, limitations, eligibility and exclusions of this plan. Questions? Contact NRCSA: Tel: 414-278-0631 ... E-Mail: info@nrcca.com ... Web: <http://www.nrcca.com>*

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