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SCHOOL AND CITY INFORMATION – LA ROCHELLE, FRANCE

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

La Rochelle Language School is part of the 25-center system in eight countries of the world, established as meeting places for people of all ages and backgrounds who are united in a common aim: to learn a new language and to develop their understanding of other people. Built recently, the school building has superb facilities for language learning, including 12 classrooms, lecture room, Multi-Media Learning Center, 6 computers with e-mail and internet access, snack bar with piano, volleyball court, and sun deck. The building is located near the yacht harbor, the largest marina in Europe, and is also very close to the university.

We are members of EAQUALS and ARELS, official quality control organizations. All teachers are trained, qualified staff who specialize in language teaching and are teaching in their native language to adults. Classes are taught by a team of 2 or 3 teachers, one of whom has overall responsibility of course planning. The teachers will use student feedback in weekly and daily work plans.

Learn French in a relaxed atmosphere on the Atlantic coast and discover La Rochelle, a picturesque port with its 800 years of adventurous history. The town, with its arcaded shopping streets, has some fine old houses with imposing entrances including the Bourse, the Law Courts and the Henry II and Venette houses. The local authorities are particularly concerned about the quality of the environment. As an original way of reducing pollution, they have bought bicycles which are available free to the 125,000 inhabitants.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Basic Course

20 lessons per week. Available for students at any level beginning to advanced. Each lesson has a duration of 50 minutes. The courses take place in the morning, Monday-Friday. Systematic training in speaking and writing, with phases of intensive study alternating with active exercises aimed at teaching the basic skills for understanding, speaking and writing French.

Intensive Course is available for students at any level beginning to advanced. Each lesson has a duration of 50 minutes. The courses take place Monday-Friday, morning and afternoon, divided into the two following areas:

General Language Work

25 lessons per week. Systematic training in speaking and writing, with phases of intensive study alternating with active exercises aimed at teaching the basic skills necessary for understanding, speaking and writing French. All students are expected to work on grammar and the way the language works; build up vocabulary and pronunciation; learn how to use the language appropriately.

Self Study

Self study in the Multi-Medical Learning Center is available for all students and there are learning resources of all kinds: audio, video, computer assisted language learning. These elements are all available for students to work independently.

Elective Program

The students who enroll in a 4 week session or longer can choose afternoon elective lessons from such areas as * French Wine and Cuisine (All Levels; Minimum of 6 students per class) * DELF Exam Preparation (Elementary - Upper Intermediate Level ; Minimum of 6 students per class) * CCIP Business Exam Preparation (Intermediate - Advanced Levels; Minimum of 6 students per class) * CCIP Hotel and Tourism Exam Preparation (Intermediate Levels; Minimum of 6 students per class)

These lessons are at additional cost and students may enroll directly at the school.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays

French families usually have a wide circle of friends and relatives who they keep in regular contact with and this gives students many opportunities for meeting people. The school has more than 300 families and they all have one thing in common: comfortable guest rooms and a warm welcome. Lodging in a single room with 2 meals daily is included.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Excursions and social events, which the school provides at additional cost, give students even more opportunities to make friends and to practice speaking the language.

Social activities include * Visit "Musée Maritime" * Visit "Musée de Nouveau Monde" * Visit "Aquarium" These are at additional cost.

Excursions include * Ile de Ré * Ile d'Aix et Fort Boyard * La Venise Verte * Chateaux du val de Charente * Cognac * 2 Days at Wine Chateaux around Bordeaux. These are at additional cost.

TO REGISTER:

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Program & Admission Information - La Rochelle, France

Programs

The instruction of functional language skills in an action-oriented approach that is at the heart of teaching methodology. Students will learn the skills needed to communicate in real life situations. Exercises to improve fluency and accuracy are combined with communicative small-group activities. Very close attention is paid to the degrees of control in the practice leading from initial presentation of the new language towards realistic communicative use of that language.

The Framework of the individual programs is provided by the Scale of Levels, which is based on over 15 years' research and development. They were further developed to produce the Common European Framework, and the related official European Language Passport.

Placement tests are used upon arrival to assign students to the appropriate level of language classes. Teachers analyze the results of placement tests against the language resources available and desired results of each level of instruction to reach an adapted plan of instruction for each class and student.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE SCALE OF LEVELS](#)

Students need two components to achieve success in language learning:

1. Language Resources: Knowledge of the grammatical structures, the vocabulary, the turns of phrase and pronunciation necessary in order to be able to communicate.
2. Communicative Interaction: Experiential learning to get used to formulating what he/she wants to say, reacting spontaneously, finding ways around difficulties of expression.

Student progress is monitored through regular homework, a feedback session every Friday, which is used to discuss the previous week and the plans for the following week, and a weekly quiz on the language learned that week. At regular intervals, advisors talk to groups of students about their satisfaction, and progress in language acquisition. In addition, regular and end of course tests are given to each student to evaluate the language level reached. There are two tests:

1. Language Resources
2. Communicative Abilities

The Language Resources test is taken from a bank of questions testing knowledge of the grammatical structures, the vocabulary, and the turns of phrase necessary in order to be able to communicate at the student's level. This test may be taken on paper, or on computer in the multimedia learning center.

The Communicative Abilities test may not appear to be a test. Every week, the student has a longer communicative activity, which the teacher uses to spot strengths and weaknesses. In addition, the teacher uses a detailed set of criteria to evaluate the language level demonstrated by those students who are leaving that week. Teachers already have a good impression of what the student can do, but they follow a standardized assessment procedure, in order to ensure that their impression is fair. It is all part of the guarantee of quality teaching, based on proven methods and objective evaluation standards.

The teaching of functional language skills in an action-oriented approach and is at the heart of the methodology. Students are taught the skills needed to communicate in real life situations. Exercises to improve fluency and accuracy are combined with communicative small-group activities. The school pays very careful attention to the degrees of control in the practice leading from initial presentation of the new language towards realistic communicative use of that language.

Basic Course 20 lessons per week. Available for students at any level, beginning to advanced. Each lesson has a duration of 50 minutes. The courses take place in the morning, Monday-Friday. Self study in the multimedia learning center is available for all students, as are learning resources of all kinds: audio, video, and computer assisted language learning. These elements are all available for students to work independently.



Intensive Course 25 lessons per week. Available for students at any level, beginning to advanced. Each lesson has a duration of 50 minutes. The courses take place in the morning, Monday-Friday. Self study in the multimedia learning center is available for all students, as are learning resources of all kinds: audio, video, and computer assisted language learning. These elements are all available for students to work independently.

Programs
Basic Course
Intensive Course

Admissions &
Academic Credit
Certificates & Exams

Activities
Excursions, Culture
and Social Activities

Comments

"The best part was meeting people from around the world and learning so much about foreign cultures."

University Student, Bennington, VT

"The homestay family was outstanding and the Eurocentre instructor was excellent. The city of La Rochelle was beautiful. The school building was modern and very pleasant to study in every day. The staff was extremely professional."

College Professor, Honolulu, Hawaii

"I had a fantastic host family who took lots of time and effort to include me in their lives, which I enjoyed and appreciated very much."

University Student, New Haven, CT

Day - At - A - Glance

9:00 - 10:10 Listening & Reading
10:30 - 11:35 Oral Skills
11:55 - 13:00 Grammar & Vocabulary
13:00 - 14:10 Lunch
14:10 - 15:00 Grammar & Phonetics
15:10 - 16:00 Elective & Social Programs; Learning Center

* Day-At-A-Glance is a sample day and will vary depending on enrollment, time of year, lodging, etc. It is designed to show content rather than precise scheduling

Admissions & Academic Credit

Students age 16 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. No previous knowledge of French is required except where otherwise indicated.

Students seeking credit for study should check with their home school before registering. 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

A School Certificate will be issued to students provided he/she has attended the course regularly. The Certificate describes quite precisely level of language competence the student has reached in language training in the following areas: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Preparation for the following exams is offered as an optional extra, at additional cost, and/or as guided self study in the multimedia learning center:

1. Alliance Française: Certificat d'Etudes de Français Pratique 1 (CEFP 1) for unit A2, level 3
2. Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française I (DELF) for unit B1+, level 5.
3. Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française II (DELF) / Accès au DALF / Alliance Française: Diplôme de Langue Française (DL) for unit B2+, level 7.
4. Diplôme Approfondi en Langue Française (DALF) / Alliance Française: Diplôme Supérieur d'Etudes Françaises Modernes (DS) for unit C1+, level 9.

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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PREREGISTRATION FORM – NRCSA PROGRAMS

1. Complete & send to NRCSA, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA • Tel. (414) 278-0631 • Fax (414) 271-8884 • Web: www.nrca.com
2. Enclose a non-refundable deposit/registration fee of \$140 per person, per program, payable to NRCSA (\$40 registration fee & \$100 program deposit applied towards the program costs).
3. Register early. Add \$40 per person late enrollment fee if paying in full within 40 days of departure. Within 20 days, payments by certified check.
4. Credit Cards may be used for deposits (see "H" below). NRCSA street address for overnight deliveries is 207 East Buffalo Street, Suite 610, Milwaukee, WI 53202 USA. You are welcome to photocopy this form. Please send separate form for each school if taking multiple programs.

A. Name(s) _____ Sex _____ Birthdate _____ Citizenship _____
Please print
 _____ Employer _____ Occupation _____
If student, school attending and year

Street: _____ Tel. Home: _____
Street address (not P.O. Box) where someone can sign for documents sent to you.

City/State/Zip: _____ Tel. Work: _____
 Fax: _____
 E-mail: _____

In Emergency, notify: _____
(Name, Address, Phone)

B. BACKGROUND: _____
Describe your background in the course you're taking abroad. Check your ability level:
 Beginner Post Beginner
 Intermediate Advanced

C. LODGING: _____
Schools will try (cannot guarantee) to meet them. Special Diet (may be available) at additional cost.

Check Preferences.
 Single Share Twin Other: _____
 Yes Smoking No Smoking Either
 Yes Pets No Pets Either
 Yes Children No Children Either

D. GOALS: _____

E. INSURANCE: Includes prepaid study dates. To extend coverage up to 30 days before/after study dates, add \$5/day or \$19/week and advise dates.

PREFER: Homestay Involvement Freedom to Come/Go
ARE YOU? Quiet Outgoing Frequent Traveler
OBJECTIVES: Enrichment Academic Credit Job Related
HOBBIES: Reading Music Cooking Jogging Sports

F. PROGRAM INFORMATION	School/Center
Program Name (use title from Dates & Fees)	City/Country
Date: Start Program	Date: Start Lodging (most start day before)
No. of hours day/week	No. of weeks attending
Disabilities/Allergies/Health Problems	2nd Choice Program
How did you learn about NRCSA?	Social Security Number
Options (see program for choices)	
Your Signature (if you are under age 18, both parents must also sign)	

INSURANCE INCLUDED for PRE-PAID STUDY DATES

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REPATRIATION UP TO \$7,500

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24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE-MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

For More Info: <http://www.nrca.com/INS24hrHotline.html>

H. CREDIT CARDS:

For program deposit only (**not final payment**) check:
 VISA Mastercard American Express Amount Charged \$ _____

_____ / _____
Card Number (13 or more numbers) Exp Date

SIGNATURE (as on card) PRINT name (as on card)

CHANGE FEES of at least \$35 apply for each change you make. Some "changes" may result in cancellation fees.

CANCELLATIONS are effective the day received in writing by NRCSA in Milwaukee. All payments less \$140 per program fully refundable up to 60 days prior to departure. For cancellations within 60 days of departure, \$250 per person is not refundable; within 40 days of departure, less 50% of program cost or \$300 per person (whichever is greater); within 14 days of departure, 100% of program cost is non refundable. Airline cancellation penalties, if any, are in addition to those outlined above. Cancellation penalties are per person, per program. Medical, baggage (above that included) and cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Attach a note if you have a medical condition or Rx which the school/center should know about.

CONDITIONS: Each institution listed herein is independent of the National Registration Center for Study Abroad (hereinafter referred to as NRCSA, controls, and will periodically make changes in the program. Classes may fill, be changed, or dropped by the sponsoring academic institutions. NRCSA is a division of Mibar Ltd. and is not responsible for these changes or other actions beyond its control such as strikes, postal delays or loss, mechanical breakdowns, weather, government actions, delay or acts/omissions of suppliers. NRCSA may make changes or substitutions or cancel any program. In the event of entire program cancellation by NRCSA, liability is limited to refunding all monies paid to NRCSA for said program. Passengers electing not to use portions of a program shall not be entitled to a refund. No agent or representative of NRCSA shall have the right to alter the provisions listed herein. Costs based on tariffs and exchange rates effective the date of printing of this material, and are subject to change. Additional costs resulting from such change will be paid by the participant. Registrations are valid when accepted by NRCSA in Milwaukee. The passage contract used by the airline, when issued, is the sole agreement between it and you. Photographs of or statements by participants may be used by NRCSA. NRCSA, group leaders or foreign coordinators, at their discretion, may get medical assistance for participants, or place them in a hospital, or fly them back to the U.S. for medical treatment. All costs related to medical treatment or evacuation will be paid by the participant. As visitors you are expected to adhere to foreign rules and customs. If the foreign staff feels you are not adhering to these rules and customs, your participation in the program shall terminate immediately without refund whatsoever. A "homestay" is defined as living with a local person(s) in the foreign country and may not be multi generational, multinational, etc. It is the responsibility of the participant to have required proof of citizenship and visa(s) if applicable - check with the consulate of the country(s) you will be visiting.

INFORMATION USE: Information provided to NRCSA will be shared with participating organizations to facilitate your registration.

NOTE: Classes canceled in honor of local holidays are not made up. Foreign Language schools use placement tests. If there is no group at your level, smaller group or tutor classes may be substituted with fewer hours per week. Classes are conducted entirely in the target language. See **Fast Facts Guide** for more information.