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UNIVERSITY OF POITIERS – POITIERS, FRANCE

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Université de Poitiers CFLE (Centre de Français Langue Etrangère) is part of the University of Poitiers, one of the oldest universities in France. Located in the Faculté des Lettres building on campus, the Centre was created in 1977 but French as a foreign language has been taught there since 1955. The CFLE is a member of the Association des Directeurs des Centres Universitaires d'Etudes Françaises pour Etrangers. CFLE's teachers all have a long experience of teaching French as a foreign language. Each of them has specialized in a more specific field such as civilization, didactics, linguistics and literature.

Poitiers, the capital of the Poitou-Charentes, is a town with a population of about 100,000 inhabitants. It is renowned for both its ancient history and for the theme park Futuroscope. The town is an hour and a half from Paris by the high-speed train, from the Atlantic beaches, and from the Loire châteaux. With its 24,500 students, Poitiers has one of the youngest populations in France.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Semester & Academic Year Programs

A student registering for the first time at the CFLE must take a test to determine his/her level in French. The test is given on the first day of classes. Students have access to multi-media resource centre and take part in various cultural activities. Meetings with French students can be arranged. 6 levels are available:

Initiation 1 & 2 (Elementary)

Prepares students for the Diplôme d'Initiation 1 and the Diplôme d'Initiation 2. Each course is divided into 2 units: oral French (15 ECTS), written French (15 ECTS).

Initiation 3 (Intermediate)

Prepares for the Diplôme d'Initiation 3. The course is divided into 2 units: oral French (15 ECTS), written French (15 ECTS).

1st Degree (Advanced Level)

Prepares the student for the Certificat Pratique de Langue Française. The program is divided into 3 language units and 1 culture unit. Students must take the 4 units to obtain diploma.

2nd Degree (Advanced Level)

Prepares the student for the Diplôme d'Etudes Françaises. The program is divided into 3 language units and 1 culture unit. Students must take the 4 units to obtain diploma.

3rd Degree (Advanced Level)

Prepares the student for the Diplôme Supérieur d'Etudes Françaises. This diploma (with a major in literature) gives access to second year Lettres Modernes after examination by a special commission. The 3rd degree is divided into one language unit, one literature or civilization unit, and one extra unit.

Subsidiary Language Courses

These courses are designed for foreign students who wish to develop their skills in one or several specific fields, such as writing, grammar, literature, civilization, etc. Organized on a semester basis (except for the 3rd degree which is a two-semester program) students can make their own program according to their language level. The subsidiary courses are at additional cost.

ADMISSIONS

Required Documents for Enrollment: 2 Identity Photos (passport size); Birth Certificate and High School Diploma (or Equivalent to French Baccalaureate), Both Documents Notarized and Translated into French. No copies or faxes are accepted. Send all documentation and NRCSA Preregistration form at least 3 months in advance of desired program start date.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Student Residence

Université de Poitiers CFLE provides housing in their Hall of Residence located on campus. Each student is lodged in a study-bedroom with a washbasin. Toilets and showers are shared with other students. Meals are taken in the cafeteria.

Homestays

Host family stays are available upon request and at additional cost. Monday through Friday breakfast and evening meal is taken with the family and lunches are taken in the university cafeteria. On the weekends, all meals are taken with the family. A single room is provided, with the bathroom shared with the family.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Excursions & Activities

The Association of French as a Foreign Language of Poitiers organizes various activities throughout the school year: Lectures on history, architecture, and economy, as well as sightseeing. Excursions can be organized in the Poitou-Charentes region to places such as la Rochelle, Cognac, Marennes Oléron, etc. Outdoor activities include skiing or snowshoeing in the Pyrenees.

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 - Poitiers, France

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Comments

"NRCSA was one of the few programs that offered a one month stay in August at the Sorbonne. The educational consultants were very caring and helpful."

University Student, New
York, NY

The Programs

Semester & Academic Year Programs

A student attending classes for the first time must take a test to determine their level in the French language. The test is given on the first day of classes. Complete beginners will not take the test, but must go on the the first day to complete on-site registration.



All students have access to the multi-media resource centre, and can take part in various social and cultural activities. There are also intercultural meetings organized with the French students.

The courses are organized in 6 levels:

- 3 elementary and intermediate levels
- 3 advanced levels

Elementary Levels

Initiation 1

Number of hours a week: 20 hours
Number of weeks: 13 weeks, 1 semester
Diplomas: Certificat Pratique de Langue Française

Initiation 2

Number of hours a week: 20 hours
Number of weeks: 13 weeks, 1 semester
Diplomas: Diplôme d'Etudes Françaises

Initiation 3

Number of hours a week: 20 hours
Number of weeks: 13 weeks, 1 semester
Diplomas: Diplôme Supérieur d'Etudes Françaises

Advanced Levels

1st Degree

Number of hours a week: 20 hours
Number of weeks: 13 weeks, 1 semester
Diplomas: Certificat Pratique de Langue Française

2nd Degree

Number of hours a week: 20 hours
Number of weeks: 13 weeks, 1 semester
Diplomas: Diplôme d'Etudes Françaises

3rd Degree

Number of hours a week: 20 hours
Number of weeks: 13 weeks, 1 semester
Diplomas: Diplôme Supérieur d'Etudes Françaises

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS](#)

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These courses are designed for foreign students who wish to develop their skills and knowledge in one or several specific fields, such as writing, grammar, literature, civilization, etc.

- Organized on a semester basis (except for the 3rd degree which is a two-semester program)
- students can make their own program according to their language level and free time
- elementary and intermediate levels (initiation 2 and 3) : 6 or 8 hours a week
- advanced levels (1st, 2nd and 3rd degree) : 2, 4, 6 or 8 hours a week

The subsidiary courses are at additional cost.

Admissions & Academic Credit

Students age 18 years or older (regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality) are welcome. No previous knowledge of French is required except where otherwise indicated.

Students desiring credit for their study 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](#).

Assessment & Grading

Please note that in the French system of grading, marks range from 0 to 20. An average mark of 10/20 is the minimum required to pass. Students enrolled in European program may gain ECTS transfer credits.

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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.

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