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## LAUSANNE LANGUAGE SCHOOL – LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND

### ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Lausanne 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. The school is run in association with the cultural department of Migros Vaud and is located right in the centre of town in a quiet pedestrian area. The building is designed for language teaching with 12 classrooms, a Multi-Media Learning Center, a Foyer with vending machines, and a terrace.

All Lausanne Language School 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 taking account of the needs of the individuals in the class.

In **Lausanne**, unlike most big capitals, the pace of life is not at all hectic. Even so, it is an industrious town, a busy commercial centre. But here everyone keeps a sense of proportion and takes the time to live. Here, it's the quality of life that counts. Each district, street, park and shop attempts to outshine the others, but always in the best of good taste and with due moderation! The forest of Sauvabelin is like a crown of greenery above Lausanne. From the lake, the city looks as though it had its own reflections for foundations. Lausanne is not a town to be passed through in a hurry. It must be visited leisurely, in all directions. And with all your senses on alert.

Over 21,000 students attend Lausanne Language Schools each year, from a variety of ages, educational backgrounds and nationalities. By offering a variety of courses for different levels, selecting well-qualified teachers, setting clear and realistic learning objectives, and providing students with opportunities for self assessment, the Lausanne Language Schools have designed classes to meet your needs.

### 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 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 learn to pronounce properly; learn how to use the language appropriately.

### Self Study & Social Program

Self study in the Multi-Media 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. Some of the social program is complimentary and includes:

- \* Films
- \* Fitness Center (14:00 - 17:00)

### Super Intensive Course

30 lessons per week. Consists of the same systematic training in speaking and writing as the Intensive Course, with five additional language lessons and a smaller class size of a maximum of 8 students per class.

### Elective Program

The students who enroll in a 3-4 week session can participate in the afternoon elective lessons for the French for Business - CCIP exam course. A minimum of 5 participants is required to activate this course. These lessons are at additional cost and students may enroll directly at the school.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

#### Homestays

Many of the families who welcome Lausanne Language School students have worked with the school for many years, and there are some friendly older women who are happy to spend time with their house guests. In the centre of Lausanne, host family accommodation is mainly in small but comfortable flats. Further out of the centre, families with children live in houses and the approximate traveling time is 30 minutes. 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. The social and excursion programs at Lausanne Language School are organized by the Migros club school, one of the important private institutions for adult education in Switzerland. Excursions cost approximately CHF 25 to CHF 40 and include: \* Lavaux Vineyards \* Geneva, UNO \* Vevey (Nestle museum) \* Grottes de Vallorbe

### 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 - Lausanne, Switzerland

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## Comments

*"The thrill of recognizing the phrases in the family which had been studied earlier in the classroom. The unmatched experience of becoming part of another culture."*

Educator, New York, NY

*"My experience in Lausanne was wonderful. The people in my class, the instructors, and the family I stayed with were wonderful! I had an absolutely fabulous time! It was a perfect start to a wonderful summer."*

Stewardess, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

*"The school was very well organized, the teachers helpful. There was a very good lab and the exercises were also very good."*

University Student,  
Springfield, MO

## The Programs

The teaching of real language in an action-oriented approach is at the heart of the methodology. The focus is to teach the language a student needs to communicate in real life. Exercises to improve fluency and accuracy are combined with communicative, and small-group activities.



The Framework on the teaching methodology is provided by the Scale of Levels. The Scale of Levels was developed based on over 15 years' worth of research and development. They have been further developed to produce the Common European Framework, and the related official European Language Passport.

A placement test is given to students before their first class to ensure that they are in the appropriate level for their current language levels. Teachers analyze the results of placement tests and adapted a plan of instruction for each class and student.

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, advisers talk to groups of students about their satisfaction, and progression in the French language. Additionally, 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 is given to students to derive their knowledge of the grammatical structures, the vocabulary, and the turns of phrase necessary. The test is used as part of the placement exam, and to continually evaluate the students level. The test may be taken on paper, or on a computer in the multimedia learning center.

The Communicative Abilities test may, at first glance, not even appear to be a test. Every week the student has a longer communicative activity with their teacher who spots strengths and weaknesses in the students oral skills. In addition, the teacher uses a detailed set of criteria to evaluate the language level demonstrated by each student during their last week of study. Teachers already have a good impression of what the student can do, but they follow a standardized assessment procedure to ensure that final assessments are fair. It is all part of the guarantee of quality teaching, based on proven methods, and objective orientated evaluation standards.

◇ [Click here to view the Scale of Levels](#)

## Basic Course

Group 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 and there are learning resources of all kinds: audio, video, computer assisted language learning. These elements are all available for students to work independently.

## Intensive Course

Group 25 lesson 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 and there are learning resources of all kinds: audio, video, computer assisted language learning. These elements are all available for students to work independently.

## 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.

◇ [Click here for more information on academic credit.](#)

## Certificates & Exams

A 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

<b>F. PROGRAM INFORMATION</b>	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)	
<b>Your Signature</b> (if you are under age 18, both parents must also sign)	

**INSURANCE INCLUDED for PRE-PAID STUDY DATES**

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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.