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CELA – AVIGNON, FRANCE

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

CELA – we specialize in linguistics and the teaching of conversational French. Founded in 1980, CELA is a nonprofit organization whose principal purpose is the teaching of French as a foreign language, incorporating the latest research in the field of linguistics. The Centre is located in the heart of the city near the Pope's Palace.

Enthusiastic teachers, pragmatic methodology and the natural resources of the area combine to make this an outstanding learning center. CELA operates all year long and among its activities offers various courses of study.

The city of Avignon, the province of the Vaucluse and the region of Provence provide rich history, art and landscape in an ideal climate. Avignon, a maze of ramparts, machicolated towers, belfries and palaces, is the sort of city seen in ancient woodcuts or medieval tapestries. The formidable palace-fortress was built for the Popes who, during a century of residence in Avignon (1309-1403) gave the town its monumental appearance. Avignon today is the setting for an international festival, which is an important annual event (July) in European theatre.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

French Language & Civilization Course

Conversation classes of 4 hours daily, 8:30 -12:30 or 14:00 - 18:00, and focus on practical use of the everyday language. Dialogues for beginners are structured on family living and basic necessities such as food, clothing, banking, etc. As the student progresses, dialogues emphasize French culture and current events - with guided discussions based on newspaper articles, radio/TV, movies, plays, etc. Wherever possible, the specific vocabulary needs of each individual student are met. Daily reading, writing and grammar exercises supplement conversation classes based on student levels and needs. Classes average 5-8 students - with the maximum class size being 12 students. Students are grouped in one of 5 or 6 levels, beginner to advanced.

Tutor Course

10 hours per week. The course involves 2 hours each day with a teacher who develops a plan of study corresponding to the needs of the student. The teacher and student also plan the other work, such as analysis of oral, written and video documents, and activities such as visits to various organizations and institutions, contacts with French people, excursions, working dinners, etc.

Language & Cooking Course

Intermediate level required. Learn French and the art of French cuisine. The first week of every month, CELA offers the opportunity for an exploration into the cuisine of Provence by bringing in special guests, such as renowned chefs, restaurant owners and local wholesale producers. The program consists of

the general French language program at 20 hours per week plus 5 hours per week of cooking and cuisine.

Christmas Course

All levels are welcome in CELA's Christmas Course. This one week program is held the week before Christmas and combines French language study with an exploration of the holiday cultural traditions of Provence.

Special Group Programs

The region of Avignon is an excellent resource area. As a result, CELA has been most active in coordinating programs for groups interested in language, art, film, theatre, literature, education, medicine, journalism, sociology, music, agriculture, and related fields. If you are interested in developing and taking a group to CELA or other centers in NRCSA directories, please contact NRCSA.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays

Families are carefully selected by the school and offer a variety of meal plans in a hospitable environment.

Apartments

For students and families staying a month or longer, there are a few studios and apartments. However, they must be reserved far in advance and require full prepayment which is not refundable if they do not suit your tastes.

Hotels can also be arranged on request.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

CELA's staff recommends the pursuit of vocational, hobby or recreational interests and involvement in the local community. They are happy to provide lists of area resources and/or make appointments in the event you wish to accomplish projects or research, i.e. business school or club visits, meetings with teachers, artists, social workers, local students, attend university lectures or meetings, etc.

TO REGISTER:

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Program & Admission Information - Avignon, France

Programs

Adult participants of all nationalities are accepted, and a maximum of 12 students is maintained in each class. If only one student applies for a particular level of course, 2 hours of private classes per day will be given.

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Students are encouraged to use the campus library and tapes during free time. Teachers are available on a scheduled basis after class to answer questions or provide additional help. Learning materials and use of textbooks/tapes are included in the cost as is the Identification Card which permits certain student discounts. Optional fieldtrips and tours are offered with participants paying transportation cost and entrance fees

Tutor Course 10 hours per week. The course involves 2 hours each day with a teacher who develops a plan of study corresponding to the needs of the student. The teacher and student also plan the following work:

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Admissions & Academic Credit

Students age 17 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. 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. U.S. schools which have granted credit for their own students attending this institute have done so on the basis of 15 hours or instruction equaling one semester credit.

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

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Cultural Activities

Comments

"The school provided many cultural and social activities for the students.

This is an exceptionally good program. The teachers, the method of instruction and the physical location-building, garden, etc- are outstanding. The extras- a one act play, exhibitions by an activists group, the mixing of local people with the students and social gatherings- were a pleasant experience."

Retired, Staten Island, NY

"I enjoyed the entire school setting - the instructors, the historic building and grounds, the fascinating city where the school was located and the method of teaching."

University Student, Hamilton, OH

"Avignon is a great center to use as a base for travel in Provence. The apartment arranged through the school was also excellent."

French Teacher, Oakton, VA

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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