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CITY AND SCHOOL INFORMATION – BORDEAUX, FRANCE.

Bordeaux Language Institute situated in the city of Bordeaux, is committed to meeting the requirements and needs of the French language student. This commitment is expressed within their Quality Charter which includes: Expert and friendly teachers devoted to giving equal attention to each person's language objectives; Professional quality service; Dynamic teaching methods with a communicative approach; Attention to feedback and always ready to help; Prompt and efficient reaction to any potential queries.

Bordeaux Language Institute is recognized by the Rectorate of Bordeaux and is a member of SOUFFLE (the quality control organization for language schools and universities in France).

"Take Versailles, add Antwerp and you end up with Bordeaux". This is how Victor Hugo described the wine capital. This distinguished city is one of the best preserved 18th century architectural complex in the world. Its white stone facades, lush gardens, original cobblestone streets and elegant boulevards are just some of the many aspects which seduce visitors and ranks Bordeaux among Europe's most beautiful cities.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Standard Program Group 22 lessons per week. The Standard Program is a general French program scheduled in 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.

French & Leisure Program 2 weeks, Group 22 lesson + 6 leisure activities per week. The French & Leisure Program includes the Standard Program of 22 lessons and 6 leisure activities per week. Sample activities include: Vineyard excursion and visit to a wine chateau; Wine tasting lesson; French cookery class; Guided tour of Bordeaux; Museum excursion; French films.

French for Business Program 32 lessons per week-22 Group + 10 Tutor. Intermediate-Advanced Level Required. The French for Business Program combines the Standard Program of 22 lessons with 10 individual tutor lessons per week. Centered on the business world, the program is geared to suit the specific requirements of executives and business people aiming to acquire a real ease in commercial French, through reports, commercial correspondence, presentations (organization chart, business setup), job presentation, current commercial topics, etc.

Homestudy 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.

Check out our website at <http://www.nrcea.com>

Program & Admission Information - Bordeaux, France

Programs

The Center has one main mission: To work collaboratively with each student to succeed in increasing French language proficiency. To achieve this we believe there are 3 essential factors to successfully learning French :

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

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.

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.

There are eight levels of study 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.

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



Programs

Standard Program
Intensive Program
French & Leisure
Program
French for Business
Program
Standard Group
Program + Bordeaux
Wine

Admissions &
Academic Credit
Certificates & Exams

Activities

Excursions, Cultural &
Social Activities

Comments

"The school seemed to employ the latest in language training techniques. Classes were very interesting -group discussion, written exercises, video, tapes, games, and etc."

Executive, Pewaukee, WI



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.

French & Leisure Program 2 weeks, Group 22 lesson + 6 leisure activities per week. The French & Leisure Program is ideal for those seeking to combine language study with a holiday. It includes the Standard Program of 22 lessons and 6 leisure activities per week.



Sample activities include:

- Vineyard excursion and visit to a wine chateau
- Wine tasting lesson
- French cookery class
- Guided tour of Bordeaux
- Museum excursion
- French films

Leisure activities will vary by season.



French for Business Program 32 lessons per week-22 Group + 10 Tutor. Intermediate-Advanced level required. The French for Business Program combines the Standard Program of 22 lessons per week with 10 individual tutor lessons per week. Centered on the business world, the program is tailored to suit the specific requirements of executives and business people aiming to acquire a real ease in commercial French, through: reports, commercial correspondence, business presentations (organization chart, business setting-up), job presentation, current commercial topics, etc.

Standard Group Program + Bordeaux Wine Standard Group Program plus 15 or more lessons of wine lectures and tastings. The Bordeaux wine course is designed for wine lovers, both at a professional or amateur level, and combines a French learning program with the pleasures of tasting some of the most outstanding wines of France.

The Wine Course is offered every afternoon from Monday to Friday for groups of 6 to 12 students. Classes are conducted in French and translated into English by a professional wine taster at L'Ecole du Bordeaux, run by Chateau Lynch-Bages.



By tasting some of the greatest vintages of the Bordeaux classics you will learn the 'art of tasting.' By the end of the course, you will be able to properly analyse wine and accurately describe its aromas and flavors. You will learn how to differentiate Bordeaux wines from other French wines, and will be introduced to the up-and-coming wines in the region. You will also be invited to discover some of the most prestigious chateaux in the world, and will receive a certificate of course completion.

Wine Course Content and Focuses follow:

Monday: Conference and Tasting
Understanding White Wines

- The different regions around Bordeaux and their wines
- The making of the great Bordeaux whites
- Enhancing the aromas of dry whites
- The magic of sweet Sauternes wine making

Wine tasting lesson: Gestures, holding a glass properly, vocabulary.

Tuesday: Conference and Tasting

Understanding Red Wines

- The process of making Red wines

Wine tasting lesson: Blend your own Bordeaux wine. This is a specialty of the Ecole du Bordeaux. You get to play the role of the cellar master, and make the blend of your choice using the four main grape varieties of the Bordeaux wines.

Wednesday: Visits

Discovery of the famous Medoc red vineyards

- Visits to perhaps the most famous vineyard in the world, home of four fantastic First Growths: Margaux, Mouton-Rotschild, Latour and Lafite.
- Visit of a Grand Cru Classe

Thursday: Conference and Tasting

The diversity of the great Bordeaux red wines

- Medoc, St. Emilion, and Graves areas: History and wines
- Wine classifications: Understanding the puzzling Bordeaux rankings

Wine tasting lesson: Sample Bordeaux red wines to experience their power, softness, and complexity. Enjoy 4 red wines from the Medoc, St. Emilion, and Graves regions.

Friday: Visits

Discovery of the village of St. Emilion and its vineyards

- Visits of St. Emilion, a medieval town and one of the UNESCO world heritage villages
- Discover the picturesque landscape of St. Emilion, the land of Ausone and Cheval Blanc
- Visit of a famous St. Emilion Grand Cru Classe

Admissions & Academic Credit

The school welcomes students age 17 years and older in the adult programs, 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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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: _____ 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

ACCIDENT / MEDICAL 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

**24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE-
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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.