

COURSE INFORMATION

-- FOR ALL STUDENTS --

Classes are held from Monday to Friday. The average class size is 8 students. We never exceed 10 students per class, which guarantees a high level of teaching quality and a friendly classroom atmosphere.

Classes are taught entirely in French, and all of our teachers are native French speakers who hold a professional master's degree in French as a Foreign Language (Master 1 or Master 2) and have considerable teaching experience.

Upon arrival, you will receive the LSF Roadbook, which will help you improve your French from day to day and make the most of your time at LSF and in Montpellier.

To continue practising your French after your lessons, you will have access to our e-learning platform on which you can further your knowledge of the French language and follow current affairs and French culture.

You will use the platform both in lessons and as a supplement to the language lessons.

You will have access to self-correcting exercises, summaries of lessons and to vocabulary and grammar sheets. You can write and comment in French, work on your oral and written comprehension, and exchange with other students and ask your teachers questions.

Our teaching team answer all questions asked on the platform and correct all your written contributions. The aim is to give you educational support and to help you improve your written French through corrections and individual advice.

If you want to continue making progress and furthering your knowledge of the French language, you can continue having access to the e-learning platform after finishing your stay at LSF.

If you have difficulty with a concept taught in class, you will have access to free tutoring with an LSF teacher to help you overcome any obstacles.

Our teaching staff is available and ready to answer any questions you may have about your level or your French course.

INTENSIVE : Take your oral skills to the next level

- In addition to the Standard morning lessons, you will spend two afternoons per week in class.
- 20 group lessons of 45 minutes each (15h) + 6 group lessons of 45 minutes each two afternoons per week (4h30) = 19h30 of classes per week.

The two afternoons of intensive classes are aimed at perfecting your oral skills in French (oral comprehension, production and interaction). All of our intensive courses are designed using interactive digital screens and take place in classrooms equipped with these screens, which means your lessons will be modern, dynamic, lively and, of course, interactive.

All the documents used are taken from French-speaking media (videos, radio programmes, reports) and stimulate interaction, discussion and debate. There is no grammar taught in this course, but you will reuse and improve the grammatical tools developed in the standard course: your professor is there to guide you, correct any errors and help you improve your oral communication skills in French.

INTENSIVE IMMERSION: A different way to improve your French

- In addition to the Standard morning lessons, you will spend three afternoons per week in class: two afternoons that correspond to the description above of the Intensive course and a third afternoon.
- 20 group lessons of 45 minutes each (15h) + 6 group lessons of 45 minutes each two afternoons per week (4h30) + 4 immersive lessons on a third afternoon (3h) = 22h30 of classes per week.

The goal of this third afternoon is to get you out of the classroom in order to learn in a different way, on a "do-it-yourself" basis. LSF proposes immersion lessons on various topics such as: theatre, cinema, video, photography, guided tours, treasure hunts, surveys, meetings, conferences, painting, comic books, cooking, music... During these lessons you will get to discover French in various meaningful places in Montpellier together with your teacher.

INTENSIVE PLUS : Develop all your skills

- In addition to the Standard morning lessons, you will spend three afternoons per week in class: two afternoons that correspond to the description of the Intensive course and 4 one-to-one classes.
- 20 group lessons of 45 minutes each (15h) + 6 group lessons of 45 minutes each two afternoons per week (4h30) + 4 one-to-one classes (3h) = 22h30 of classes per week.

This formula allows you to improve your knowledge of the French language and culture, to perfect your oral skills, work on specific areas and meets your specific needs and expectations (enriching your vocabulary, improving grammar, phonetics...). Your teacher adapts to your needs, helping, advising and correcting in a totally customised manner.

ONE-TO-ONE LESSONS: Tailored to your specific needs

We offer three one-to-one lesson packages.

One-to-one lessons let you work on specific areas and are designed around your specific needs and expectations. Your teacher adapts to your needs, helping, advising and correcting in a totally customised manner. Before your arrival, you fill out a form to tell us about your expectations and your specific needs.

COMBINED

- In addition to the Standard morning lessons, you will have 10 one-to-one lessons
- 20 group lessons of 45 minutes each (15h) + 10 one-to-one lessons of 45 minutes each (7h30) = 22h30 of classes per week.

This formula lets you work on specific areas and meets your specific needs and expectations (enriching your vocabulary, improving grammar, phonetics...).

This formula is also adapted to students learning French for professional reasons (medicine, hospitality industry, business French, diplomacy, job interviews, TCF, DFP...).

ONE-TO-ONE LESSONS: 1 student-1 teacher

You decide on the number of lessons and the content to create a programme totally suited to your needs. Before arrival, you fill out a form to tell us your needs, and you can send us any specific document on which you would like to work.

TWO-TO-ONE LESSONS: 2 students-1 teacher

The two students decide on the number of lessons and the content to create a programme totally suited to their needs. Before arrival, you fill out a form to tell us your needs, and you can send us any specific document on which you would like to work.

AFTERNOON / AU PAIR LESSONS

- 6 group lessons of 45 minutes each, two afternoons per week = 4h30
- This course is adapted to the rhythm of au pairs and professionals.

The goal of this course is to develop your oral proficiency and give you the cultural knowledge essential to living and working in a French-speaking environment.

Our afternoon classes will help you perfect your oral skills in French (oral comprehension, production and interaction). All of our au pair courses are designed using interactive digital screens and take place in classrooms equipped with these screens, which means your lessons will be modern, dynamic, lively and, of course, interactive. You will have classes with other LSF students, allowing you to meet students from all over the world and discover new cultures.

All the documents used are taken from French-speaking media (videos, radio programmes, reports) and stimulate interaction, discussion and debate. There is no grammar taught in this course, but you will reuse and improve your knowledge of grammar and vocabulary in realistic situations, and your teacher will be there to guide you, correct any errors and help you improve your oral skills in French.

To really improve, you must continue practising your French on your own after class. You can develop your writing skills (written production and interaction) and work on your oral comprehension on our online course platform, access to grammar lessons and self-correcting exercises.

Our teaching team answer all questions asked on the platform and correct all your written contributions.

EVENING COURSE

- 4 group lessons of 45 minutes each, two evenings per week = 3h00
- This course is adapted to the rhythm and to the obligations of professionals.

The goal of this course is to provide you with the vocabulary and grammar essential to communicating in French by working on the five skills necessary for learning a language: (oral comprehension, oral production, oral interaction, written comprehension, written production) and give you the cultural knowledge essential to living and working in a French-speaking environment.

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EXAM PREPARATION COURSES

DELFDALF PREPARATION COURSES: Official certification for your proficiency in French

- Our DELF/DALF preparation courses last for four weeks. In addition to the Standard classes, you have 10 specific exam preparation lessons in the afternoons.
- 20 group lessons of 45 minutes each (15h) + 10 group lessons of 45 minutes each (7h30) = 22h30 of classes per week.

The DELF (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française) and DALF (Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française) are official diplomas issued by the CIEP (Centre international d'études pédagogiques) and the French Ministry of National Education.

LSF offers preparation courses for B1 and B2 DELF exams and C1 and C2 DALF exams. These diplomas are internationally recognised and valid for life. They can help you find a job around the world and let you enrol in French universities (B2, C1 diplomas) and grandes écoles (engineering, business). They are often required for enrolment in other Francophone universities (Switzerland, Belgium, Canada).

In the preparation course, you study the methodology, vocabulary and themes specific to these exams while improving your knowledge of grammar and ability to communicate. You work on and develop the 4 skills that will be tested on exam day: oral comprehension, written comprehension, oral production and written production. Practice exams are organised by the teachers at LSF to better prepare you for the exam.

A LEVEL PREPARATION

- 26 group lessons per week, focused on preparation for the exams
- Programme of tourist and cultural activities

The course content is perfectly suited to the specifics of A Level exams. You will work on the 4 skills evaluated on exam day: oral comprehension, written comprehension, oral production and written production. You will study the methodology, vocabulary and themes specific to these exams.

Before your arrival, you fill out a form to tell your teachers about your expectations and your specific needs. Additional one-to-one lessons can be added upon request.

* If there are not enough students, the students preparing for A Levels will attend Standard lessons (20 lessons of 45 minutes each = 15 hours of classes) and receive 6 intensive exam preparation lessons two afternoons per week (6 lessons = 4h30 of classes).

LEAVING CERTIFICATE

- In addition to the Standard morning lessons, you will spend two afternoons per week focus on preparation for the Leaving Certificate.
- 20 group lessons of 45 minutes each (15h) + 6 group lessons of 45 minutes each two afternoons per week (4h30) = 19h30 of classes per week.

The course content is perfectly suited to the specifics of Leaving Certificate exams. You will study the methodology, vocabulary and themes specific to these exams; you will develop the relevant skills that will allow you to be ready on the day of the exam.

Before your arrival, you fill out a form to tell your teachers about your expectations and your specific needs. Additional one-to-one lessons can be added upon request.

SPECIFIC FRENCH COURSES

FRENCH AND COOKING

- In addition to the Standard classes, you take cooking lessons with a chef two afternoons per week.
- 20 group lessons of 45 minutes each (15h) + 2 group cooking lessons (2 x 3 hours)

French & Cooking courses are the ideal formula for students wishing to perfect their French while indulging in the pleasures of the French kitchen and discovering the secrets of France's world-famous cuisine. This programme is available year-round to all French levels and all cooking levels (except the weeks of 23 April, 30 July, 6 August, 13 August and 24 December).

Our chef, a renowned professional with years of experience, invites students into the kitchens of his restaurant (12 students maximum per class). The lessons take place in a very well-equipped professional kitchen located only 10 minutes from LSF on foot.

With the chef's dynamic and creative teaching style, students will prepare a full meal that they will then have the pleasure of enjoying together.

FRENCH COURSES FOR TEACHERS: *Strive for perfection*

- Special training programme for French teachers not from France (primary school, secondary school, high school, university). The minimum level required : CEFR B1.
- Three available options: - Special sessions 16 or 30 July 2018
 - Classes for individuals (year-round)
 - Classes for groups of teachers (year-round)

The goal of this course is to give you the tools to develop the written and oral proficiency of your students while providing you with new lesson planning techniques. We use the task-based learning approach, through which the students develop the five CEFR skills (oral production, written production, oral comprehension, written comprehension, oral interaction).

The activities offered not only let teachers discover the French language and culture, but also facilitate the teaching of specific grammar points. For each grammar point judged to be essential, we set up activities that allow teachers to put the concept to use.

We offer a range of activities all based on authentic documents (media, press, photographs, films, Internet, songs, games...) and intended for non-Francophone students from the beginner (A1) to the C1 level of the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).