

DUFOS 2015: The 5th summer session of DUFOS French courses



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- Programme -

Contents:

Types of education	Contents and methods	Approximate % of teaching primarily devoted to this aspect * ↗
General French	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding written and spoken French, speaking and writing. Grammar 	70%
Specialization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French for maths (counting, measurement, geometry, algebra, analysis, logic, etc.) French for physics and IT (<i>for computer scientists, chemists, physicists and biologists</i>) historical and geographical landmarks in French (<i>for economists and geographers</i>) 	15% to 25% (depending on specialty)
Specialty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade and custom revisions depending on needs and masters 	0 to 12%
French Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lectures about French culture + workshops and outings. 	20%+ special activities and events
Methodology of learning and acculturation to the French academic environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training in taking notes from a lecture which is not dictated. Learning to do documentary research. Making public oral presentation (<i>viva voce</i>). Writing and formatting a report. 	20%

* Total exceeds 100% because several lessons have a dual purpose. In particular, the methodological aspects of learning overlap with linguistic contents.

Teaching methods:

↗ **Students are enrolled in a course, which depends on their specialty :**

- “SEE” Course: Exact and Experimental Sciences: chemistry, physics, biology, computer science.
- “SEH” Course: Human and Economic Sciences : economics, mathematics applied to economics, geography, history, ...

↗ **The educational activities are various :**

- Traditional courses
- Practicing the language and discovering the cultural environment through extensive simulations and on-site activities, including:

• **for the “SEE” course:** activities and language courses in specialized rooms, lab work, simulations of experiments, physico-chemistry of cooking, etc. . .

• **for the “SEH” course:** projects including documentary investigation about the town and on campus

For all students :

- Outings in Le Mans and the surrounding, to visit places which have historical, aesthetical, social or economical significance and interest.
- Meals and parties with DUFOS staff.
- Meetings with personalities from the city.

◆ **2 or 3 trips of a day or two, to discover :**

- The French coast
- Some Romanesque and Gothic churches
- Paris

- The evolution of the architecture of French castles, from the Medieval forts to the classic royal palaces, through the castles of the Loire
- French oenology (famous Val de Loire wine cellars)

Teaching progression:

Progression over 10 weeks in three phases,
based on a thematic weekly programme.

Step 0	Integrating: settling in, discovering the city, the campus, and the academic environment : lectures + supervised educational activities in town and on campus + many oral practice workshops.
Step 1	Learning or consolidating bases (general language, scientific language and methodology)
Step 2	Preparing for the exam : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thematic weeks (socio-economic and scientific themes).• Increased training in taking notes• <u>Supervised individual project</u> : presenting a topic related to the specialization of the student : documentary research, interviews, building a plan of the oral presentation and the writing report...

Weekly schedule:

27 to 30 hours of educational activities, including:

- 20 to 22 hours of courses
- 4 to 5 hours of practice (especially oral practice) in small groups (from 5 to 8 students)
- Revisions and a written assignment, monitored and evaluated
- An individual evaluated training session

Number of students per class: Approximately 15.

For oral practice + some specialized language courses: small groups (from 4 to 10 students)

Educational and logistical support:

- Students are welcome at the train station. Accommodation is reserved for them. The DUFOS secretary helps them solve all administrative issues.
- Each class is supervised by a full-time teacher-coordinator, which ensures the consistency of course , and of the different educational and cultural activities .
- Several tutors (French-speaking literary and scientific students, trained to teach) assist teachers and provide a warm and friendly coaching for the conversation workshops, outings and meetings.

Assessment and certification:

• **Continuous assessment:** :

Regular attendance and involvement + weekly written and oral evaluation

• **Final Exam** : :

Written and oral tests assessing globally:

- The level of general and scientific language
- The ability to use language skills in a communication activity in an academic context
- Understanding of French learning methods

Passing the exam entitles the students to receive a University Diploma from DUFOS

Provisional timetable for 2014:

30 June-13 July	Step 0
15 July - 3 August	Step 1
4-24 August	Step 2
25 August – 5 September	Revisions, preparation of the viva voce and review. (calendar of DUFOS events may vary depending on specialties)

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