



French immersion courses

Academic year 2023-2024



Our International Center for Language and Civilisation

Created in 1977, the International Center for Language and Civilisation (CILEC) is the school dedicated to French as a foreign language teaching at Jean Monnet University.

The CILEC welcomes every year 500 students coming from more than 30 different countries.

At the CILEC, a team will be at your disposal to facilitate your integration, accompany you during your learning of French language and civilisation as well as for your admistratives procedures.



The CILEC is part of the Jean Monnet University of Saint-Étienne, which welcomes and trains more than 20,000 students each year, including 3,000 foreign students. Thanks to its cutting-edge research and its growing number of international labels, it is a university that innovates and transforms itself.

Jean Monnet University is a key player of its territory and beyond, of the greater Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region, while resolutely opening up to national and international partnerships. CILEC students thus benefit from all the advantages offered to students of the University and beyond, of the region.





Our offices are accessible to people with reduced mobility.

PROTÉGEONS-NOUS LES UNS LES AUTRES















Saint-Etienne, the choice of a city on a human scale

Known nationally for the quality of its Saint-Étienne is the only French city designated as a creative city for design by Unesco.

Saint Etienne is also one of the most attractive cities for rent in France.

Saint-Étienne is a university town with 27,000 students, including 20,000 at the Jean Monnet University. Initiatives have been developed to ensure that student life is rich in entertainment.

At the beginning of each academic year, in September, about fifteen events bring together all the students of Saint-Étienne.







Culture, history, architecture, design, hiking, nature, bathing, food, so much to discover in Saint-Etienne and its surroundings.

Being close to Lyon (45 mintues by train), Saint-Etienne is perfectly located to travel to the Alpes, the French Riviera and Paris.





University Diploma of French Studies



This university diploma (A2, B1, B2 and C1 levels) is especially dedicated for foreign students willing to improve their knowledge of French language and culture. It trains the student in the following linguistic skills: writing, reading, listening and speaking. Our courses are structured around the recommendations of the CEFRL (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages), a global standard used for describing language ability.

Weekly schedule*

- 15H of general french by level : from Monday to Friday, from 9am to 12pm
- 3H speciality modules : 2 sessions of 1:30 in the afternoon
- 2H of personal work in the library, or in participation in cultural or sport activites



To train in immersion

To improve French language learning and the integration of our students in our territory, we regularly propose cultural activities according to local events.

- Meeting and exchanges between students
- Creative workshops
- Visits of historic and cultural location
- Sport activities
- Student parties, cinema, concerts...

Rich of more than 5000 books and videos, in a calm and welcoming environment, our Learning Resources Center is open for our students.

Our teacher-documentary specialist will guide you throughout all your stay.



*Due to the health crisis linked to the COVID-19 epidemic, on-site teaching modalities could change to online courses to ensure the safety of the teachers and students. The CILEC keeps also the possibility to close a level group if there are not enough participants.



Organisation of the DUEF

DUEF A2 DUEF B1 DUEF B2 DUEF C1 Elementary Intermediate Upper-Intermediate Advanced

- Interact in a simple way in everyday situations.
- Exchanging information.
- Performs tasks on familiar topics such as understanding everyday announcements, discussing familiar matters, finding key information in written texts, writing a simple letter...
- Handle a concrete and simple situation in the
- Argue in writing and orally in a brief but coherent way, give or receive an explanation explanation, explain projects or ideas.

friends, work, leisure...

family domain,

• Discuss concrete, abstract or complex

topics in writing and

orally.

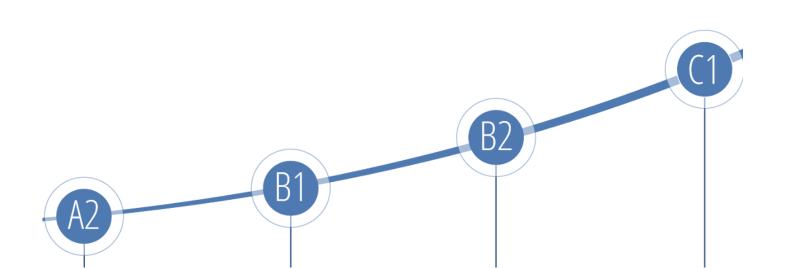
- Communicate with a native speaker by mastering the tense system.
- Argue, take notes, follow or comment on current events.

- Interact effectively
- and fluently with the social and professional environment.
- Articulate oral and written discourse, argue, present complex subjects, give a report, synthesise documents.

Only for the spring semester

Our DUEF B2 or C1 will allow you to study in 17 French Universities, including our multidisiplinary Jean Monnet University of Saint-Etienne.

Find our online catalogue.



Applications and registrations

Requirements for registration

A high school diploma is mandatory. Minimum A1 level, with DELF or TCF CERTIFICATE. Beginner not accepted.

In the case of exceptional online courses, you must have a computer or tablet and an internet

Administrative status

This diploma allows you to have the student status.



Student Visa









Student card Diploma



Training periods and prices

	Periods (out of school holidays)	Prices
Fall semester 12 weeks 240h of french courses	From 04 th September to 8 th December 2023	€1 590*
Spring semester 12 weeks 240h of french courses	From 15 th January to 07 th May 2024	€1 590*
Fall and spring semesters 24 weeks 480h of french courses	From 04 th September 2023 to 07 th May 2024	€3 030* (€1 590+€1 440)
Spring and fall semesters 24 weeks 480h of french courses	From 15 th January to 13 th December 2024	€3 180** (€1 590+€1 590)

^{*}University fees included for one academic year 2023-2024.

^{**}University fees included for two academic years.



Application steps

	Steps	Fall semester or fall and spring semesters	Spring semester or spring and fall semesters
1	Application period File to be downloaded or requested from cilec@univ-st-etienne.fr	From 06 th March to 4 th June 2023	From 01 st September to 18 th October 2023
2	Selection and admission response	From 5 th to 7 th June 2023	From 19 th to 20 th October 2023
3	Payment period (if you are accepted)	From 08 th to 13 th June 2023	From 23 th October to 27 th October 2023
4	Sending of the registration authorization certificate and accommodation certificate (if necessary)	From 14 th to 16 th June 2023	From 30 th October to 31 th October 2023
5	Application for a long-stay student visa*	From 14 th June 2023	From 30 th October 2023

^{*}The application for your long-stay student visa must be made at the French embassy in your own country

You need accomodation?

The CILEC offers you a free accommodation reservation service for students who wish to do so.

Private student residences 18m² to 24m² furnished studio flats Monthly rent : from €350 to €480

Host family Full board, with 3 meal by day included Monthly rent : €690



Private student residences pictures

Our student's feedback based on our satisfaction surveys

Very good experience during my last stay in your institution

I made a lot of progress in French during my semester

If you come in France for the first time, Saint-Etienne is the best place to start

Best international experience I did

Listening and availability of the team

The CILEC is very well located and easy to access

This training is rewarding.
We learn a lot of information about France,
french people, french society

Affordable city

I have learned a lot of things

Many cultural activities

Very satisfying.
The teachers are excellent and creative

Meeting with the foreign students for discovering differents cultures

Contact us for more information







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