

CIDEF

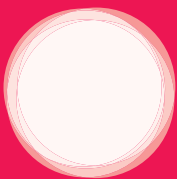
Centre International
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COME AND LEARN FRENCH in Angers - In the Loire Valley



2025-2026



UCO

UNIVERSITÉ
CATHOLIQUE DE L'OUEST

L'UNIVERSITÉ CATHOLIQUE DE L'OUEST IN ANGERS

Created in 1875, the Université catholique de l'Ouest attracts some 13,000 students every year to its **9 campuses** in Western France and overseas. Located in a landscaped park a mere **5 minute-walk from the city centre**, the Angers campus offers its **7,500 students** both an exceptional setting and a high-quality study environment.



THE CENTRE INTERNATIONAL D'ÉTUDES FRANÇAISES

Since its creation in **1947**, CIDEF - which is part of the Faculty of Humanities - offers students and teachers from around the world various programs in French language and culture. The center also provides teacher training courses in pedagogy and didactics. CIDEF has been granted the **Qualité FLE label** (French as a Foreign Language quality certification), delivers university degrees and is an examination centre for certifications and university diplomas.



1,200 international students

76 years of experience

40 lecturers

ANGERS



Angers is located in the heartland of the Loire Valley – a UNESCO world heritage site. In 2023, Angers ranks **1st among the French cities offering the best quality of life** and is among the **top 10** French cities regarding student life.



160,000 inhabitants



1,5 hour from Paris by TGV



1,5 hour from the Atlantic coast



THE SUMMER PROGRAMS

The course offer

This study programme is open to anyone over 18 who wishes to take an intensive French course during one or several weeks / months, in July, August or September. 80h/month.

About 20 students per French language class.

This course is also an opportunity to discover the city and the Angers area through the various extra-curricular activities and day trips offered by CIDEF. → p.14

	A1	A2	B1.1	B1.2	B2	C1
Language	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Speaking skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Listening comprehension	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Culture and Heritage			✓	✓	✓	✓

Summer 2026

Course schedule

	July	August	September
Pick-up service at the train station	June 29	August 3	August 31
Placement test	June 30	August 4	September 1
Start of classes	July 1	August 5	September 2
Date of departure	July 25	August 28	September 26

Tuition fees

1 month 1,578 € + 120 € registration fees

Deposit 350 €

Educational materials (+/- 30 € per study period)

A 5% discount is granted to students who have attended the preceding session in its entirety.

All course sessions started or registered for are due. → p.18



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TAILOR-MADE PROGRAMS

At CIDEF

This course is designed for:

- **Anyone over 18** wishing to study French language and the culture of French-speaking countries for one or several weeks at any time of the year. After taking a placement test, students are placed in a language course and, they can take general French language, French culture or French for specific purposes classes.
- **Groups** wishing to learn a language abroad at any time of the year. The course content and schedule are worked out in collaboration with the group coordinator. Depending on demand, this course may include general French classes, French for specific purposes, cultural classes, activities and excursions. → p.14

Online

This course aims to consolidate the students' language skills as well as their knowledge of French culture. After a placement test, the students may access online teaching tools available on an e-learning platform.

Course content is offered through various pedagogical modules that include:

- written and oral comprehension
- grammar, vocabulary and phonetics
- writing skills

Students work at their own ability level and pace according to a schedule specifying the expected time frame and deadlines.

On request students may receive support from a teacher to assist them when necessary.

For more information : please contact cidef@uco.fr



STUDENT LIFE

Local cultural activities

CIDEF proposes cultural activities all year round. The offer varies according to programs and seasons.

Among the possible activities :

Gastronomy

- Cooking class
- Wine and cheese tasting
- Lafayette market

Sports and nature

- Loire boat trip
- Sports matches
- Terra Botanica

Art and history

- Château of Angers
- Fine arts museum
- Jean Lurçat museum

Business world

- Chocolate factory
- Cointreau factory

Excursions

CIDEF proposes excursions all year round. They usually take place during the weekend. In case of a day trip, a packed lunch is required.

Some examples of excursions :

- Mont-Saint-Michel and Saint-Malo
- Castle of the Loire Valley
- Gulf of Morbihan
- D-Day Normandy landing beaches
- Giverny (Museum of Impressionism and Monet Foundation)
- Anjou troglodyte village
- The Cinéscénie of the Puy du Fou

The price for each activity will vary depending on the activity.

All excursions are charged 75 € per excursion with a 365 € package for 5 excursions.

On-site registration or pre-booking by e-mail.

Cultural activities and excursions are non-exchangeable and non-refundable.



The Bureau des échanges culturels

The **BEC** gives international students the opportunity to meet with French students and spend time in a friendly atmosphere with French families wishing to share their way of life and culture.

It also organizes cultural and sport activities:

- Events promoting international exchange
- Peer mentoring between French and international students
- «International day» in local schools
- Contact with other UCO clubs and organizations (sports, humanitarian aid, culture,...).



ROOM AND BOARD

Homestay with board Academic year 2025-2026

Homestay (individual room)*	Trimester	Fall semester	Spring semester	Academic year (according to arrival and departure times)
+ access to the kitchen	1,203 €	1,587 €	1,587 €	3,311 €
+ access to the kitchen + breakfast (7/7) + 3 evening meals per week	1,877 €	2,485 €	2,485 €	5,215 €

Summer 2026

Homestay (individual room)*	July August	September
+ access to the kitchen + lunches on campus from Monday to Friday	697 €/month	697 €/month
+ access to the kitchen + lunch and dinner on campus from Monday to Friday	955 €/month	
+ homestay breakfast and dinners (7/7) + lunches on campus from Monday to Friday	1,012 €/month	1,012 €/month
+ access to the kitchen + breakfast 7/7 + 3 dinners/week + lunches on campus from Monday to Friday		922 €/month

Privately-owned student residences and board Summer 2026

Student residences (CIDEF partnership)	July/August
+ lunch on campus Monday to Friday	800 €/month
+ lunch + dinner on campus from Monday to Friday	1,070 €/month

Academic year 2025-2026 and September

Please contact student residences directly**

* Housing insurance is included.

**See our list online: cidef.uco.fr

Other room and board options are available. Please contact us.

The meal plan options are only available if a sufficient number of students has booked them in advance.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

REGISTRATION PROCESS

ONLINE www.cidef.uco.fr

- 1 - **Registration form:** to be filled in, signed (by the parents if the student is under-age) and returned online, by mail or email. Registration possible at the CIDEF secretariat.
- 2 - **Tuition fees deposit*:** 350 € and 120 € application fees per session.
- 3 - **Accommodation deposit*:** 350 € if you book accommodation through CIDEF.
- 4 - **Documents to be attached:** a photocopy of your passport + a high school diploma or a document proving your registration in your home university + a copy of your private insurance for the entire period.

CONDITIONS

- Minimum age : 18 years old (-18 : please contact us)
- High school diploma
- Arrival must be at the beginning of each session (beginner students only)

ACCESSIBILITY

We welcome students with disabilities and needing specific conditions of study. Please contact CIDEF's accessibility service at cidef@uco.fr upon registration.

PAYMENT CONDITIONS

The tuition fees must be fully paid prior to arrival. Payment can be made by transfer, by foreign bank cheque, by cheque, in cash or by credit card at CIDEF.

CANCELLATIONS CONDITIONS

- All course sessions started are due.
- Registration fees and deposits are non-refundable.
- In case of visa refusal (letter from the French Embassy to be attached), the advanced payment of tuition fees will be reimbursed upon presentation of a bank account number. An amount of 470 € (+ 350 € for accommodation) will be retained by CIDEF.
- In case of visa acceptance but cancellation by the student, no refund will be made.

- * - deposits will be deducted from the tuition / accommodation fees.
- tuition fees can be paid by bank cheque payable to a French bank or bank transfer.
- all bank charges are to be paid by the student.

Accessibilité



INFORMATION

The administrative formalities necessary to enter France must be carried out by the student.

VISA AND RESIDENCE PERMIT

You should validate your VISA (VLS-TS) online upon arrival administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr

- The renewal of the visa must be done between 2 and 4 months before expiration of the visa on the national platform ANEF: administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr

Note that tuition and registration fees must be fully paid before CIDEF can issue a registration certificate.

INSURANCE

Three types of insurance are compulsory:

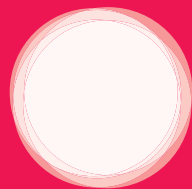
- **French public health insurance (free of charge for European citizens):** registration can be completed online before or upon arrival in France at <https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr>. If you are an EU citizen, you must bring your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).
- **Home insurance policy** (chargeable/included in the price for accommodation via the UCO housing service).
- **Third-party insurance**

THE STUDENT LIFE AND CAMPUS CONTRIBUTION

For any program exceeding three months, the Contribution de Vie Étudiante et de Campus (CVEC), is compulsory and has to be paid prior to or upon arrival in France.

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