



IDIOM
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ABOUT IDIOM

Idiom is a training institute
with over 25 years of experience in teaching French to foreign adults.

What is IDIOM? We offer lessons for all levels, from beginners to advanced. We teach General French as well as Business French and are also specialist for DELF and DALF exam preparation. Our team composed of a multilingual administration staff and highly motivated and experienced teachers will take great care of you and make sure you have the most profitable stay.

Why choose IDIOM? Our courses are tailored to help you reach your goals: groups only consisting of adults (minimum age: 18), small groups with only 7 students on average and highly skilled teachers who dedicate themselves to satisfy the expectations of all participants in class. We welcome maximum 50 students at the same time so that we can take care of each of our students individually.

A mature, serious and friendly learning atmosphere is guaranteed due to the age and motivation of our students.

Very structured courses. We offer a very clear and distinct organisation of the courses. This division into 3 distinct units structures the programme clearly and makes it transparent. A course unit (whether vocabulary, grammar or communication) represents 2 lessons of 45 minutes.

**8H00-9H30 VOCABULARY
= 2 LESSONS OF 45 MINUTES=**

**9H45-11H15 GRAMMAR
= 2 LESSONS OF 45 MINUTES=**

**11H30 - 13H00
COMMUNICATION
= 2 LESSONS OF 45 MINUTES=**

A unique and efficient teaching method. We do not use a specific textbook in class as a support. Why choose only one book when there is a multitude of various supports existing on the market? Our teachers are free to choose the material they want to use in class and to adapt this material to each different group or private student. In this way lessons are as lively and as tailor made as possible. IDIOM's dynamic teaching concepts offer rapid intensive assimilation of the language enabling students to feel confident in all its aspects.



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Idiom provides all services to make sure you have an unforgettable experience.

Flexibility. You can start your course every Monday (except for special courses with fixed dates and students with elementary level), you can choose the length of your course as well as the daily number of course lessons. All of our courses take place in the morning so you can enjoy some free time in the afternoon.

- ✓ Group courses in the morning
- ✓ A unique teaching method
- ✓ Small groups (max 10.) - mini group option available (max 4)
- ✓ School for adults
- ✓ Beautiful premises right in the city center with a private garden
- ✓ Organization of your accommodation
- ✓ Free activity programme
- ✓ 300 days of sunshine per year !!

IDIOM is situated in an individual villa from the Belle Epoque, right in the city centre, at only 2 minutes walk from the main street of Nice. The neighborhood "Libération" is very lively and trendy with its famous local market and a wide range of restaurants and cafés. We offer a highly comfortable and newly renovated location: light classrooms with high ceilings, a sunny furnished garden and a lounge, free Wi-Fi.

Nice, its beaches, its weather, its gastronomy, its history... By choosing IDIOM you can combine studying the French language with an unforgettable stay on the French Riviera.

Nice is the 5th biggest city of France and is well known in the entire world for its beauty, its beaches and its Mediterranean cuisine. Apart from this you will be fascinated by the variety of museums and cultural and sportive events that take place all year round, as well as by the various leisure activities (sailing, golf, casinos, shopping centres...). It is a very lively and colourful place where nobody can get bored.

Moreover, Nice offers easy travel possibilities to discover the coast and other cities and villages of the French Riviera like Monaco, Antibes, Villefranche...

Last but not least, Nice has a Mediterranean climate and you will enjoy its mild temperatures most of the year.



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Accommodation and activities

Your accommodation with IDIOM.

IDIOM will help you find an accommodation that suits you! If you are looking for a total language immersion, we recommend to stay with a French host family. You will discover the “French way of life” and join the family’s conversations during dinner, that is the best option to practice your French out of school. Our host families live in the city centre or in pleasant areas, they are all in easy reach of the school and are carefully selected and regularly checked. This accommodation option includes half-board (breakfast and dinner) and arrival transfer from the airport or the main train station.

Price in a single room: 37€ per night (a supplement can be charged for specific diets).



If you prefer to be independent, we recommend to stay in one of our partner residences (from 2* to 4*). They offer fully-equipped studios and apartments and are all very well located. We also collaborate with some hotels.

An accommodation booking fee of 35 € (42 € incl. VAT) will be charged for the accommodation service.

For more information and prices, please refer to our « Accommodation brochure ».

Come and experience Nice with us, for free!



IDIOM regularly offers free activities: visit of the old town, visits of museums, tasting of local specialities and wine, excursions to nearby famous cities like Menton, Antibes, Eze... (museum admissions, transportation and other fees are extra).

All our excursions are accompanied by a teacher. Our students also have the possibility of participating at night and weekend excursions with our partner professional tour guide at very reasonable prices, for example full day excursion in Saint-Tropez, in Italie or in Provence during the weekends, Monaco by night, Cannes by night or evening in a pub or in a restaurant in the Old Town of Nice.



WHAT TYPE OF COURSE TO CHOOSE?

You would like to **improve your French**? You have already learned French but have forgotten a lot. IDIOM recommends you to choose between **EXECUTIVE COURSE, INTENSIVE COURSE or SEMI-INTENSIVE**. Don't forget that you can add some **PRIVATE AFTERNOON LESSONS** to any group courses in order to work on specific topics and get a personalized follow-up.

You would like a **personalized course**, you have **professional necessities**? You would like to improve your language abilities in special fields (insurance, law, business, diplomacy...). You would like to attend a course that is completely adapted to your needs and your learning style. You are **a beginner**, you have never learned French?

IDIOM recommends **INDIVIDUAL COURSES IND20, 30, 40 or 50**.

You would like to prepare for your **final school exam Abitur or Matura**? You want to refresh all necessary points of grammar, vocabulary and french literature.

IDIOM recommends the **ABITUR/MATURA COURSE**.

You would like **to obtain an official diploma**? You already have a sound knowledge of the language and want to pass an officially worldwide recognized exam to confirm your language level according to the European guidelines.

IDIOM recommends the **EXAM PREPARATION COURSE**.

You are **older than 55** and would like to combine **lessons with leisure time activities**?

IDIOM recommends the **55+ PROGRAMME**.

You have special requests? You are a French teacher and would like to organize a language trip for your students... You and your colleagues are looking for a course focused on specialized French (French for lawyers, French for business, French for diplomats...).

IDIOM offers **TAILOR-MADE COURSES** (individual or closed groups) upon request.



OUR GENERAL FRENCH GROUP COURSES

We offer three different programmes of group courses, more or less intensive. You can start these courses every Monday and chose the duration of your training. Complete beginner cannot join these group courses.

If you have an elementary level (A1) you must start at special dates: 09/01, 30/01, 20/02, 13/03, 03/04, 24/04, 15/05, 05/06, 19/06, 03/07, 17/07, 31/07, 21/08, 04/09, 18/09, 02/10, 16/10, 06/11, 27/11/2023.

INTENSIVE COURSE

This course in a small group (maximum 10 participants) is very structured and complete, it covers all the language skills to make you progress quickly and effectively.

Tuition: 30 lessons of 45 minutes per week, i.e. 22,5 hours.

Timetable: from 8:00 to 13:00 (vocabulary, grammar and communication)

Participants: Average number 7 / maximum 10

Minimum age: 18 years old

Price per week without VAT = 430€

Price incl. VAT = 516 €

Booking code: **INT**

EXECUTIVE COURSE (MINI-GROUP)

Thanks to the small number of students (max 4), this course guarantees a constant stimulation and an active participation of each one. With this course, you will achieve faster progress and improve your oral skills.

Tuition: 30 lessons of 45 minutes per week, i.e. 22,5 hours .

Timetable: from 8:00 to 13:00 (vocabulary, grammar and communication)

Participants: Average number 3 / maximum 4

Minimum age: 21 years old

Price per week without VAT = 840 €

Price incl. VAT = 1008 €

Booking code: **EXEC**

SEMI-INTENSIVE COURSE

This semi-intensive group course is designed for those wishing to refresh and to extend their knowledge of general French, but also enjoy more free time.

Tuition: 20 lessons of 45 minutes per week, i.e. 15 hours.

Timetable: alternately every week, from 8:00 to 11:15 (vocabulary and grammar) or from 9:45 to 13:00 (communication and grammar)

Participants: Average number 7 / maximum 10

Minimum age: 18 years old

Price per week without VAT = 300 €

Price incl. VAT= 360 €

Booking code **SIC**



OUR GROUP COURSES WITH SPECIFIC CONTENTS

EXAM PREPARATION COURSE

IDIOM prepares for the DALF and DELF exams that can take place in Valbonne (close to Nice) as well as in your home country. Idiom will take care of your enrolment in Valbonne for the units A1, A2, B1 B2 and in Nice for the DALF C1. This course can also prepare you for the DFP (Diplome de Français Professionnel) and TCF (Test de Connaissances du Français). We are very proud to have a 100% success rate for the DELF exam!

2023 exam dates in Valbonne

DELF A1, A2, B1, B2: 18th/19th January, 15th/16th February, 22nd/23rd March, 24th/25th May, 21st/22nd June, 19th/20th July, 23rd/24th August, 11th/12th October, 15th/16th November, 6th /7th December.

• EXAM PREPARATION COURSE 30

This course is a combination of 10 private lessons for a personalized exam preparation, 10 group lessons (focus on vocabulary, grammar or communication, depending on your needs) and 10 lessons of self study (with mock exams) prepared and followed by a teacher.

Tuition: 30 lessons of 45 minutes per week, i.e. 22,5 hours

Timetable: from 8:00 to 13:00 or from 9:45 to 15:15 (set by the school)

Price per week without VAT = 675 €

Price incl. VAT = 810 €

Booking code: **EPC30**

• EXAM PREPARATION COURSE 40

This course is a combination of 10 private lessons for a personalized exam preparation, 20 group lessons (focus on two topics among vocabulary, grammar and communication, depending on your needs) and 10 lessons of self study prepared and followed by a teacher.

Tuition: 40 lessons of 45 minutes per week, i.e. 30 hours

Timetable: from 8:00 to 15:15

Price per week without VAT = 800 €

Price incl. VAT = 960 €

Booking code : **EPC40**

ABITUR / MATURA COURSE

This is an intensive course for future holders of the Swiss 'Matura' or German 'Abitur' (high school final exam). This programme is adapted to the tasks and requirements of the exam: vocabulary, grammar, communication, french literature, french society...

Two afternoon activities per week are included in this programme, for example: guided tour of Nice, visits to museums, tasting of local specialities, excursions to Monaco, Cannes, French films...

Duration: 2 weeks - Participants: maximum 10

Course starting date: 03/04, 17/07, 31/07, 16/10/2023.

Tuition: 30 lessons of 45 minutes per week, i.e. 22,5 hours - Timetable: from 8:00 to 13:00

Price per week without VAT = 440 €

Price incl. VAT= 528 €

Booking code: **ABI**

OUR GROUP COURSES WITH SPECIFIC CONTENTS

FRENCH FOR TEACHERS

This intensive course is designed for French teachers from foreign countries. In this course participants can brush up certain grammar topics that are particularly difficult in French, get acquainted with our teaching methods and materials and reinforce their knowledge of French society, culture, politics, literature, arts...

Duration: 2 weeks

Course starting date: 24/07 and 07/08/2023.

Tuition: 30 lessons of 45 minutes per week, i.e. 22,5 hours

Timetable: from 8:00 to 13:00

Course content: vocabulary, grammar, communication, didactic workshops

Price per week without VAT = 440 €

Price incl. VAT = 528 €

Booking code **FFT**

55+ PROGRAMME

This programme is designed for retired people (55+). It is a combination of learning the language in the morning (in a semi-intensive course) and the discovery of the French Riviera in the afternoon. It is ideal for those who want to refresh their French knowledge and enjoy visiting Nice and its stunning region with people of the same age.

Duration: 2 weeks

Course starting date: 13/03, 05/06, 04/09, 02/10/2023.

Tuition: 20 lessons of 45 minutes per week, i.e. 15 hours

Timetable: from 9:45 to 13:00 + activities on 4 afternoons per week

Afternoon activities: guided tour of Nice, visits to museums, excursions to nearby famous cities (Monaco, Cannes, Eze...), tasting of local specialities... All excursions are accompanied by a teacher. All costs regarding transport (bus, train) and museum entries are included (except drinks).

Price per week without VAT = 395 €

Price incl. VAT = 474 €

Booking code **55+**

Remark: When there are not more than 5 participants of the same level, they will be mixed with the other students (adults) attending the school (same level but maybe a little younger!).

Bonus: An accompanying person may participate in the afternoon cultural activities for the price of €100 per week, even if this person does not attend a course at school.



OUR MORNING INDIVIDUAL COURSES

Our individual courses are personalized and « tailor-made ». Being constantly guided and stimulated by your teachers, you will rapidly achieve progress in the desired topics.

The course contents are completely adapted to your special, personal or professional needs (general french, courses for beginners, business french :sales, insurance, law, diplomacy...)

Duration: from 1 to 8 weeks

Course starting date: each Monday

Tuition: from 20 to 50 lessons per week, depending on your needs.



• INDIVIDUAL COURSE 20

20 lessons of 45 minutes per week, i.e. 15 hours

Lessons from 8:00 to 11:15 or from 9:45 to 13:00 (timetable set by the school).

Price per week without VAT = 1075 €

Price incl. VAT = 1290 €

Booking code **IND20**

• INDIVIDUAL COURSE 30

30 lessons of 45 minutes per week, i.e. 22,5 hours

Lessons from 8:00 to 13:00

Price per week without VAT = 1560 €

Price incl. VAT = 1872 €

Booking code **IND30**

• INDIVIDUAL COURSE 40

40 lessons of 45 minutes per week, i.e. 30 hours

Lessons from 8:00 to 13:00 and from 13:45 to 15:15

Price per week without VAT = 1960 €

Price incl. VAT = 2352 €

Booking code **IND40**

• INDIVIDUAL COURSE 50

50 lessons of 45 minutes per week, i.e. 37,5 hours

Lessons from 8:00 to 13:00 and from 13:45 to 17:00

Price per week without VAT = 2340 €

Price incl. VAT = 2808 €

Booking code **IND50**

Option LUNCH AND SMALL TALK :

In addition to your individual course you may also have lunch with one of your teachers. These discussions with your teacher will be a relaxing moment but will also prepare you for your professional lunches in French. It includes: a main dish, a dessert, a glass of wine and coffee.

1h30 daily for discussion and lunch from 13h until 14h30

Price per week without VAT = 850 €

Price incl. VAT = 1020 € (including your lunch and the teacher's)

Booking code **LUNCH**

OUR AFTERNOON COURSES

You can benefit from having a **private teacher** to concentrate on the field you wish to improve: Business French, pronunciation, small talks, work on your own professional documents... You decide of the course content and you choose the number of lessons.

PRIVATE AFTERNOON LESSON 2

2 private lessons of 45 minutes per week, on one afternoon (1x90 minutes)

Lessons from 13:45 to 15:15 or from 15:30 to 17:00 (set by the school)

Price per week without VAT = 110 €

Price incl. VAT = 132 €

Booking code **PAL2**

PRIVATE AFTERNOON LESSON 4

4 private lessons of 45 minutes per week, on two afternoons (2x90 minutes)

Lessons from 13:45 to 15:15 or from 15:30 to 17:00 (set by the school)

Price per week without VAT = 210 €

Price incl. VAT = 252 €

Booking code **PAL4**

PRIVATE AFTERNOON LESSON 6

6 private lessons of 45 minutes per week, on three afternoons (3x90 minutes)

Lessons from 13:45 to 15:15

Price per week without VAT = 310 €

Price incl. VAT = 372 €

Booking code **PAL6**

PRIVATE AFTERNOON LESSON 8

8 private lessons of 45 minutes per week, on four afternoons (4x90 minutes)

Lessons from 13:45 to 15:15

Price per week without VAT = 410 €

Price incl. VAT = 492 €

Booking code **PAL8**

PRIVATE AFTERNOON LESSON 10

10 private lessons of 45 minutes per week, every afternoon (5x90 minutes)

Lessons from 13:45 to 15:15

Price per week without VAT = 500 €

Price incl. VAT = 600 €

Booking code **PAL10**

PRIVATE AFTERNOON LESSON 20

20 private lessons of 45 minutes per week, every afternoon (10x90 minutes)

Lessons from 13:45 to 17:00

Price per week without VAT = 950 €

Price incl. VAT = 1140 €

Booking code **PAL20**



OUR AFTERNOON COURSES

BUSINESS FRENCH COURSE

This is a group course designed for professionals, business people and executives who need to improve their language skills for professional purposes. Lessons focus on Business French vocabulary: company life and organisation, commercial mails and telephone calls, meetings and conferences, sales...

This course has a fixed content that is intentionally broad to satisfy all students' expectations, whatever their professional background is. Students wishing to focus on a specific professional field (insurance, law...) or to work on their own material (brochure or documents of their company) have to book Private Afternoon Lessons.

Duration : 2 weeks

Course starting date: 16/01, 27/02, 20/03, 17/04, 15/05, 12/06, 17/07, 21/08, 18/09, 09/10, 13/11, 04/12/2023.

Tuition : 6 lessons of 45 minutes per week, i.e. 4,5 hours, on three afternoons (3x90 minutes), from 13:45 to 15:15

Participants: Average 3 / maximum 5

Booking conditions: minimum age 21, minimum level B1 (intermediate).

Price per week without VAT = 210 €

Price incl. VAT = 252 €

Booking code **BUS**



GENERAL CONDITIONS 2023

Any enrolment to a course at Idiom implies unconditional acceptance of the following terms of sale.

Enrolment

To be effective an enrolment should be sent in any written form by e-mail, post, or by filling in our online form. In order to confirm your booking, we ask you a down-payment of the booking fee and the placement fee, as well as 25% of the amount of course and accommodation.

Payment

The balance is fully due one week before arrival. Idiom reserves the right to cancel your booking if no payment is received in due time. Payments should be done in Euros, without any cost or bank charges to Idiom. You will find our bank details on the invoice.

Course registration and accommodation placement fee

A booking fee of 60 € (incl. VAT = 72 €) is due for each participant. If a participant combines several courses this amount is only to be paid once. We will not charge this fee if a student comes back within the same year. A placement fee of 35 € (incl. VAT = 42 €) will be charged if Idiom has to take care of the search and the booking of accommodation. These fees are not refundable in case of cancellation.

Cancellation / Modification / Earlier departure

In accordance with the European directive 97/7 for any distance contract, you can use your right to retract within 7 days from the day you have booked. Cancellations must be sent in any written form, by email or post. After this period, booking fee and placement fee are not refundable.

- Cancellation more than 28 days before the course starts: refund of the down-payment of 25% on the course and accommodation price.
- Cancellation between 7 and 28 days before the course starts: no refund of the down-payment.
- Cancellation less than 7 days before the course starts: no refund of the total amount of your stay.

In case of cancellation for "force majeure" (medical reason or death in the family, proved by a certificate translated by a sworn translator), Idiom will refund all the already paid sums, except the booking and the placement, whatever the notice period is.

In case of modification of a booking (change of course, dates or accommodation), Idiom will invoice an additional fee of 10 Euros (incl. VAT = 12 €). If a student decides to leave or change the homestay in the middle of the week, the entire week will be paid to the first host family. Any course that has already started is entirely due and cannot be refunded. This also applies in case of no show on the first course day.

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Public holidays and annual closure

Lessons missing due to a public holiday are not lost but entirely compensated by extra lessons and/or activities spread over the other days of the same week.

Public holidays in 2023: 10/04, 01/05, 08/05, 29/05, 14/07, 15/08, 01/11 and 11/11/2023 (saturday). 18th May is a public holiday but the school will be open and lessons will take place normally. The school will be closed from 18/12/2023 until 05/01/2024 and from 19/12/2022 to 06/01/2023.

Insufficient number of participants

It might happen that there would not be enough students of the same level to create a homogeneous group. In this case Idiom would apply the following alternatives:

- **EXEC:** you are alone, you will receive 2 private lessons per day (morning or afternoon) + 4 lessons per day in a larger group or in a group of a slightly different level. In some rare cases, a mini-group can be created by mixing INT and EXEC students accordingly to their level.
- **INT:** you are alone, you will receive 4 private lessons per week (morning or afternoon) as well as 4 lessons per day in a group of a slightly different level. You are 2 or 3 participants, you will receive 4 lessons per day as well as 2 lessons per day in a group of a slightly different level or 1,5 hour of self-study, guided and corrected by a teacher.
- **SIC:** you are less than 3 participants, you will receive 4 private lessons per week (morning or afternoon) as well as 2 lessons per day in a group of a slightly different level.
- **BUS:** you are alone, you will receive 4 private afternoon lessons per week.
- **ABI:** you are alone, you will receive 2 private lessons per day as well as 4 lessons per day in a INT group or 3 hours of self-study, guided and corrected by a teacher. You are 2 or 3 participants, you will receive 4 lessons per day in a ABI group as well as 2 lessons per day in a INT group or 1h30 of self-study, guided and corrected by a teacher.
- **55+:** you are less than 5 participants of the same level, you will be mixed with other students of the school in an INT course. The number of afternoon activities varies according to the number of participants in the programme (2 afternoons instead of 4).
- **FFT:** you are alone or 2 participants, you will receive 2 (semi) private lessons per day (morning or afternoon) as well as 4 lessons per day in a group INT. You are 3 participants, you will receive 4 lessons per day in a FRENCH FOR TEACHERS group as well as 2 lessons per day in a group INT.

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Non respect of dates for students with elementary level for the group courses

Students with elementary level (A1) who wish to book an EXEC, INT or SIC course must respect specific starting dates. If a student with this level does not respect these dates, Idiom cannot be held responsible if there is no group of an adequate level and will not offer any compensatory private lessons or refund.

The student can, of course, pay a supplement to transform his group course into private tuition. We remind you that we do not run group courses for complete beginners but students of this level can book private tuition (IND20, 30 ...) and start whenever they wish. Once they reach an elementary level, they can then join a group course.

Special starting dates for elementary level in group courses (A1): 09/01, 30/01, 20/02, 13/03, 03/04, 24/04, 15/05, 05/06, 19/06, 03/07, 17/07, 31/07, 21/08, 04/09, 18/09, 02/10, 16/10, 06/11, 27/11/2023.

Visa

If a Visa is necessary, all fees must be paid before any confirmation from Idiom is given. These fees will be refunded if the Visa is refused, except the booking fee and the placement fee.

Insurance

Every participant has to subscribe to an individual insurance in his home country in order to cover the risks during his journey and stay. If the participant's personal belongings and values are not insured against theft, loss or damage, Idiom will in no case be held responsible.

Minor students

Idiom can welcome minor students in the programme "Abitur/Matura preparation" only. In this case, we will send a release of liability that must be signed by the parents and sent to the school before the course starts. Parents must be aware that Idiom cannot be considered as a campus for minors and cannot monitor their child outside of its premises, and therefore cannot be held responsible for their child's behavior or for any damage suffered outside of the school.

Activities and accommodation

Idiom can be asked to take care of certain services such as accommodation, cultural activities, transport... on the behalf of students and only upon request. Idiom cannot be held responsible for any damage suffered by students with external partners or with host families. Host families are carefully selected and controlled, however, in case of any problem occurring during one stay, Idiom should be informed immediately but cannot be held responsible.

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All students give permission to Idiom to use their testimonials, pictures or videos that may have been taken during their courses or activities, for promotional purpose (brochure, website, social network). Acceptance of our general conditions at registration implies acceptance of the use of these pictures and videos, with no limit in time and without any financial compensation. If you are opposed to the use of your image, you have to inform us by any written form before your course starts.

Personal data protection

Idiom has to collect some personal information during your registration (date of birth, profession, address, phone number, wishes for the accommodation...) in order to provide you with a personalised service. This information is for internal use only and kept in a secure environment. In accordance with the French law on data protection, you have a right of opposition and withdrawal with respect to your personal information, as well as a right of access and modification of this information. If you wish to exercise these rights, you can contact us by email or by post.

Security, hygiene, discipline

Idiom premises have 3 emergency exits marked with lighted panel. In case of danger or of fire students must follow the instructions displayed on the information panel and given by Idiom staff. It is forbidden to smoke in the building, there is a smoker area outside in the garden. The use of drugs or alcohol is also forbidden.

We ask our students to be punctual to the courses and to have a respectful attitude of property and people. Idiom can decide to exclude a student from class and accommodation in case of inadequate behaviour (possession of illicit products, drunkenness, vandalism, disturbances during courses, discrimination, harassment or violence towards students, staff members or school partners) without notice and without any refund.