

Elfe ÉCOLE DE LANGUE FRANÇAISE



French courses in Paris

Elfe is a private higher education institution member of the Collège de Paris



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Learn French in exceptional surroundings in the heart of Paris

Accreditations



Elfe holds the official label "Qualité Français langue Étrangère". This official government stamp guarantees the quality and the standards of the teaching, the premises, the management team and the accommodation on offer.



Elfe is a founder member of the International Association of Language Centres (IALC) which brings together 100 international language training centres sharing the same principle, i.e: "learn a language where it is spoken".



Elfe is a member of SOUFFLE, an association which gathers together the best language learning centres in France for the teaching of French as a foreign language.



Elfe is licenced by the Centre International d'Etudes Pédagogiques to prepare students to sit the Test de Connaissance du Français (TCF) for different purposes: study in France, gain French nationality or emigrate to Quebec.



Elfe is a centre recognised by the relevant bodies in several German Länder for the "Bildungsurlaub".



Elfe is officially recognised by the Swedish National Agency, a body of the Swedish government responsible for granting bursaries.



Elfe is accredited to receive professors of French as a Foreign Language financed by an Erasmus + scholarship.

Elfe is a higher education establishment specialised since 1984 in the teaching of French as a foreign language in small groups.

Our communicative teaching methods and approach are adapted to students of all levels and supplemented by high quality cultural activities and outings.

We offer private or small group lessons in general and business French and in many specialised fields such as medical French, French for banking and insurance, French for tourism and the hotel trade, French for diplomacy, legal French as well as French for the fashion industry. **Elfe is also a study centre** for the DELF and DALF exams and an examination site for the Test de Connaissance du Français (TCF).

Our school is ideally situated in the rue Montmartre in the centre of Paris and we offer a personalised service in a warm and friendly atmosphere that encourages mutual communication. For a real language immersion we also offer you several styles of accommodation: homestays, hotels, private apartments and studios or youth hostels.

Elfe is a member of Collège de Paris, a network of higher education schools which aim at offering courses in fields in which the French excel to students from all over the world. Elfe is the founder member and also the central hub of this network, allowing students to take full advantage of their French learning experience in the French capital.

Our administrative and teaching teams are happy to welcome you and offer you the best of Paris, as well as a discovery of the French language and culture.

Olivier de Lagarde
Président of Collège de Paris



Make rapid progress thanks to a personalised educational approach



For almost 30 years we have specialised in the teaching of French in mini-groups with a maximum class size of seven. Two different teachers work alternately with each “mini-group”. This allows an efficient learning experience and intense oral practice while maintaining concentration and individual attention. A manual adapted to the student’s level is supplied at the beginning of the course.

All of our teachers are university graduates and hold a postgraduate degree in the teaching of French as a foreign language. They are trained in a large variety of teaching approaches and possess a wide experience in teaching French to adult learners.

To help our students make rapid progress, our teachers use the latest communicative and interactive methods and a variety of activities and teaching resources which we continually renew.

At the end of their course, students are issued with a certificate indicating the level they have attained. This level is in line with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). A course evaluation form enables students to give their feedback on the school, the outside activities and the accommodation on offer.

Courses for all levels

C2	Upper Advanced: excellent command of the language, permitting structured and coherent expression in all situations.
C1	Advanced: good command of the language, permitting well-structured expression in social and professional situations.
B2	Upper Intermediate: general command of the language in every-day life and level required for entry at university.
B1	Intermediate: efficient but limited command of the language in a communication situation.
A2	Upper Elementary: understanding and production of simple phrases in context.
A1	Elementary : formulating and understanding of simple phrases
	Beginner : no knowledge of French.

The 6 levels are in conformity with the levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages defined by the European Council.



Your stay



Elfe welcomes you

We are at your disposal to help you choose the courses best suited for your personal and professional needs.

During your stay our teams are there to help you and ensure the smooth running of your training. The first day, you will take an oral test to help us find a group at your level. You will also receive a personalised timetable for your mini-group or private lessons, and details on the cultural activities and various outings for the week.

Our administrative team is at your disposal during the length of your stay to:

- Propose different courses as well as cultural and artistic activities,
- Help you with your stay in Paris (reservations, transport timetables, cultural activities outside the school, administrative procedures, etc),
- Prepare for the TCF (for study in France, gaining French nationality or emigration to Quebec) or study for other examinations including the DELF or DALF.



Accommodation

So that you can make the most of your stay, we will help you to find the sort of accommodation that best suits your needs, as well as your wishes and your budget. We recommend homestay as the preferred option as it will encourage you to practice the language, but you are also free to choose an Apart'hotel, a furnished studio or a room in a hotel or youth hostel.

• Homestay

We strongly recommend the homestay option, which will help you to discover the daily life of a French family as well as put into practice the French you have learnt in class.

We are in close contact with our homestay hosts; some of them have worked with us since our inception in 1984 and their own children continue to welcome our students to this day. We are in direct daily contact with them and do not go through a third party. This option is more than a simple accommodation option, it is a real family experience.

You will have an individual room at your disposal in apartments in Paris or the nearby suburbs. These apartments are easily reached by métro bus, or even on foot.

• Apart'hotels and private apartments

For students who prefer to have their own space, we can offer comfortable fully-equipped studio flats or apartments with hotel services: 24 hour reception, mail delivery, weekly cleaning, change of linen and towels, etc. We can also offer you private studios or apartments. These recently renovated apartments for 1 to 4 people are fully equipped with international cable TV, DVD reader, internet connection and bedlinen and towels. They are situated at no more than 20 or 30 minutes by métro from the school.

• Hotel

If you prefer to stay in hotel accommodation, we can propose special offers in 3 or 4 star hotels that we have chosen for their comfort and easy access to the school.

• Youth hostel

You can stay in a hostel located in a privileged setting in the heart of the historical center of Paris. In a private mansion, less than 10 minutes from the Notre-Dame Cathedral, the Louvre and the Pompidou Center, we offer rooms from 2 to 10 beds with a washbasin and a shower. The hostel also has a restaurant where you can enjoy breakfast and dinner.

Tailor-made cultural activities

We believe that language and culture go hand in hand. In addition to our classes, we propose you a wide range of activities to practice your French while discovering French culture.

• Excursions

Our excursions are led by a teacher who will accompany you around different areas of Paris or various museums for themed visits: St-Germain-des Prés, Ile de la Cité, the Latin Quarter, Montmartre, the Opera House, the Marais Quarter, the Louvre, the Musée d'Orsay etc.

• Cooking

In a large Parisian department store a professional cook will show the students how to prepare some traditional French dishes using simple ingredients. After some practical work the participants will be able to taste the dishes they have concocted.

• Wine appreciation

The students will meet a specialist at the school who will give them a lighthearted introduction to wine appreciation. They learn how to distinguish between different wines and also learn the relevant vocabulary.

• Fine arts, fashion and design

We propose courses in artistic training in partnership with l'Ecole Conte, specialist in textile and fashion creation since 1949.





We have developed a range of training courses which answer the widest possible variety of needs for both individual students and those studying for professional reasons. If, however you have a particular demand, do not hesitate to contact our administrative team.



“Table of courses

Programme	Description
General French Mini-groups	Intercultural mini-groups of 3-7 students Timetable 15h module: 10h-13h (Monday) 9h-12h (from Tuesday to Friday) 30h module: 10h-13h and 14h-17h (Monday) 9h-12h and 13h15-16h15 (from Tuesday to Friday)
General French Combined programmes	Tailor made schedule of mini-group courses in the morning and individual lessons or cultural options in the afternoon. Timetable Monday: 10h-13h (group lessons) and from 14h (private lessons) From Tuesday to Friday: 9h-12h (group lessons) and from 13h15 (private lessons)
General French Long stays	Long-term courses (3 to 9 months) in general French and French culture in a group of 7-10 students. Timetable Monday: 10h-13h (group lessons) and from 14h (workshops) From Tuesday to Friday: 9h-12h (group lessons) and from 13h (workshops)
Business French and French for special purposes	Designed to answer to the demands of professional people learning French for their work. Timetable Monday: 10h-13h (group lessons) and from 14h (private lessons) From Tuesday to Friday: 9h-12h (group lessons) and from 13h15 (private lessons)
Exam preparation 	Preparation in closed groups or combined courses. Timetable A-level and Abitur : Monday: 10h-13h from Tuesday to Friday: 9h-12h TCF/DEL/DALF : Monday: 10h-13h (group lessons) and from 14h (private lessons) from Tuesday to Friday: 9h-12h (group lessons) and from 13h15 (private lessons)
Private lessons	Tailormade packages of face to face, Skype, telephone or online lessons.
Teacher development courses and Erasmus +	Aimed at foreign teachers of French, who wish to build on their existing level in French, deepen their knowledge of French culture and discover the latest teaching methodologies. Timetable Monday: 10h-13h and 14h-17h from Tuesday to Friday: 13h15-16h15 Erasmus +: 9h-12h and 14h-17h (from Monday to Friday)
French + Internship	For students wishing to perfect their French language skills while gaining a professional experience.
Evening classes	Our teachers offer two evenings a week of French classes adapted to your level. Timetable Quarterly evening classes: from 19h to 20h30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays Summer evening classes: from 18h30 to 20h30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays
Classes for young au pairs	Elfe will accompany you during your au pair experience, with a course compatible with your working hours. Timetable From 9h30 to 12h and from 13h to 15h30 two days a week
Quantum leap	Elfe offers this innovative method to progress and use the language fluently. Timetable From Monday to Friday, from 9h30 to 13h30

Details	Level required
15H MODULE → 15h/week in mini-groups. Special prices for 16-25 year olds	All levels
30H MODULE → 30h/week in mini-groups	All levels except beginners
COMBINED COURSES → 15h/week in mini-groups + 5h or 10h/week of private lessons	All levels
FRENCH + EXCURSIONS → 15h/week in mini-groups + 5h/week of excursions	
20H MODULE → 15h/week in groups of 10 students maximum + 5h/week of workshops (phonetics, language study and/or excursions in Paris)	All levels
BUSINESS FRENCH → 15h/week in mini-groups (general French) + 5h or 10h/week of private lessons (business French/ French for special purposes)	All levels
FRENCH + ART / DESIGN / FASHION / GASTRONOMY / WINE → 15 hours/week in mini-groups (general French) + 2h30/ week of private lessons + 1 museum visit (2h30)	Upper elementary
A-LEVEL → 15 hours of exam preparation in mini-groups	Intermediate
ABITUR → 15 hours of exam preparation in mini-groups	Intermediate
TCF/DELF/DALF → 15h/week in mini-groups (general French) + 10h/week of private lessons (exam preparation for DELF, DALF or TCF)	All levels
10h, 15h, 20h, 25h or 30h MODULE → packages of private tuition	All levels
DISTANCE LESSONS → online and telephone courses	
PERF → 30 hours in mini-groups	Upper intermediate to advanced
ERASMUS + → 15 hours in group + 15 hours of cultural activities (20 students maximum)	
INTERNSHIP 1 → 3-6 weeks of general French in mini-groups (15h/week) + 3-6 weeks of internship	Intermediate
INTERNSHIP 2 → 12 weeks of general French in a standard group (20h/week) + 8-24 weeks of internship	
QUARTERLY EVENING CLASSES → 1, 2 or 3 terms in groups of 15 students maximum (3h/week)	Conversational French: all levels
SUMMER EVENING CLASSES → in July and in August in groups of 15 students maximum (4h/week)	Written French: intermediate
→ 12 weeks in groups of 15 students maximum (10h/week)	All levels
→ 4-week sessions in mini-groups or private lessons (20h/week)	Elementary

“Our teaching



Group courses

Group courses are given in small groups with a maximum of seven students. In our course programmes we put the emphasis on improving oral comprehension and expression, as well as communicating with ease in everyday life. These courses are designed for people who wish to make rapid progress in French by concentrating on listening and speaking (discussion of the news in the French press, roleplays etc).

We offer different options suitable not only for stays of one or several weeks, with 15 or 30 hours of courses per week, but also for long stay courses of between three and nine months, at this intensity or at a more gradual rhythm.

Our courses can also lead to sitting the TCF, and we can provide our own inhouse evaluation or an officially recognised certificate, the DELF or DALF.

Long stay programmes

If you wish to learn French over a long period, i.e. more than three months, we propose a “long stay” special offer. This programme will allow you to make the most of your stay here and make a real leap forward in the language, whatever your starting level.

Combined courses

You can organise a tailor-made schedule with mini-group courses in the morning and individual lessons in the afternoon to work on a particular point of language. You may also choose an afternoon activity or excursion.



Business French and French for special purposes



We have been the Paris specialist in business French since our inception in 1984. The EXEC options we offer are designed to answer to the demands of professional people learning French for their work. Private lessons and courses in mini-groups allow our students to make rapid progress towards using French satisfactorily in their professional life.

Our teachers can provide training in many professional fields: business, banking and insurance, the legal sector, tourism and the hotel trade, medicine, diplomacy or design. These courses may lead to the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry professional examinations.

Studying for examinations: Elfe provides tuition for the DELF, the DALF and the TCF, as well as for the French “A-level” (Great-Britain) and “Abitur” exams (Germany and Austria).

Private lessons

Private lessons are a flexible option. They are adapted to your own individual rhythm, availability and needs. To work upon specific aims, you may choose to take them in conjunction with group courses or in isolation. You can choose to follow private courses in our premises at your place of work or at home, face to face, by telephone or online.

Intensive weeks: we offer immersion courses for any student who has a limited time available and needs to brush up a particular point or prepare an upcoming meeting or presentation.



Online courses

In partnership with Elfe, Frantastique offers French courses online. Each day you will receive a selection of linguistic, written, audio and video activities, depending on your needs in general French and your level. An almost immediate correction to your answers will be sent to you: personalized explanations, vocabulary and a dialogue script. A revision program is designed to optimize your training.



Teacher development courses

This programme is designed for foreign teachers of French, whether beginners or advanced, and who wish to build on their existing level, discover the latest methods in the teaching of French and deepen their knowledge of French culture and French contemporary life.

The teacher will adapt the content of his or her courses to take into account of the specific needs of each student according to their experience in teaching and their cultural background (each participant will receive a questionnaire to analyse their needs before beginning the course). Students will build upon their existing knowledge to learn new teaching techniques and methodology.

Themes proposed: Mastery of French, The evolution of the French language, Teaching literature and culture, Debates on French current affairs, Intercultural communication, Use of authentic documents in cultural courses, Use of multimedia, French songs, etc.

My Study in France

Obtain a French higher education degree in a particular field of excellence.



Under the aegis of the Collège de Paris, you have the possibility of following an integrated curriculum of French language and culture followed by a specialised professional degree.

The curriculum includes a long cycle (between six months and a year) of French refresher studies enabling you to:

- obtain the level in French necessary to follow university level courses,
- understand and adapt to the French culture and society,
- gain the vocabulary necessary in your chosen speciality.

You will then enrol in a training course of between 1 and 3 years in the speciality of your choice: fashion design, textile design, fashion and luxury goods management, etc, in a school belonging to the Collège de Paris network.

The Collège de Paris will help you settle in when you arrive in France and provide help on accommodation, insurance, opening a bank account, etc. You will then be assigned a tutor who will accompany you during the entire length of your studies. We will also offer you regular cultural outings and themed workshops.

“What our students say



“ I liked the fact that the mini-group courses were led by two different teachers. I think this is a very interesting approach. I also appreciated very much the teachers' enthusiasm and willingness to help us.

Yoko, Japan

“ My teachers put a lot of effort into planning their lessons. My French has improved a lot and thanks to L'Atelier des Chefs, I have gained a wider knowledge of French gastronomy.

Andrea, Germany

“ I had a great experience, and I feel that I made good progress on my French. It is not easy to plan a lesson when the students are here for a short time, but all my teachers put a lot of thought into every class and made each one a valuable experience. Merci !

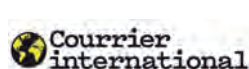
Richard, United-States

“ The lessons were excellent. It's a very good idea to let students hear and experience the teachers' different ways of speaking and teaching. The course exceeded my expectations and I hope to come back again soon!

Anastasia, Russia

“Some satisfied customers

International companies from all sectors have called on us for staff training.



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