French Summer School

at the **ActiFle center**
at **Mines-Nantes**

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Welcome to the ActiFle Center at Mines-Nantes

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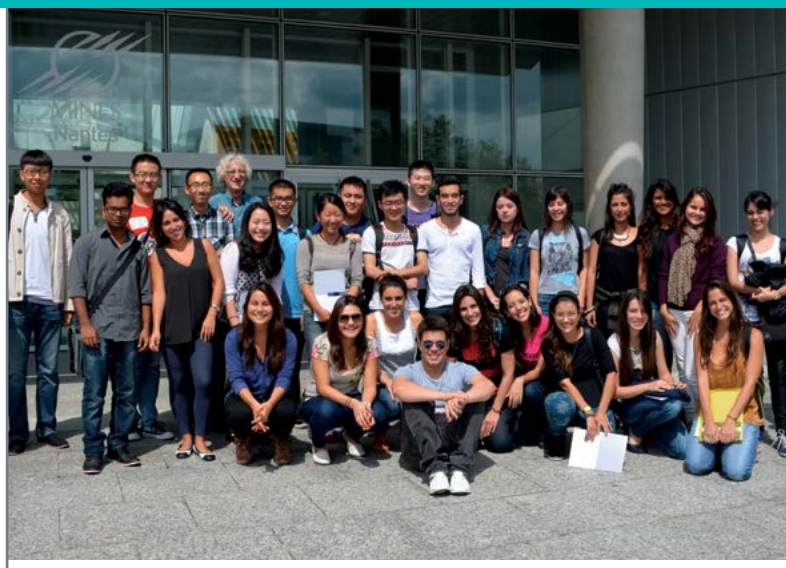
We provide excellent teaching to meet your personal learning objectives but we look after you even when you leave the classroom.

We take care of your welfare, provide you with support and advice, organise social activities so you can meet other students, practise your new language skills and begin to understand what life is like in France!

Activity assistants to be with you in the evenings and at weekends.

The French Summer School gives you the chance to settle into the French academic environment.



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★★★ formation
★★ · enseignants
★★★ accueil
★★ · locaux
★★ · gestion

Programme

Your teachers are both experienced and qualified in teaching French as a foreign language, and they know how difficult it is to learn a foreign language because they have lived abroad themselves!
They provide quality teaching in small classes of 12 students to ensure a high level of individual attention.
When you arrive, you will be assessed to determine your language and communication level. Your progress is monitored throughout the course and you will be assessed regularly.
At the end of the course, you will receive

- a Progress Report detailing your level and the progress you have made
- an official diploma, the TEF, organised by the CCIP, Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie de Paris, recognised worldwide.
- Your transcript

You will have a personal programme with regular tutorials to personalise your course, and the chance to change language level group according to your progress throughout the session.
You will discover how to study at graduate level in France: codes of behaviour, specialised vocabulary, techniques, expectations from your professors, how to be a perfect French student!
The teaching team works with social activity organisers all dedicated to the French Summer School, living on the Campus. After class and at weekends they set up activities to help you to practise the language you have learned.

Study facilities

You will be working in the Language Center at Mines-Nantes:

- pleasant classrooms equipped with a variety of study aids, and with wifi access
- a range of specialised magazines for learning French, reference materials, books and newspapers
- simplified readers, specially written for language learners, at five different levels
- practice materials for French language examinations
- an audio laboratory for practising pronunciation or listening to recorded conversations, interviews, stories and lectures

Language learning

There are 30 hours of French language and culture each week, including 25 hours with a dedicated teacher, as well as tuition, directed individual or group learning. Each week a different theme is developed to introduce you to French life and to progress your language knowledge from beginner to advanced.

A module dedicated to different speciality studies is proposed to help you to integrate the different partner schools: architecture, design, engineering, veterinary, wood sciences...

The course includes:

- Language development and grammar work in context
- Speaking and pronunciation practice, including oral presentation skills
- Intensive and extensive listening and reading skills
- Academic writing skills such as note-taking, summaries…
- Short presentations given by scientific researchers to improve understanding
- Creative workshops to meet your colleagues from different cultures, to work and have fun together
- Language activities to prepare for speciality studies

Classes are based on the range of language skills identified at different levels in the Common European Framework from the Council of Europe, from A1 to C2.

Assistants

The assistants are there to welcome you and help you settle in. They can help with language practice and games, learning student slang, and give you tips on studying in France. They are also on hand to help with administrative papers, or just for a chat if you're a bit lonely. In the evenings and weekends, they help you set up sports activities, organise trips, and parties.

French groups are formed at these levels – you can change group as you progress:

A1	• Beginner : You have a basic knowledge of French, some everyday expressions and simple phrases
A2	• Elementary : You can use simple grammar and vocabulary to talk in daily situations with a limited range of French
B1	• Intermediate : You can understand a simple lecture in your subject, take dictated notes and you can give your opinion
B2	• Upper Intermediate : You can give a clear presentation on your subject, read long texts and talk about a range of topics
C1	• Proficient : You can understand a lecture and take notes at the same time. You can write a clear essay and talk with some fluency
C2	• Advanced : You can use a full range of French, at a level near to your native language

Visits and activities

Each week, visits and excursions are arranged according to the special theme of the week. These visits form an integral part of the language learning experience with preparation in class so that students make the most of the activity.

The visits can include:

- Cultural outings (City Art Gallery, summer festivals, street surveys);
- Industry (waste recycling centre, oyster farms, wine production...)
- French gastronomy (cheese dairy, ice cream producer, typical city market)
- Historical sites (Chateau des Ducs, the history of Nantes walking tour)

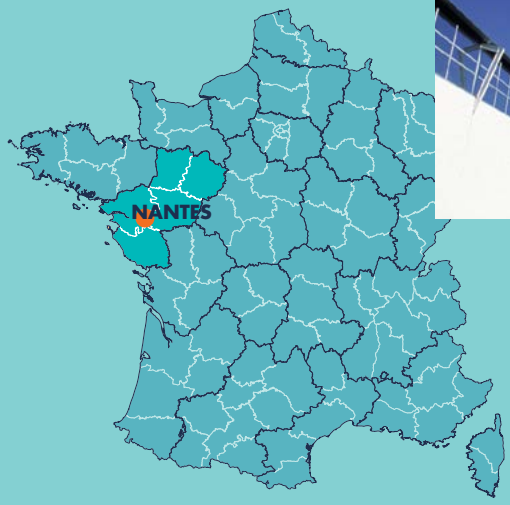
Other excursions and activities are arranged with the social activity organisers for evenings and weekends: festivals, concerts in town, street theatre, visits to the seaside as well as international meals and sports competitions or karaoke!

These visits offer students the chance to practise what they have learned in class, to understand everyday life in France, to become independent and to enjoy themselves.

Accommodation and campus

Students live on campus in individual study bedrooms or in a double room for couples with cooking facilities and private bathrooms. There are excellent sports facilities including an indoor sports hall and tennis courts. There is access to the Mines-Nantes restaurant for lunch every weekday.

You also have the opportunity to live in a French family to test and taste French life from 2 to 8 weeks. The families are selected for their enthusiasm and their proximity to Mines-Nantes.



Tuition fees and dates

(Including an International Insurance)

Intake in July for 8 weeks :

- 2060 euros
- For students coming from a partner institution : 1610 euros

Intake in July for 6 weeks:

- 1610 euros
- For students coming from a partner institution: 1260 euros

Intake in August for 4 weeks :

- 1070 euros
- For students coming from a partner institution : 870 Euros

(Accommodation, meals, transportation are not included)

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