

4- Week Intensive course in August or February

Presentation

What is the 4-week intensive course?

The intensive French language course takes place before the start of each semester and is completed by weekly sessions (from 4 to 8 hours) throughout the semester. For students with a good language level, these courses will enable them to study in French while for others, they will provide them with the necessary skills to function at ease within the French society.

When does the intensive course take place?

- Last week of January to 3rd week of February,
- 1st week of August to last week of August

Who can participate in this intensive course?

Exchange students are strongly advised to participate before their exchange semester. It is also possible for students coming from our partner universities to come only for the 4 weeks and go back to their home university for their regular semester. Please note that there is a limited number of places.

Can teachers, professors and administrative staff join in?

Teachers, professors and/or administrative staff from partner universities are welcome in the program (limited number of places).

What can this experience bring to students?

The 4-week intensive French language course has been created to facilitate the students' cultural, social and academic integration at the UTT and in France.

The *Project Management* course is also offered in English during both periods.

What is the importance of the intensive course for exchange students?

Exchange students are welcome to the UTT for a period of study or a project in a laboratory. Before the start of the regular semester, we strongly recommend that students enroll in the program (the French intensive course and/or Project management) in order to learn/improve their French language as well as to adapt to their new environment.

How much are the tuition fees for the courses?

Course tuition fees are waived for students and staff coming from partner universities (depending on the exchange balance).

How to go to the UTT on arrival in France?

Above all, students must ensure to notify us of their date and time of arrival (during the daytime on a weekday and not at the weekend) so we can arrange for someone to meet them.

Upon reception of this information, the International Center will arrange for some French students or staff members to meet students either at the train station in Troyes or at the UTT for those who plan to come by car.

For students arriving from a non-European country, it might be possible to be met at the airport in Paris when they arrive during the official arrival week (check the [academic calendar](#) for the dates).

Application

How to apply for this intensive course?

Students can register online on the UTT website and send their completed application form to the International Center at UTT. Please use this link: [Online application for exchange at UTT](#).

Visa needed?

Please check this section: [Visa and stay in France](#)

What about accommodation?

To apply for accommodation students must return the "Accommodation form" to the International Center (information and details available from the "application" link above). A lease must be signed before taking the room. Payment of insurance is compulsory in order to enter accommodation.

Whichever type of accommodation they choose, students will have to pay a rent and a deposit of one or two months' rent when they arrive. They must make photocopies of the official documents required.

What about insurances?

For details about civil liability, housing and health insurances, (some of them are to be subscribed in France **before arrival**, please check the insurance section on this page: [Insurances](#)

Pedagogy

What are the courses available?

French as a Foreign Language

Project Management (taught in English)

French language classes - Number of hours per day? Levels? students per class? ECTS credits?

Generally 4 hours of French a day plus 1 hour of self-computer-based learning.

There are at least 4 or 5 different levels with the first one being "complete beginner" and last one "very good level".

Most of the time, there are about 15 students per class.

French as a Foreign Language: 4 ECTS credits.

What is the Project Management course? Number of hours per day?

It is 2-3 hours per day. The course is about how to manage a project in order to make it successful. That goes with risk analysis, quality assessment, how to organize the project into activities and task with respect to schedule, how to work with different people, etc.

Project Management: 6 ECTS credits.

Practical Life

Average cost of living for one month?

Accommodation: about 300/350 euros

Food: about 200/250 euros (depending on what and where you eat!)

Where is the city of Troyes?

Located one hour and a half by car or train south-east from Paris, in the Champagne-Ardenne region. There are about 120 000 people in the Troyes area.

Where is the UTT in Troyes?

UTT is about 4kms away from the town center but is easily accessible by bus from the city center.

Leisure activities

What are the different activities organised?

The international center organizes cultural, sports, touristic activities.

For example, a 2-day stay in Paris (cost 2014: 90€ including transportation, accommodation, some visits), a tour in the region (cost 2014: 40€ including transportation, lunch, champagne cellar, castle), a day at the lakes, a dinner party around French specialties...

Students can register after arrival by paying the required fee for one or more activity.

Tourism office What are the tourist attractions in and around the city?

For more information about the city of Troyes and the surroundings (tourist sites, historical monuments, city map...) please visit the Tourism office website:

<http://www.tourisme-troyes.com/>