



# Alliance Française Bordeaux Aquitaine

## PROFILE

Located in the very centre of Bordeaux in air-conditioned pre-mises, the Alliance Française welcomes more than 1600 foreigners from 90 different countries each year. The Alliance Française Bordeaux Aquitaine is part of an international network with more than 1000 establishments throughout 135 countries.

Awarded the "Français Qualité Fle" badge delivered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, of Higher Education and Culture, the Alliance Française Bordeaux Aquitaine provides intensive or extensive French courses, which conform to the European Framework of Reference for Foreign Languages (CEFR) and are taught by qualified and experienced teachers. The adopted pedagogy is communicative and active with the use of interactive boards allowing quick and effective progress. The teaching method is ALTER EGO.

We provide with General French courses (20h/week or 15h/week), specific French courses (Written French, Oral French) and preparatory courses for DELF and DALF diplomas which for we are centre of examination.

The Alliance Française of Bordeaux Aquitaine also offers two-week training courses for teachers— teaching courses for French teachers; Teacher training courses CLIL and perfecting the French language. European participants may be able to take advantage of a European grant.

A "Learn French and Surf" program for young people is offered in Biarritz between June and August. Participants spend two weeks with full board accommodation a host family.

### Major fields of study

Courses offered by the Alliance Française of Bordeaux Aquitaine

- 15 hrs/week plan: General French, one week to 9 months
- 20 hrs/week plan: General French (15 hrs/week) + Oral or Written French (5hrs/week)
- 7.5 hrs/week plan: Oral and Written French
- 5 hrs/week plan: Oral or Written French
- 4 hrs/week plan (evenings): General French
- 2.5 hrs/week plan (evenings): Oral French
- Preparation for the DELF and DALF exams
- Private tuition
- New : specialist classes : (Phonetics, Legal French, Essay and writing synthesis, Conversation,...)
- New : preparatory course to enter French Universities

### Traineeships for teachers

- Teaching courses for French teachers – 2 weeks-This course concerns foreign French teachers (primary and secondary education) who begin their careers or wish to update their classroom practices. Objectives : developing the pragmatics for teachers who teach French as a foreign by classroom and workshops. Reflection on the teaching activities.



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- Teacher training courses CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) and perfecting the French language – 2 weeks- This course concerns foreign teachers from primary or secondary education who teach their subject in French. Objectives: improving the level in French, developing specific skills to transmit knowledge in French.
- Observation of primary and secondary classes. Observation of the French educational system as practiced in primary and secondary schools. Themes include the teaching of languages and the European dimension in education.

### Strengths

- The Alliance Française holds the "Qualité Français Langue Etrangère" Label
- Qualified and experienced teachers
- Premises equipped with interactive boards and a computer room
- French language courses established in conjunction with the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (CEFR)
- DELF and DALF examination center
- Courses begin every Monday, except for beginners. The school is open all year-round.
- Assessment at the end of a session to evaluate the student's level of competence
- Accommodation service in host families or self-catering residence
- A program of cultural activities is offered.
- The Alliance Française is located in the center of Bordeaux, city included on the UNESCO world heritage list
- The Alliance Française is a member of the EUNIC Bordeaux Aquitaine. It is a partnership of European national institutions promoting their culture abroad (Alliance Française, Alighieri, Goethe-Institut Bordeaux, Institut Camoes, and Instituto Cervantes)
- TCF, TEF, and DILF test center

### Location

Bordeaux, a UNESCO world heritage city, is located in southwestern France in the Aquitaine region. The world's wine capital lies just minutes from the Atlantic ocean, at the edge of Europe's largest forest, and only a few hours from the Pyrenees (skiing, hiking) and the Dordogne (prehistoric caves, Renaissance castles). Bordeaux is a major university city served by an international airport, major highways, and high-speed trains.

## IDENTITY FORM

[www.alliance-bordeaux.org](http://www.alliance-bordeaux.org)

Precise name of the institution →	Alliance Française Bordeaux - Aquitaine
Type of institution →	Non profit organization and private school of higher education
City where the main campus is located →	Bordeaux
Number of students →	1600
Percentage or number of international students →	100%
Type and level of qualifications awarded →	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DELF and DALF diplomas</li> <li>• TCF, TEF, DILF</li> <li>• Assessment at the end of a session :a level certificate in conjunction with the CEFR)</li> </ul>
French language courses →	Yes,all year round – summer courses
Programs for international students →	Only French as a foreign language courses
Programs in English →	No
Registration fees / year (for information only) →	50 euros
Postal address →	126, rue Abbé de l'Epée – 33000 Bordeaux

