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5 master’s programs awarded by the label “Université de Lyon”, which recognizes their international dimension:

- ADMIRE (Administration of research Institutions and the Diffusion of Knowledge)
- AlterEurope (Developing cooperation between the European Union and neighboring countries)
- Biocampus
- Physics & Chemistry

**STRENGTHS**

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**RESEARCH**

- A center of excellence with 260 international partnerships
- 23 laboratories in partnership with local universities and national research structures (CNRS, INSEME, INRA, INRIA)
- Major and unique research facilities
- Partnerships with the business world: Axel’One (platform for innovation), more than 30 industrial contracts with major corporations (Solvay-Rhodia, St-Gobain, L’Oréal, etc.)

**Preparation of teaching degrees** with a success rate of 75% (2012)

**INSTITUTE / POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION**

**French language courses**

- Yes - An essential tool: French as foreign language
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