CAREL
CENTRE AUDIOVISUEL DE ROYAN
POUR L’ÉTUDE DES LANGUES

With oversight from Université de Poitiers, CAREL offers programs in modern languages (French as a foreign language, German, English, and Spanish) for students and adults. It accepts international students who wish to improve their French before they begin their academic work at a French university, as well as French students preparing for examinations and professionals from France and abroad. The institution is located in Royan, on France’s Atlantic coast. It is equipped with audiovisual and digital equipment designed specifically for language learning. The faculty and staff are composed of specially trained and experienced instructors, individuals dedicated to welcoming and assisting international students, and a social and cultural activities unit whose job it is to facilitate intercultural contact and see that international visitors have opportunities to participate in French life. Small-group instruction uses the action-based pedagogy of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. As a certified examination center, CAREL offers several paths to certification of language proficiency. CAREL holds the French government’s Qualité FLE label and is certified by OPQF.

◆ MAIN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY
CAREL prepares students in all disciplines for academic work in a French school or university. Short- and long-term intensive programs in French as a foreign language are open to independent and scholarship students at all levels of proficiency. CAREL also offers a plan that provides 2 weeks (50 hours) of language training combined with a 2-week to 2-month professional internship with one of our local partner enterprises.

◆ RESEARCH
Although it does not have a research mission in the formal academic sense, CAREL maintains a research, development, and training office that is responsible for introducing innovations to the school. The office’s main focus is the use of digital networks in teaching (e-training).

◆ STRENGTHS
A multilingual and multicultural institution: Intensive language training in small groups (15 participants maximum). Personal support and assistance (housing, administrative formalities, cultural program). Pleasant environment (Atlantic coast, Gironde estuary).

◆ LOCATION
Royan, Atlantic coast, 100 km north of Bordeaux, 4.5 hours from Paris.

IDENITY FORM
◆ Precise name of the institution
CAREL - Centre audiovisuel de Royan pour l’étude des langues
◆ Type of institution
Public institute jointly run by the University of Poitiers and the city of Royan
◆ City where the main campus is located
Royan
◆ Number of students
3,800
◆ Percentage or number of international students
800
◆ Type and level of qualifications awarded
National diplomas: DELF, DALF, DILF, TCF, TFI - Other diplomas: TOEIC, TOEFL, DELE, WIDAF, BULATS
◆ French language courses
Yes - Intensive courses of French for adults and students - Junior summer programme for teenagers from 12 to 17 years old - Methodology courses for teachers of French - online courses
◆ Programs for international students
Yes
◆ Programs in English
Yes
◆ Registration fees/year
(for information only)
◆ Postal address
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