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.