Located in Annecy, IFALPES has more than 20 years of experience in teaching French as a foreign language, with an emphasis on oral communication. Students are drawn by the prospect of learning French and absorbing French culture, but also by the opportunity to discover the Alps and their cultural heritage, of which skiing is a prominent part. IFALPES also attracts students who have professional reasons to learn French, many of whom enroll simultaneously in business and tourism programs offered in partnership with the IPAC School of Management. IFALPES responds to the needs of adult learners of all ages and professional backgrounds and at all academic levels. A specialty is organizing study programs in France on behalf of foreign universities. IFALPES offers month-long courses throughout the year. For optimum flexibility, a new course begins every Monday (except for complete beginners).

**Main Programmes of Study**

A wide range of French as a Foreign Language courses is offered, with the possibility of combining various options:

- Intensive month-long courses beginning every Monday throughout the year (except courses for complete beginners)
- Individual instruction
- Preparation for the TCF (IFALPES is a TCF test center)
- Courses in combination with other activities: French + skiing
  - Professional courses: French + business, French + tourism, French + hotel management
  - Customized courses for special groups

**STRENGTHS**

- IFALPES has its own housing office.
- Weekly programs of cultural and social activities, including excursions to Chamonix, Lyon, Geneva and the UN, wine and cheese tastings, and participation in cultural events.
- Summer and winter sports: Skiing at the world-famous resorts at Tignes, Val Thorens, and Chamonix. Summer sports on the surrounding lakes and mountains include cycling, climbing, rafting, kayaking, and trekking.
- Free wi-fi.

**Location**

IFALPES is situated in Annecy, in the heart of the French Alps, barely 30 minutes away from Geneva and the international airport. Annecy is a vibrant town on the banks of one of Europe's purest lakes. With the lake in the summer and the mountains in the winter, there is always plenty to do.