The Institut de Touraine is a private higher education institution, under the academic supervision of the University of Tours. The school was founded in 1912. It welcomes each year 2200 foreign students and over 100 teachers of French as a foreign language, for language courses or for a teachers training. Since 2007 the Institut de Touraine has obtained the quality label “FLE” (French as a Foreign Language). The school proposes various types of French courses, according to the students’ objectives: intensive course (22h30) during the academic year (long term stays, 16 to 40 weeks), summer courses, standard course (15h00), language and culture, combination of standard course with private tuition, DELF B1 or B2 exam preparation program. Most students registered in long term studies intend to further their higher education in France afterwards, Institut de Touraine proposes personal guidance to the students, to help them progress and overcome difficulties which may occur during their studies: tutorials, guided activities in the media center, counseling on higher education, etc. There are 10 to 15 students per class in order to facilitate interactions during the course. The programs are based upon the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The Institut de Touraine is a certified examination center for the DELF and DALF. The school is situated in the town center, 200 meters away from Tours’ medieval district and from the main shopping avenue. Tours has a population of 300,000 amongst which 30,000 students are in higher education. Tours is the capital city of Touraine. It is located in the Loire Valley, a region famous for its historical heritage and its scenic rivers. The region is listed as a World heritage site by UNESCO. It is one hour away from Paris by high speed train (TGV). The Institut de Touraine offers numerous services in addition to its programs: media center, extracurricular activities, accommodation booking (homestay, residences), assistance for visas, insurances, etc.

**MAIN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY**
- French as a foreign language
- Civilization, literature and French culture
- Professional French: international relations, business, medical, legal French
- Refresher course for teachers of French

**STRENGTHS**
- Personal tutoring for students (teacher tutor, workshops, media center)
- Academic supervision of the University of Tours
- 30 teachers
- Extra-curricular activities (outings, culture and sport)
- Tours, a nice and secure town only one hour away from Paris
- 80 different nationalities each year

**LOCATION**

Tours is situated 200 km south of Paris, at 1 hour by train from Montparnasse station or 1h40 from Roissy-Charles de Gaulle airport. Direct flights from Tours to London.

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