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CENTRE FOR FRENCH LANGUAGE TEACHING AND PEDAGOGICAL RESEARCH SINCE 1964



The pleasure of learning



French



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Our school

A centre of excellence

LCAVILAM - Alliance française is a private institute of higher education specialising in immersion-based French language teaching.

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the adventure
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PARIS

Vichy

CLERMONT
FERRAND

LYON

Founded in 1964

CAVILAM (Centre d'Approches Vivantes des Langues et des Médias)

was established by the municipality of Vichy and the universities of Clermont-Ferrand.

In 2012, it joined the international network of the Alliance française, becoming **CAVILAM - Alliance française**.

Setting a global standard

The institute has gained an international reputation for its pedagogical innovation.

Each year it plays host to nearly **4,000 foreign students from over 110 nationalities**.

Our mission is French language teaching.

We offer:

- intensive immersion-based French language teaching for adults
- training programmes for teachers of French as a foreign language
- “Sports and Language” summer courses for younger children
- language study trips for school groups
- preparation for official tests and certifications in French proficiency (DELF/DALF, TCF, etc.)
- “Language and Leisure” courses that combine French language teaching with golf, spa therapy or French cuisine.



Located in a superb setting at the foot of the splendid Parc des Célestins on the banks of the Allier river, CAVILAM - Alliance française offers high-quality teaching to students and trainees in the comfort and elegance of a modern facility spanning 9,000 square meters and equipped with exceptional technological resources.

The institute partners on a regular basis with France’s Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, the Institut Français, the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie, French cultural services abroad and several media outlets including TV5MONDE, Radio France Internationale and Canal Académie.

French as a foreign language teaching award

In 2008 and 2012, the institute was awarded the official “Qualité FLE” distinction by France’s education authorities, receiving the highest score on every criterion audited (hospitality, facilities, teachers, training and administration).



Our values and 2 teaching methods

We aim to provide a knowledge of French and an understanding of French society.



Language learning takes place both in and out of the classroom and our foreign students are quickly integrated into the life of the city.

Upon their arrival, students are given a language test to ensure they are placed in the class best suited to their skill level and objectives. The levels of instruction and course content are consistent with the Common European Framework of Reference.

*We want you to share
in our values:
excellence, teaching innovation
and hospitality*



Our teaching draws on the latest methodological innovations as part of a communicative, action-oriented approach. Each class is structured around three key areas:

- intensive learning through a variety of activities
- techniques to promote the acquisition of communication skills
- rewarding intercultural exchanges.

The teaching staff takes into account each student's individual learning pace and conducts a weekly review of the student's progress.

Our courses are monitored for their content by the universities of Clermont-Ferrand. At the end of the course, all students receive two official documents:

- a certificate of attendance, indicating the student's class performance and participation
- a certificate of proficiency, jointly signed by CAVILAM - Alliance française and Blaise Pascal University, Clermont-Ferrand.



Our French courses

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We offer 4 main programs:

Programs	Number of group lessons	Number of lessons in themed workshops	Number of one-on-one lessons included	Number of weekly 45-minute lessons	Free access to the media library
Intensive program in French	18 lessons	8 lessons	-	26 lessons totalling 19 1/2 hours	Yes
Combined group classroom training + individual lessons	18 lessons	-	6 lessons	24 lessons totalling 18 hours	Yes
Super-intensive program	18 lessons	8 lessons	6 lessons	32 lessons totalling 24 hours	Yes
Immersion program	18 lessons	8 lessons	14 lessons	40 lessons totalling 30 hours	Yes



In addition, we offer special programs in the form of:

- customised training for international students, institutes of diplomacy and administration, and special groups
- lunch or dinner lessons with a French teacher: conversation classes at a restaurant
- one-on-one courses.

CAVILAM - Alliance française administers examinations for France's DELF and DALF proficiency certifications and the TCF and TEF tests of aptitude in French.

Students can obtain on-site confirmation of their newly acquired proficiency level with a **certification or official test that is recognised worldwide.**

Our training for 4 teachers of French as a foreign language

CAVILAM - Alliance française
is one of France's largest training centres
for teachers of French as a foreign language.

Nearly 900 professionals in French language teaching receive training in Vichy each year

Our courses are designed for teachers of French as a foreign language or second language, academic advisors, cultural attachés, teacher trainers, etc.

Courses held throughout the year

Our aim is to bring pedagogical innovation to day-to-day classroom activities, assist teachers in their professional practice and promote an image of French as a vibrant, contemporary language.

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS at CAVILAM - Alliance française

These training workshops, held in July and August, last from one to ten weeks depending on the topics selected.

Specialised training

CAVILAM - Alliance française offers:

- courses for education coordinators and teacher trainers
- coursework leading to a degree, in cooperation with Blaise Pascal University, Clermont-Ferrand (Master 1 and Master 2 in French as a foreign language)
- training leading to certification in foreign language teaching (Certificat de capacité à l'enseignement du français langue étrangère).

Courses offering a different kind of classroom experience

CAVILAM - Alliance française plays an important role in promoting the French language. Its trainers and instructors help to create pedagogical tools used worldwide and lend their expertise and teaching abilities to numerous projects around the globe.

You can learn about our training activities on our website
www.cavilam.com

Learn more about the concepts and tools used by CAVILAM - Alliance française on our educational site
www.leplaisirdapprendre.com



Cultural and sporting activities

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At CAVILAM - Alliance française, we bring the French experience to life both in and out of the classroom.

There is always a sport to play, a site to discover or a tour to enjoy.

Throughout the year, after class from Monday through Friday and all weekend long, our cultural department organises:

- **sightseeing tours** of the city of Vichy and its surroundings, as well as Clermont-Ferrand, Lyon, Puy-en-Velay and Paris
- **tours** of chateaus and picturesque villages in the Auvergne region, as well as museums and theme parks (Vulcania, Le Pal, Disneyland Paris)
- **nature excursions** (Parc des Volcans d'Auvergne)
- **tastings** of regional products
- **evening events** including films, dances and international evenings
- **sporting matches.**

The cultural department can organise a customised program for specific groups *upon request*.

In July and August, the cultural program expands to include regional shows and concerts.



Accommodation and daily life

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From the time you register, the accommodation office at CAVILAM - Alliance française makes every effort to make your stay in Vichy as enjoyable as possible.



Arrival in Vichy

- You will be personally greeted at the Vichy train station.
- If you arrive at the Clermont-Ferrand, Lyon or Paris airports, we can provide for your transport to Vichy upon request.

Housing

We offer a range of options to suit each student's needs:

Host family accommodation allows the student to learn about French culture through immersion and make rapid progress in language acquisition.

Housing in the student residence or in a single or double studio offers a standard level of comfort at a reasonable price.

Hotel residences (studio or furnished apartment) provide superior comfort with hotel services.

Lodging in a ** , * , **** or ***** hotel** can be arranged at special rates negotiated for CAVILAM students.



Daily life

There are numerous restaurants in the vicinity of CAVILAM - Alliance française that offer lunch and dinner throughout the year.

The university restaurant on campus is open for lunch from Monday through Friday.

The city centre, cinemas, cafés, shops, parks, museums, sporting facilities and more are accessible on foot or by bike.



Vichy and the Auve



Vichy

Located in the heart of France, Vichy is an ideal city for discovering the French way of life in an authentic, picturesque region. It is a perfect starting point for excursions into Auvergne and throughout France.

City of art

Vichy's opera house is a masterpiece of Art Nouveau. The city's thermal baths reminiscent of the Far East, Napoleon III-era chalets, impressive homes, shops and covered markets make Vichy a unique and surprising city.

Its expansive parks - true botanical gardens - are perfect for long, leisurely walks.

City of history

Vichy has been known for its thermal baths since Roman times.

During the 19th century, Napoleon III and Empress Eugénie popularised spa culture, making Vichy synonymous with health and beauty.

During the Second World War, the government of Marshal Pétain chose Vichy as the French capital. After the war, the city enjoyed a renaissance thanks to health tourism and the cosmetics industry. Today, the Vichy brand name is known worldwide.

City of sport

Vichy and its surroundings boast exceptional sporting facilities: an aquatics centre, golf courses, a racetrack, tennis courts and a multi-sport recreational centre. The city's man-made lake host numerous international competitions.





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At CAVILAM - Alliance française you enjoy a high quality of life in a friendly, serene environment perfect for learning French. Vichy provides an unmatched setting for making your language stay a success.





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