

# Welcome to the International Center of French Studies

# DIJON



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in the heart of **Burgundy**!”

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## EDITO

CIEF is one of the oldest centers of French language teaching, culture and civilization in France (born in 1901). It is a member of the ADCUEFE-CAMPUS FLE (Association of University Centers for French Studies for Foreigners).

This reference center is also resolutely turned towards the introduction of new classes and educational innovations and it works all year round (also offering training and organizing excursions to discover the treasures of the region and France).

Its size (about 800 students each year) allows to build privileged and personalized relationships between the teaching team and the participants in its programs.

The verdant and welcoming Dijon campus promotes linguistic immersion and interculturality. The international student is constantly at the center of all our concerns and we hope that his passage to CIEF is a key step in his reflection as a citizen of an ever more open and cosmopolitan world.

Our region, located in the center and the heart of Europe, is rich in history and a millenary heritage: architecture, art, gastronomy, wines of Burgundy...

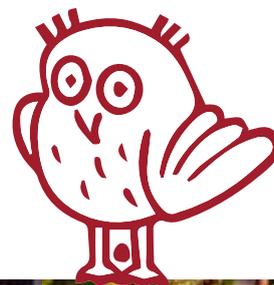
Its capital, Dijon metropolis, located at 1h35 by TGV from Paris, has all the assets of a city combining history, modernity and economic dynamism.

Best regards



### **Grégory Wegmann**

- Vice President for International Affairs  
University of Burgundy
- Director of CIEF.



# Dijon



## Why come to Dijon ?

Just an hour and a half from Paris, there is a city that has many attractions to seduce the great traveller: Dijon. A city with a rich and fascinating cultural heritage that can be discovered by walking through the narrow, picturesque streets, enabling you to admire the many bell towers and glazed tiles combined with the white stone of its houses. Offering the prospect of a relaxing stroll, its historic center is easy to walk through and transports you to streets marked by the history of the Dukes of Burgundy, of which Dijon was the capital. The Palace of the Dukes of Burgundy, the Museum of Fine Arts, half-timbered houses and private mansions will mark out your walk.

You will be accompanied during your stroll by the delicious smells of beef bourguignon, poached eggs, snails, and Burgundy wines which testify to a culinary tradition contributing to the very best of French gastronomy. In fact, Dijon is one of only three cities in France to be awarded the title `City of Gastronomy`.

Dijon is famed for the many comforts and amenities it offers.

The city is full of opportunities for students who would like to come and study in Dijon but also enjoy the rich and diverse cultural offerings to which they can have access at preferential prices due to the Culture Card. Cinema, concerts, operas... are then easily available within the students' budget.

In short, Dijon is a city whose character and traditions will not escape visitors. Without giving up modernity, it has been able to adapt to its time and its inhabitants. Between the gastronomic and wine experiences, the walks among the most picturesque monuments and historic buildings, the traveller or the student will certainly find many assets for a stay in the capital of the Dukes of Burgundy.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

The courses offered by the CIEF are open to adults aged 18 and over (for under-age students, please consult us for our special conditions).

Minimum academic requirement: proof of completion of secondary education (baccalaureat or equivalent).



## ORGANIZATION

Placement tests are held at the beginning of each session. Classes take place on the campus of the University of Burgundy, from Monday to Friday.

The teaching staff, all specialists in French as a foreign language, are present from the day you arrive to look after your orientation.

The administrative staff are available to help you with all questions concerning your stay in Dijon, your studies and accommodation.

## ASSESSMENT

For all our courses, whatever the length, assessment of students' progress is organized through regular tests, and final examinations.

## CERTIFICATES - DIPLOMAS

A certificate indicating the level followed, the number of tuition hours and course description, and a record of attendance is issued at the end of the course. ECTS Credit Allocation. Certain courses lead to specific university or national diplomas.

## MEDIA CENTER

Situated in the University's central administration building, the CIEF's media center provides specially designed individual study facilities for students who can also obtain advice and guidance from the librarian.

# INTENSIVE COURSES\*

## SUMMER COURSES - INTENSIVE ACADEMIC YEAR COURSES

Intensive courses take place throughout the year and are designed for non-native French speakers wishing to learn or improve their knowledge of French.



### ORGANIZATION OF TEACHING

Number of hours : between 17 and 22 each week (depending on the level and the options followed).

Tuition includes language classes and workshops, lectures on subjects of general cultural interest, and a variety of optional courses.

Teaching is based on up-to-date language-learning methods and original materials bringing students into contact with French life and culture.

### ASSESSMENT - CERTIFICATES - DIPLOMAS

Students' progress is monitored through continuous assessment based on assignments, tests and examinations. At the end of the session, a certificate is issued, indicating the level followed, and the results obtained, together with a record of attendance.

### PERIODS

**SUMMER COURSES** : June - July - August - September

**INTENSIVE COURSES** : Academic year - October to May



17 - 22h/week



Summer courses -  
Intensive academic  
year courses

\*Dates - Price list - Registration : see Annex

# SEMESTER COURSES\*

SUMMER (JUNE-SEPTEMBER)  
FALL (OCTOBER-FEBRUARY)  
SPRING (FEBRUARY-MAY)

The CIEF offers semester courses throughout the year : Summer (June to September), Fall (October to January), and Spring (February to May).

These courses are designed for beginners as well as more advanced students wishing to extend and improve their knowledge of French.



## GENERAL ORGANIZATION

Each semester lasts 15 weeks.

The first week begins with an orientation test to determine students' level, and continues with guided tours of the university campus and the town, as well as excursions, conferences and cultural activities.

Classes are held over 13 weeks. The final week is set aside for examinations.

## ORGANIZATION OF TEACHING

Levels: Beginners to Advanced

The courses follow the levels defined by the Council of Europe : A1 Break-through - A2 Waystage - B1 Threshold - B2 Vantage - C1 Effective Operational Proficiency - C2 Mastery.

Number of hours : between 17 and 22 each week (depending on the level and the options followed).

Language classes and workshops (compulsory at all levels).

Lectures on subjects of general cultural interest (compulsory for diploma courses).

Optional courses.

University courses in different Faculties of the University of Burgundy (during the fall and spring semesters)

The language classes and workshops use up-to-date language-learning methods and original materials.

Students are provided with full details of the lectures and optional courses at the beginning of each semester. Subjects include : History, Literature, Philosophy, Economics, Politics, Art, etc.



17 - 22h/week



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## DIPLOMAS - EXAMINATION CENTER

### ASSESSMENT - CERTIFICATES - DIPLOMAS

At each level, continuous assessment is organized, based on assignments, tests and examinations. For some diploma courses, a number of options will be required. Students who obtain advanced level diplomas may apply for admission to the second year in the university French department.

### DIPLOMAS

CIEF CLASSES	CECRL *	DIPLOMA
1	A1 Breakthrough	
2	A2 Waystage	
3	B1 Threshold	Certificat Pratique de Langue Française
4	B2 Vantage	Diplôme d'Etudes Françaises
5	C1 Effective Operational Proficiency	Diplôme Avancé d'Etudes Françaises
6	C2 Mastery	Diplôme Supérieur d'Etudes Françaises

\* Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

### EXAMINATION CENTER

The CIEF is also an official examination center for the following diplomas :

- Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française - DELF (Units A1, A2, B1, B2)
- Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française - DALF (Units C1, C2)



## SPECIAL COURSES

TEACHERS' SEMINARS  
LINGUISTIC TUITION  
CUSTOMIZED COURSES

The CIEF is able to organize courses on request to meet special needs. Please consult us for further information. Dates and fees on request.



## EXCURSIONS AND VISITS

Excursions and visits are organized throughout the year to allow students to discover the region of Burgundy, other regions in France and beyond its borders. The excursions are accompanied by specialists in art and history.

Examples : the Loire castles, ancient and medieval Provence, the Alps, famous places in Burgundy, etc.

The program of excursions is published at the beginning of each session.





## YOUR UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENT

The key figures of the University of Burgundy



### RANKINGS

- Top 500 (Shanghai ranking)
- Top 520 (CWUR ranking)
- Top 640 (Leiden ranking)



### EDUCATION

- 350 certifications offered
- 26 general bachelor's degrees, 53 master's degrees and 35 doctoral disciplines
- 15 DUT, 42 professional bachelor's certificates, 4 engineering degrees
- 10 exam preparations, 67 university degrees, 90 diplomas and health specializations
- 350 partnerships with international universities
- 3,420 students enrolled in continuing education and work-study programs, 620 students on apprenticeship contracts
- 7,200 students in compulsory professional internships



### DOCUMENTATION

- 16 libraries with 680,000 printed documents and 24,000 electronic subscriptions



### STUDENT LIFE

- 4 university restaurants, 5 cafeterias,
- 190 events and performances at the cultural center (theater, dance, music...)
- 50 sports activities on offer
- 142 student associations

# ACCOMMODATION\*



24h/24



## ACCOMMODATION AT THE RÉSIDENCE INTERNATIONALE

In a quiet environment, with its landscaped park and its tennis court, it is the ideal place for your stay.



The Résidence Internationale, situated near the university campus, offers an international atmosphere. In association with the CIEF, the Résidence Internationale provides accommodation throughout the year for students and teachers who come from all over the world to study at the CIEF or the university.

Near the Résidence Internationale you will find a wide variety of sports facilities (swimming pool, ice rink, velodrome, football stadium) and local shops. The town center is 15 minutes away and there are regular trams and bus services in the area.

The Résidence Internationale has 300 furnished single rooms, each with a refrigerator and telephone. Fully-equipped kitchens are to be found on each floor and a launderette is available for residents.

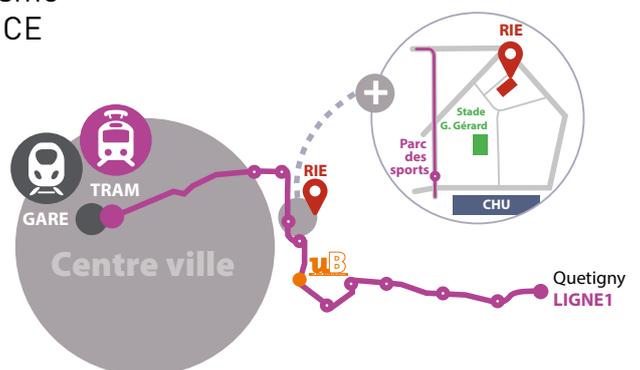
A reception service is provided on a 24-hour basis, 365 days a year, to receive and transfer external telephone calls and to answer all your enquiries.

### RESERVATION



Please fill in the enclosed registration form and send it to :

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### BOARD AND LODGING WITH A FAMILY

Possibilities for living with a French family are limited. The CIEF will do its best to ensure that all requests are satisfied but cannot give any guarantees.

The family provides accommodation in a bedroom as well as breakfast and dinner. Each month is payable in advance.

N.B. : the CIEF helps students by providing addresses and all necessary practical details but cannot in any way be held responsible for the agreement between the student and the family to which it is not party.

### MEALS



#### **On the campus :**

For your convenience, you will find several restaurants as well as cafeterias on the campus of the University of Burgundy.

#### **Downtown :**

Capital of Burgundy, Dijon is well known for its many diverse restaurants where you can taste the specialities of the region.

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## PRACTICAL DETAILS

### VISA

Students are strongly advised to ask the French Consulate for detailed information concerning the conditions to be satisfied in order to study in a French language centre. If students intend to stay in France for over three months, they should obtain a visa from the French Consulate marked "étudiant", or "VLS-TS-Etudiant", before leaving their country (this does not apply to countries exempted from visas).

### ARRIVAL IN DIJON

The compulsory placement test at the beginning of each session is always organized on the first Monday of the session. It is therefore advisable for students to plan to arrive in Dijon at the latest the day before, which means on the previous Sunday. A special reception service is organized at the local train station (see Annex).

### TUITION

Students should subsequently check in at the CIEF office to pay their tuition fees (by credit card, cheque, or in cash). They should bring with them their registration certificate.

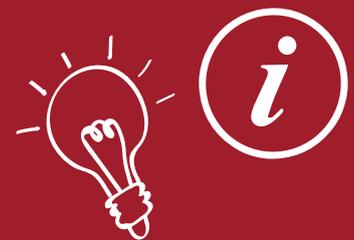
### HEALTH INSURANCE

- Students from countries belonging to the European Union (EU) must collect the European Health Insurance Card before departure.
- All other students will have the possibility of subscribing to the French Social Security

All medical expenses will be charged to students.

### INSURANCE

Students are insured for all the activities organized by the CIEF. However for all other risks linked to their journey and stay in France (accident, theft, illness, civil liability) they should take out personal insurance before their departure. As far as accommodation is concerned, extra insurance should also be arranged to cover the risk of fire, water damage and theft.



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