

INSTITUT DE TOURAINE Fact sheet

1. Identity

Founded in 1912, Institut de Touraine is a private higher education institute. The school has a full-time staff of 30, including 18 permanent teachers. The school is a non-profit organization. Our board of directors includes the University of Tours, the Municipality, the Chamber of Commerce, the local and the regional councils.

2. Our mission

Institut de Touraine's goal is to provide relevant and high-quality courses of French language and culture for all types of learners, at all levels, taking into account their objectives and their needs. Our pedagogy is task-oriented. We teach speaking / writing and reading skills in a balanced way. All programs are based on our own curricula, taking into account the immersive context.

3. Quality

Institut de Touraine has been awarded the *Qualité FLE* label since its inception in 2007. We obtained top marks in all domains at the last renewal (2015). The school is a member of Groupement FLE, the main professional association of language schools in France. Our cooperation agreement with the University of Tours is an additional guarantee of academic excellence. We are a member institution of CampusFrance.

4. The city of Tours

Tours Metropole is an urban area of 300,000 inhabitants, including 30,000 students in higher education. This is the capital city of the *Val de Loire* (Loire Valley), a region famous for its Renaissance castles, its medieval cities and *La Loire à Vélo*. The region is part of the UNESCO World Heritage list.

Tours city is one hour away from Paris by *TGV*. There are around 20 trains per day between Paris and Tours station or Saint-Pierre-des-Corps (the second station in Tours). Direct trains run between Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport and Saint-Pierre-des-Corps. Many bus companies operate regular services between Paris, Paris airports and Tours city as well.

5. Courses

Various courses are offered throughout the year: intensive, standard, a combination of group class and private tuition, language program with cultural activities, etc. The minimum age is 16 to attend these programs. Please refer to our documents "Course offer 2019" and "Rates 2019" for detailed explanations about the courses and fees. We organize closed groups as well, for secondary schools or foreign universities. In summer, teachers' training programs are available for French teachers.

6. Examination center

Institut de Touraine is an official examination center for DELF and DALF. There are 8 sessions per year.

7. Location and premises

The school is located in the very center of Tours City, a few minutes away from the shopping area and the medieval district, where numerous restaurants and *cafés* can be found. With a total area of 45,000 sq. ft. across 3 buildings (including a 19th-century private mansion and 16th-century monastic house), the school has 30 classrooms, 6 language laboratories and digital material for teaching. Our resource center is open every day to complement the courses, with tutoring available. All students benefit from our online learning platform to supplement their courses.

8. Accommodation

Our accommodation department can book different types of accommodation upon request: homestay, residence, hotels. Most accommodation is within walking distance from the school. Please check the “Accommodation 2019” document for further details.

9. Extracurricular activities

Activities are offered on a regular basis: movie screening, guided tours, wine tasting or cooking workshops. The frequency of activities increases from June until August, with a large social and cultural program and daily activities on offer.

10. Information and contact

Our website provides comprehensive information about the school and its programs:

www.institutdetouraine.com

We post all our events on Facebook: www.facebook.com/institutdetouraine

For more information, please contact the Students’ Office: contact@institutdetouraine.com

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