



## IFALPES, France

Annecy, France (Europe)

### Quick Facts

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### Apply Now

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## Program Overview

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**IFALPES, the Institut Français des Alpes** specializes in teaching the French language. The methodology is direct and communicative. The student body is drawn from countries around the world.

Annecy is located at the foot of the Alpine massifs, sits on the purest lake of Europe, and has breathtaking scenery. Known as the "Venice of the Alps, with its canals, Old Town, lake, castles, famous hotels and restaurants, Annecy is a bustling city all year round with lots to see and do. Annecy offers students cultural and athletic activities within a very pleasant urban environment.

Enjoy this beautiful video of Annecy!

## Gallery

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## Contact Program Sponsor and Advisor

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ELI Director

This program is sponsored and administered by the College of Staten Island CUNY.

## Academics & Program

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### [IFALPES in Annecy](#)

IFALPES is a leading French language training institute that operates in cooperation with institutes and academic institutions both in France and abroad. IFALPES has the "Qualité FLE" accreditation from the French Ministry of Education.

### Course Offerings

Standard General French Lessons

### Academic Highlights

The Institute is open all year round. French language courses: beginning, intermediate, advanced are specifically designed for those interested in learning or becoming more proficient in the French language. The teaching methods are based on active participation by students (Communicative Method) The scope of the program includes understanding, speaking, reading, writing and cross-cultural studies.

Students are in class 15-30 hours per week and earn 12 credits over the course of the program. The program emphasizes grammar, oral comprehension, oral expressions, reading, writing with all focusing on French culture and civilization.

The goal of the Institute is to encourage the use of spoken French by students outside of classes.

For course syllabi, click [here](#). For IFALPES education system click [here](#).

Credits: 12 credits

Instructor's Language: French

## Student Life & Housing

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### Student Life

Students can take part in a monthly activity program offered all year-long. Activities include mountain hikes, visits to local places of interest, boating on the lake, picnics at the beach, ski excursions, cheese tasting, and trips to local nearby towns. Some activities incur a modest fee. IFALPES students are encouraged to mix with students attending the local university.



## Housing

The housing that is included in the program cost is a **French homestay with a host family** that includes daily breakfast and dinner. This is very popular arrangement, where students benefit from the opportunity to learn about French culture and practice the French they are learning, and it gives students the added benefit to get to know a host family. Students may also choose to have a homestay that includes only breakfast at a lower cost (less than the semester Program Cost).

Another housing option for the semester is to stay in a **Student Residence** called the **Bernard Chevron**. This student residence has furnished single rooms with shared bathroom facilities (among 3 students) and a shared kitchen (among 6-8 students). Students are then responsible for the cost of all meals in the student residence. Students self-cater meals by shopping and preparing their own meals in the kitchen or by eating out in cafes. In choosing the student residence option, there is a discount off the semester Program Cost.

Here are some photos of the Bernard Chevron:

<https://www.residence-chevron.ideis.fr/>

All housing options are based on availability. Some options may be more limited than other options.

Students complete a **housing questionnaire** to indicate their needs and choices, and, in the case of homestay, the degree of involvement desired with hosts. The term "family" is used loosely, as the possibilities are many and not limited to "traditional" families.

## Duration & Costs

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**Costs Included:** Instructional costs (12 credits), fees, Housing in a Homestay with a French family and daily breakfast and dinner, CISI health insurance, pre-departure orientation.

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**Costs Not Included:** international airfare (NYC-Geneva \$850-\$1,200), personal expenses (\$1,000+/month), other housing options may lower your housing cost \$220-280 per month {see Housing above}, meals cost about \$1,000-1,200/month for 3 meals/day, visa (about \$100, US students need as stay is more than 90 days). If students choose the homestay option with breakfast only, there is a discount of \$880 off the Program Cost; if the choice is the student residence option there is a \$1380 discount off the Program Cost.

Note on Meals and Expenses:

Meals costs are less if you choose a host family option that includes breakfast and dinner. Then you are only eating lunches out daily. The average price for a meal in the least expensive restaurant costs between 10 and 15 EUR. In gourmet restaurants, menus can be more expensive. A more affordable option where you can have a meal anywhere in France are the bistros, brasseries and crepe stands. Some bistros serve substantial meals, and a crepe can take the place of lunch and prices are from 5 to 8 EUR.

If you choose a housing option that does not include meals, your meals cost will be considerably higher. One person can expect to spend on average about 250 – 300 EUR/month on groceries in Paris, but less in the provinces or in a place like Annecy. That is if you spend the time to shop and cook.

All costs, fees, and dates are subject to change without notification. Contact the program sponsor to verify all costs, fees, and dates for this program.

Please refer to your acceptance materials for information on arrival, orientation, and academic calendar. The refund policy is program specific and non-transferable. Refer to your acceptance materials for the comprehensive refund policy or contact the program sponsor.

## **Eligibility & Deadlines**

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### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Minimum class standing - students must have completed at least one semester (minimum 12 semester credit hours) of college-level coursework at the time of application.
- 2.5 GPA or higher
- Students must be at least 18 years of age

### **Applications to Include**

- Official transcripts
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher who knows the applicant from a classroom setting
- Statement of purpose

## **Application Deadlines**

**Fall:** April 15

**Spring:** October 1

## **Visa Requirements**

A visa will be required to study in France during the fall and spring terms. We recommend that students apply in enough time to obtain the visa. Detailed instructions are provided after acceptance to the program.

Have you talked with your study abroad advisor about your home institution's application process? Your institution's deadline might be earlier than the CCIS program application deadline. Check now to make sure all your material is submitted on time!