

## 2022 Summer Abroad France

### French Language Courses – General Outline

#### Overview:

Students participate in the regular language courses (including a mandatory cultural, historical or business component depending on student's selection and availability) offered by the Institut de Touraine. Classes are small and include students from around the world, in addition to participants in the U of T summer program. Students have access to several language labs, a small library, and a multimedia studio.

#### Instructors:

Students will have two Institute instructors; one for the oral component and another for writing. Due to the intensive nature of the course, teaching styles will differ from what you are accustomed to in your home institution; furthermore, courses at the Institute will be taught according to French standards and pedagogical styles, not North American ones. As with any multiple-sections course, individual instructors at the Institute will have different teaching and evaluation models that determine the pace and style of their section. Other than teaching outcomes, each section functions autonomously.

#### Course Descriptions:

All students in the Summer Abroad France program earn a U of T St. George French credit. (This includes UTSC, UTM and visiting students.) Please refer to the Arts and Science Calendar for complete course descriptions and details.

#### Please Note:

- **Students will not be permitted to switch levels once they arrive in Tours.**
- **For all FSL courses:**
  - **Distribution Requirement Status:** These are Humanities courses
  - **Breadth Requirement:** Creative and Cultural Representations (1)

The Institut de Touraine language program comprises nine levels of instruction. The following are the UofT equivalencies; **it is your responsibility to ensure you are eligible for the course you request/are assigned:**

Level	Institut Title	St. George Code	UTSC Code (for ref. only)	UTM Code (for ref. only)
A1.0	Debutant	FSL100H+FSL102H	FREA96H+FREA97H	FSL105H+FSL106H
A1.1 A1.2	Élémentaire 1			
A1.3 A2.1	Élémentaire 2	FSL121Y	FREA98H+FREA99H	FSL205Y
A2.2 A2.3	Élémentaire 3	FSL221Y	FREA01H+FREA02H	FSL305Y
B1.1 B1.2	Intermediaire 1	FSL321Y	FREB01H+FREB02H	FSL405H+FSL406H or FRE280Y
B1.3 B2.1	Intermédiaire 2			
B2.2 B2.3	Intermédiaire 3	FSL421Y	FREC01H+FREC02H	FRE382H+FRE383H
C1.1	Avancé 1			
C1.2 C1.3 C2.1 C2.2 C2.3	Avancé 2  Confirmé	FSL442H+FSL443H	FRED01H+FRED06H	Contact UTM Language Studies

NOTE: All students will receive the **St. George course code** on their transcripts. **The UTSC and UTM codes above are provided as a guide only; students at these campuses will need to verify the**

**course equivalency with their French department's undergraduate counselors and Study Elsewhere advisors.** Students with any previous French exposure must write ONE placement assessment (dates TBC).

### Class Structure and Schedule:

The actual timetable is not set until after you arrive in France. Daily classes are held at the Institute Monday-Friday for the duration of the program. Students should expect to begin at 9am and **be in class for 22.5 hours per week** (language classes + additional mandatory components). Class tests are generally on Mondays and Fridays. Your schedule will vary depending on your language level and instructor. French instruction will be conducted in a variety of different formats:

- General French language course
  - 3 hours every morning (15 hours per week total)
- 1.5 hours per week of phonetics class to work on oral comprehension and production
  - Half in class, half in the language laboratory
    - Schedule confirmed on-site in France
- Two tutorials (3hr per week) to reinforce competencies or to overcome difficulties:
  - 1.5 hours for oral skills
  - 1.5 hours for reading/writing skills
    - Schedule confirmed on-site in France
- Two 1.5 hours workshop blocks to practice French in a particular area interest (e.g. French culture, French for specific purposes etc.)

Sample class schedule below. Please note that individual schedules will vary and are not available until after arrival in France.

**Timetable Template** (non-contractual document) : 22h30 / week (including 15h of language course, 3h of oral and written tutorials, 1h 30 of phonetics lab and 3h of workshops to choose from 4 timeslots and between 4 types of options – cultural, French for specific purposes, action or exam preparation)

	MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY		FRIDAY
9h00	LANGUAGE COURSE		LANGUAGE COURSE		LANGUAGE COURSE	LANGUAGE COURSE		LANGUAGE COURSE
9h45								
9h45								
10h30								
BREAK								
10h50	LANGUAGE COURSE		LANGUAGE COURSE		LANGUAGE COURSE	LANGUAGE COURSE		LANGUAGE COURSE
11h35								
11h35								
12h20								
13h30	WRITING AND READING SKILLS TUTORIALS  Remediation	WRITING AND READING SKILLS TUTORIALS  Reinforcement	PHONETICS LAB Group 1	PHONETICS LAB Group 2	(Free or choice of extra-curricular activities)	ORAL SKILLS TUTORIALS  Remediation	ORAL SKILLS TUTORIALS  Reinforcement	CHOICE OF WORKSHOP  ACTION  To choose from : Volunteering, Webzine, Higher studies counseling
14h15								
14h15								
15h00								
BREAK								
15h15	CHOICE OF WORKSHOP  Cultural workshop OR French for specific purposes workshop		CHOICE OF WORKSHOP  Cultural workshop OR French for specific purposes workshop			CHOICE OF WORKSHOP  EXAM PREP  DEL F A1 to DAL F C1		(Free or choice of extra-curricular activities)
16h00								
16h00								
16h45								

### Course Outlines:

More detailed course information for the French language classes will be provided after your arrival in Tours. Although students in North America are accustomed to receiving detailed course outlines, this practice is extremely uncommon in France. Instructors typically do not provide information such as grading schemes, class schedules, etc., ahead of time. If you are not clear with your course requirements please contact your instructor directly about such course details. If you have any problems obtaining this information or the information you are receiving is still unclear, please advise the U of T Academic Coordinator immediately.

### Required Textbooks:

→**Where to get it:** Students doing a French language course (FSL) do not have to purchase texts ahead of time. Course texts will be distributed to students in their first class.

→**Cost:** This cost is included in your Summer Abroad course fee. There will be no additional charge on-site.

→**Additional texts:** You will have to use your own dictionaries or grammar/reference books; previous students have stressed that it is important to bring such texts to France with you.

### Course Evaluation (tentative):

Writing assessment 1	12.5%
Writing assessment 2	12.5%
Reading assessment 1	12.5%
Reading assessment 2	12.5%
Listening assessment 1	12.5%
Listening assessment 2	12.5%
Speaking assessments 1 & 2, active and relevant class participation	25%

### Grade Conversion:

Please note that the Institut de Touraine employs a different grading scale than the University of Toronto. French universities use a grading system based on a 20-point grade scale. **Institut grades will be multiplied by 5 to get the U of T percentage equivalent.**

### Returning to the University of Toronto:

Even though you are receiving a University of Toronto credit for your language studies in Tours, remember that you are in fact taking a course offered by the Institut de Touraine. This means that your course will not exactly match the U of T equivalent. Students are consequently not guaranteed entrance into upper-year French language courses at U of T, but will need to complete a placement test. If you are interested in continuing language studies at U of T, we advise you to contact the French department of your institution to find out what the requirements will be for you to advance to the appropriate level upon your return.

Also, note that students are not permitted to do a lower-level course at the University of Toronto after their return; e.g., if you complete the equivalent of FSL421Y in Tours, you cannot subsequently do FSL321Y here in Toronto.

### →→ Getting The Most Out Of Your Language Learning Experience:

You spend most of your time OUTSIDE of class so consider how you can more fully immerse yourself in the language! Students who take advantage of the opportunities for language immersion outside of class often report a better retention of course information.

- ✓ Commit to speaking only in French outside of the classroom
- ✓ Listen, watch, read local publications in French

- ✓ Use the Institute's media centre
- ✓ Consider a homestay. Homestay families rarely speak English
- ✓ Bring a dictionary and do your own translating (it gets much easier the more you practice)
- ✓ Participate in Institute activities (optional workshops etc.)
- ✓ Plan to attend some of the activities organized by the Institute several times a week. Please note that these activities may not be free
- ✓ Tours' tourist information centre offers lots of interesting activities at reasonable rates
- ✓ Keep in mind that the Institute will give you a student card which will allow you to get student rates