

Rennes CIEE Course Selection

This list is subject to change. All courses are taught in French.

Students take a minimum of 14 credits and usually 16 to 18 credits per semester. This includes the following:

- Required preliminary language and culture course (2 credits)
- Required language course at level of placement (an average of 6 credits)
- 3 to 5 content courses which are 2 or 3 credits. If placed in the advanced level, one or two UHB courses can count in the content courses selected.

Most of the content courses for the Rennes program are taught through the Centre International Rennais d'Etude du Francais pour Etrangers (CIREFE). The CIREFE's mission is to provide an appropriate level of language instruction to all foreign students while preparing them to participate in regular French university classes. Students are placed in one of six levels in the CIREFE depending on their performance on the placement examination at the end of the Preliminary Language and Culture course.

Each level at CIREFE has a prescribed set of courses that are detailed at http://ciee.org/program_search/program_detail.aspx?page=2&sec=1&program_id=100&type=part.

Introductif (Level I)

Required Courses:

French Language
Comprehension and Oral Expression
Written Expression
French Civilization and Culture: Initiation

Intermédiaire and Seuil (Level II and III)

Required Course:

French Language

Recommended Language Courses:

Comprehension and Oral Expression
Written Expression
Writing Practice

Electives:

French Civilization and Culture: Introduction
Initiation to French Literature
History of France: Ancient Regime to the Present
Introduction to the French Press
Art History
Cinema

Avancé (Level IV)

Required Course:

French Language Study and Writing

Recommended Language Course:

Oral Comprehension & Expression

Elective Courses:

French Civilization and Culture
French Literature I: Textual Analysis
Phonetics: Level 1
Writing Workshop
Advanced Writing Practice

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Autonomie (Level V)

Required Course:

French Language: Textual Structures
French Language: Grammar & Discourse

Recommended Language Course:

French Civilization & Culture: Political Institutions
Oral Methodology
Advanced Methodology: Preparation for University Studies (spring only)

Elective Courses:

Phonetics: Level II
French Civilization and Culture: Contemporary France (spring only)
French Literature: Representations of the Foreigner
French Literature—Theater: The Evolution in Dramatic Forms (fall only)
French Literature—Short Story (spring only)
French Literature—Women Writers (spring only)
French Civilization: The French Press (spring only)

CIREFE electives

Maîtrise (Level VI) Spring only

Required Course:

French Language: Advanced Written Expression
French Language: Enunciation and Grammar

Recommended Language Course:

French Civilization & Culture: Political Institutions
Oral Methodology
Advanced Methodology: Preparation for University Studies (spring only)

Elective Courses:

Phonetics: Level II
French Civilization and Culture: Contemporary France (spring only)
French Literature: Representations of the Foreigner
French Literature—Theater: The Evolution in Dramatic Forms (fall only)
French Literature—Short Story (spring only)
French Literature—Women Writers (spring only)
French Civilization: The French Press (spring only)

CIREFE electives

CIREFE Elective Courses

Open only to students in the avancé, autonomie, and maîtrise levels unless approved by CIREFE instructor and Resident Director. Each course is worth 2 semester credits, unless otherwise indicated.

Fall Semester:

French History from 1870 to 1970
History of Modern Art
History of Art and Architecture: Brittany
Film Analysis: An Introduction
French Economy: 1945 to Present
International and Regional Protection of Human Rights

Spring Semester:

20th Century French History
History of Contemporary Art
France Confronted with Decolonization: 1930-1960
History of Art & Architecture: Medieval & Renaissance
European Union
Film Analysis: Reading Films
The French Approach to International Relations

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Special Courses

Translation

CIEE students with high intermediate and advanced French-language skills may participate in the second year section (3 credits).

Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), Level I or II

Students considering a teaching career can gain practical experience in the primary schools of Rennes. Student teachers receive instruction in teaching methodology and early language acquisition (3 credits in FRST-F 400).

Advanced French Language Options:

Students who have a sufficient background and strong French language skills may choose up to two regular University of Haute Bretagne (UHB) courses per semester, after consultation with the Resident Director and Overseas Study.

University of Haute Bretagne (UHB) Courses

Students with advanced-level French language skills and the permission of the Resident Director may be able to enroll in up to 2 regular University of Haute Bretagne, Rennes II courses taught in French, alongside French students. Listings for these courses are available to students upon arrival in France.

In the past, CIEE participants have enrolled in such UHB courses as:

- Art History: Contemporary Art
- Breton Culture and Civilization
- Cinema Studies: Silent Film
- Cultural and Social Anthropology
- Economics
- Exclusion and Integration in Contemporary Societies
- French Literature: Writing on Passion in the 20th Century
- History of Cinema
- History of Women and Gender
- History: Women in the 20th Century
- Islamic Religion, Society, and Civilization
- Old French
- Philosophy
- Sociology

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