



University Diploma French language and tourism, heritage and environmental studies

For integration into Master of tourism or Master of heritage studies at UPPA

Diploma designed for international students

Preparatory course in Pau

Course outline

This one-year programme provides international students with:

- * an introduction to the themes of tourism, heritage and the environment, all the while improving French language competencies;
- * and ideal preparation for entry into a Master of Tourism or a Master in Heritage studies at the University of Pau and Adour (UPPA)

⏪ **Note!**

Entry into any Master programme is not automatic, and is subject to approval by the appropriate application board.

Student profile and admission

The programme is designed for international students who have already completed a minimum of 3 years of French or social/human sciences at a university level. Upon entry, applicants must have attained a level of French equivalent to B2 or higher (as defined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Language).

Course Structure

Two semesters, from September to May, of French language and culture classes, as well as specialisation modules.

Before beginning the academic year, students will take part in a short integration programme alongside international students from the European exchange programme, Erasmus, who are also enrolled at UPPA. This integration experience involves 20 hours of French classes, plus activities aimed at familiarising students with the university, the campus and the city of Pau.



Semester One (total 260 hours)

- * 135 hours of language and culture. Students will participate in language classes offered by the IEFÉ (Institute of French studies for International students). Students are placed in groups based on their proficiency level. These groups are of mixed nationality.
- * 25 hours of French classes aimed at reaching a suitable level for study within a French university. This is a course designed for exchange students (Erasmus) within the university. Again, students are grouped according to proficiency.
- * 20 hours of classes aimed at improving written expression and oral comprehension of specialisation modules. (2 hours per week)
- * 80 hours of specialisation modules. This consists of 20 hours in each of 4 modules: History of tourism; Introduction to the geography of tourism; Socioeconomics of tourism (1); Introduction to environmental chemistry.

Semester Two (total 245 hours)

- * 120 hours of language and culture. Students will participate in language classes offered by the IEFÉ (Institute of French studies for International students). Students are placed in groups based on their proficiency level. These groups are of mixed nationality.
- * 25 hours of French classes aimed at reaching a suitable level for study within a French university. This is a course designed for exchange students (Erasmus) within the university. Again, students are grouped according to proficiency.
- * 20 hours of classes aimed at improving written expression and oral comprehension of specialisation modules. (2 hours per week)
- * 80 hours of specialisation modules. This consists of 20 hours in each of 4 modules: Tourism and cultural heritage; Touristic development of cultural heritage; Socioeconomics of tourism (2) ; Waste treatment and management.

Graduation criteria for University Diploma French language and tourism, heritage and environmental studies

Marks from each exam will be accumulated; students must achieve an overall average.

Opportunities upon graduation

- * This programme provides students with intense language training and a diverse education across the domains of tourism, heritage and environmental studies.
- * They will be eligible to apply for entry into a Master (1) of Tourism (past times, tourism and territorial development) or a Master (1) of Heritage studies (National heritage and cultural politics). Any application would subject to approval by the various Masters application boards.



For more information, including a detailed course description and employment opportunities, consult the UPPA website:

- * Parcours loisirs, tourisme et développement territorial
- * Parcours valorisation des patrimoines pour les collectivités territoriales

Fees and enrolment

The annual enrolment fee is 2 800 euros.

Enrolments are through the IEFE.

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