SELF | Study in English in Lyon, France

Introduction

The **SELF (Study in English in Lyon, France) program** is an upper-division undergraduate level program open to university undergraduates with a basic level of French and who have completed at least two years of university studies. It is entirely taught in English and offers approximately 15 courses per semester in the following fields : law/political science, business/business culture and humanities. The SELF will help students get familiar with the French University system and culture. It can also help them improve their proficiency so as to study in French the following semester (except for beginners). It is a full time program and cannot be combined with other programs.

Objectives

The SELF program is designed to encourage significant improvement in the student's level of proficiency in the French language, possible fulfilment of home university curriculum requirements and subsequent credit transfer.

Most of the courses are designed from a European or French perspective and emphasis is placed upon international comparison.

Students should be motivated by the international experience of studying in France.

This program is designed for **non-degree-seeking** students.

Specificities

The SELF program is a **semester program or an annual program.**
It starts at the **end** of **August** / in **early** January and ends **mid-December**/**end** of **April.**

Fall Semester 2026/2027:

- **Arrival in Lyon**: 24 to 26 August
- **Compulsory orientation period:** 27 August (10am) to 4 September included
- **Add & drop period:** 7 September to 18 September
- **Semester break:** 26 October to 1 November included
- **Exam period**: 16 November to 18 December included
- **End of semester**: 18 December

Duration

One semester or a year

Places

- Lyon

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Spring Semester 2026/2027:

- **Arrival in Lyon**: 4 to 6 January
- **Compulsory orientation period:** 7 January (10am) to 15 January included
- **Add & drop period:** 18 to 29 January
- **Semester break:** 22 to 28 February included
- **Exam period**: 22 March to 30 April
- **End of semester**: 30 April

Testimonials

Admission

Application

Conditions of admission / Conditions of successful application

Admission criteria

The SELF program is available to students (exchange/non-exchange) who fulfil the following requirements:

Academic background:

Students should have completed a minimum of two years of university studies ; the academic level of SELF corresponds to **upper-division undergraduate level**

Level of French:

- The SELF program is designed for students with a level of French **A2** (B1 maximum)
- Students staying for two semesters who arrive with an A2 level in French and have attained a B1 level at the end of the semester are directed towards classes taught in French for the spring semester (DEUF program).

Level of English:
For students enrolled in a university where English is not the official language, one of the official tests listed below is required:

- **TOEFL IBT**: overall score of 4.5 of 6 or higher with 4 of 6 at least for each section
- **TOEFL ITP**: overall score of 560 minimum and 50 at least for each section
- **IELTS Academic**: overall score of 6,5 and no section score below 6
- **TOEIC** including speaking, writing, listening and reading test: overall score of 1020
- **Cambridge Advanced**: A/B
- **Cambridge Proficiency**: C minimum

- **Duolingo English Test**: overall score of 125

The English test has to be provided upon nomination (end of April for the fall semester and end of October for the spring semester) by your home university.

NB: The tests listed above must have been undertaken **no more than two years prior to the commencement** of SELF program.

Program

Program content

Each semester includes:
A one and a half week compulsory orientation program***:**

- SELF Program presentation meetings
- 12-16 hours of intensive French as a Foreign Language (FLE) classes – 60 hours throughout the semester
- Campus visits
- Welcome Mixer
- Lectures on life in Lyon & in France
- Session on the Lyon 3 student portal/intranet
- Q&A on administrative procedures (visas, health insurance, banking, phones, etc.)

The orientation program is **compulsory** and part of the SELF program and totally separate from DEUF orientation course (SIM).
*There is no orientation program in the spring semester for annual students

Exchange Students - Calendar & Welcome Guide (2026-2027)

The regular course offer includes:

- French as a Foreign Language (FLE) - Compulsory for all SELF students (Fall 9210024 / Spring 9210024)
- Introduction to French Culture and Civilization - Compulsory for all SELF students (Fall 9230008 / Spring 9230009)
- Each semester, students can select **up to 4** of the following content **courses** :

Course Offering - Fall Semester 2026/2027

Timetable Fall Semester 2026-27
Integration Week Schedule (Fall Semester 26-27)

BUSINESS & BUSINESS CULTURE
International Marketing (06200962)
Multinational Business Finance (06300585)
Pitching & Branding my Project (06290497)
Intercultural Management (06260011)
Entrepreneurship & Innovation (06290496)
Design of Sustainable Organizations (6290496)

LAW & POLITICAL SCIENCE
Comparative Legal Traditions (02210008)
International Contract Law (01220094)
Human Rights Law (01290278)
The Human Right to Water (02290098)
Comparative Constitutional Law (02210085)
International Economic Sanctions & Armed Conflicts (02210086)
Company Law (06290497)

HUMANITIES
French History & Culture through Film (22230038)
The Political Persuaders (22200117)
Debates in Culture Wars (22230039)
The European Renaissance (22230046)

Course Offering - Spring Semester 2026/2027

Timetable Spring Semester 2027
Orientation Week Spring Semester 2027

BUSINESS & BUSINESS CULTURE
Business Ethics (01280067)
International Negotiations (06290498)
Organizational Behavior (6210980)
Strategic Management (6240583)
Digital Marketing & AI Tools (06201054)
Digital Culture & Communication: Identity, Influence and Brand Storytelling (22230046)

LAW & POLITICAL SCIENCE
Geopolitics (06220509)
International Law (02210082)
Introduction to the Law of the Sea (2260124)
Paradox & Conflict in EU Law (2280093)
Introduction to International Criminal Law (6260224)
Business Law, the Legal Foundations of Commerce (02210082)

HUMANITIES
Staging the Supernatural in Shakespeare's Macbeth and A Midsummer Night's Dream (11110251)
The European Revolutionary Tide (22220094)
Images & the Truth in the Digital Age (22230042)
The Tourism Industry: Current Trends, Geopolitical and Ethical Issues (01220478)

Credits

- The Introduction to French Culture and Civilization class represents 10 hours and **2 credits** per semester
- The French as a Foreign language class (FLE) represents 60 hours* and **5 credits** (appr. 15 hours taught during the orientation period) per semester for semester students*
- The other classes represent 30 contact hours and **6 credits** each.

Number of credits for a full-time student per semester: **31** (4 content courses + French as a Foreign Language + French Civilization)

**Except for the SELF annual students in the spring semester: 20 hours*

Please note that:

- The number of students in SELF classes is limited (35 to 45 per class)
- A minimum of 15 students is required to open a course
- The SELF classes all take place on the "Manufacture Campus" (6 cours Albert Thomas)

- Classes take place from Monday to **Friday included**