

# Why Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi?

In today's fast-paced and globalised economies, knowledge and languages both serve an important role in creating progressive and vibrant societies. The French education system is known for its high level of rigorous critical thinking and debating skills, which play a significant role in developing future pioneers and leaders.

Sorbonne Abu Dhabi is a globally recognised education institution that serves as a bridge between civilisations by offering a multicultural environment, which promotes and develops a strong culture of tolerance, curiosity, harmony and cultural awareness for today's modern economy. Students have access to internationally acclaimed faculty, world-class facilities and internationally certified degrees, which places them firmly on the right path in preparation for a successful career.

This degree is officially accredited by the UAE Commission for Academic Accreditation ([www.caa.ae](http://www.caa.ae)).



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## Diploma in Intensive French



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University Diploma

# The Diploma in Intensive French is offered to enhance a student's studies and career potential, by learning a language acclaimed for its cross-cultural influences and global presence in today's globalised world.

To support students in their study of French at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, the FLE department provides a collaborative and interactive environment, which includes computer-aided teaching scenarios to enhance learning in the classroom. The ICT (Information and Communication Technology for Education) course provides a stimulating learning environment for new students with a set of learning tools designed to develop their French language skills that will complement their professional careers. The classical format of the language's courses which covers both oral and written skills as reading and grammar are combined with the discovery of French and European civilisations, in addition to many activities including elective workshops (web radio, musical shows, cinema and digital museums).

By the end of the programme, students will have the required competencies to speak and interpret the French language both verbally and in writing which will support them with their studies and provide a valuable skill for their future career.

The Intensive French learning programme is part of the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (CECR) and is delivered by a team of qualified professors, specialised in teaching French as a Foreign Language (FLE). Successful completion of this Diploma meets the requirements for admission to bachelor programmes at Sorbonne University in Paris and Abu Dhabi.

The diploma is delivered by Sorbonne University in Paris.

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi offers different courses so that students may evolve both their comprehension and practice of the French language based on their own working rhythms.

Students may choose to study over one or two years.

## Intensive day courses

At the beginning of every year, two levels will be offered:

- A beginner's level for those who haven't studied French at all. They will start as beginners at the commencement of the year and will sit the (D.U) exam in June.
- An intermediate level for students who did not obtain the University Diploma the previous year and new students who have learned French before (students will be assigned to the intermediate level after an initial placement test). The intermediate level aims to improve the command of the French language and prepare students properly for their bachelor degree. It offers the possibility to follow 4 weeks of courses (as audit students) in the departments of their choice. Students at the intermediate level are encouraged to take the DELF B2 test (at the Alliance Française in Abu Dhabi) and will also sit the University Diploma (D.U) in June.

All students are encouraged to study one month in France during the summer break. The university's employees can help students organise their stay.

## Intensive evening courses

At the beginning of every year, two levels will be offered:

- A beginner's level for those who haven't studied French at all. Beginner students are expected, at the end of the year, to sit the internationally-recognised, and valid-for-life, DELF A2 exams in May at the Alliance Française and are expected to achieve their Sorbonne University diploma after 2 years.
- An intermediate level for those continuing from the beginner's level and new students who have learned French before and can provide evidence of this by way of a DELF A2 certificate. As an exception, students who consider themselves A2 level but who do not have a formal certificate may be accepted based on the results of a placement test for the 2017/18 academic year only. Students are expected, at the end of this year, to sit the Diploma in Intensive French at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi.

All students taking evening classes will have 9 hours of class per week over 3 evenings, covering general French, writing, speaking, e-learning, and additional cultural activities, 1 evening per month.

## Summer courses

Intensive courses will be organised to prepare students for the University Diploma (D.U) exam during the summer for students who fail their test in June, as well as external candidates who wish to pass the D.U in September and register at the University for the new academic year.



## Admission requirements

**To join the Intensive French programme, students must have a High School Diploma (or equivalent). Applicants who are applying to join the intermediate level directly can take a French placement test to confirm their French language ability.**

For detailed admissions requirements on different courses, please contact the French as a Foreign Language (FLE) Department at +971 (0) 2 656 9130 or visit our website: [sorbonne.ae](http://sorbonne.ae)

## Career prospects

**This diploma provides graduates with an opportunity to pursue further academic studies at Sorbonne University in Abu Dhabi and Paris.**

Furthermore, a sound command of French will place students in good stead for a range of rewarding careers in private institutions, consultancies, government, diplomatic institutions, education and tourism organisations around the world.

### Tuition Fees

(Including admin. fees)

#### Intensive day classes:

**AED 48,700** (approx. US\$ 13,271)

#### Intensive evening classes (over 2 years):

**AED 73,400** (approx. US\$ 20,002)

### Scholarship options:

- Emirati citizens receive the H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan scholarship grant covering tuition fees for the programme and a foundation year (if any).
- Other students may apply for the Academic Excellence Scholarship, that can cover up to 75% of the tuition fees.