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# Master in Teaching French as a Foreign Language

**The Master in Teaching French as a Foreign Language degree is awarded by Sorbonne University in Paris and delivered by world-class academics in Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi. The programme is the only programme of its kind in the United Arab Emirates. It enables students to learn the necessary skills to teach French worldwide and especially in Arab speaking regions. The programme also delivers the necessary knowledge to work in the fields of creation and marketing of products related to the French language (in economy or tourism).**

This high-level programme targets students wishing to perfect their skills in the field of French culture and language, with the aim of becoming a teacher of French as a Foreign Language or to work in a structure developing programmes in French language. The French language is spoken by more than 300 million people and is the official language of 29 countries and international or regional organisations such as the European Union. With a 2.2% annual population growth, the francophone world is the most dynamic linguistic space in the world. The French language skills developed by the students during this programme will become a growing valuable professional asset in the next decades.

Depending on the background of the candidate, the master programme can be taken in 1 or 2 years. During these years, students deepen their knowledge in the fields of French language and culture, didactics, interculturality, comparing French language with other languages and in particular with the Arabic language (contrastive linguistics).

During the last semester, students do an internship to gain professional experience and complete their university education.

Students develop their skills through projects, workshops and constant dialogue with their teachers and colleagues.

The courses are taught by professors from Sorbonne Université, whom are internationally acclaimed in the field of French language and Teaching French as a Foreign Language (FLE). This programme is the only existing one outside France that equals the Master LFA taught in Paris.

All courses are taught in French and refresher courses in French language can be taken before starting the programme.







# Overview



# Programme highlights

## International recognition

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi provides the combined experience of Sorbonne University and Université Paris Cité. This rich heritage of joint excellence is now available in Abu Dhabi under the Ministry of Education and is recognised worldwide.

## Networking

Each class will have a select number of students from different countries. A strict entry selection procedure will guarantee the quality of the degree and will allow you to expand your personal network with high potential peers.

*"Graduates from this programme can apply for teaching positions in middle school, high school and at a university level. They can also apply for professional training positions in the tourism, culture and health sectors."*

**The Master Teaching French as a Foreign Language is taught in French and spans across 4 semesters over 2 years. Classes are taught in the evening to allow working professionals to combine their professional and study schedules.**

## Structure

Year 1	
Modules	Courses
Linguistics 1	<p><b>French linguistics (1):</b> describing French grammar: verbal morphology, nominal group morphology, simple sentence structure, complex sentence structure, grammatical terminology used in the classroom</p> <p><b>Contrastive linguistics (1):</b> theoretical questions in contrastive linguistics, French-Arabic contrastive linguistics, sentence structure in French and Arabic, language families, order of words in a sentence, agreement notion (verb-subject ; noun-adjective), voice notion (active, passive and middle), aspect notion</p>
Didactics 1	<p><b>French didactics (1):</b> project - developing a FLE course oriented towards acquiring B1 level morpho-syntactic skills (CECRL)</p> <p><b>Didactics of specialised French (1):</b> raising awareness on the field of specialized French, at the crossroads of language teaching and discourse analysis</p> <p><b>Language courses:</b> methods and materials (1): introduction to the skills expected from a FLE teacher; construction of progressions and educational sequences in the spirit of the communicative and action-oriented approaches recommended by the Council of Europe. ; knowledge of the objectives of the six learning levels defined by the CEFR,; learning how to didacticize authentic documents and publish exercises on a self-learning platform; Production of teaching materials subject to evaluation.</p>
Cultural anthropology (1)	<p><b>Comparative literature (1):</b> study of works from French literature and comparison with literature works or non-literary artistic works (painting, music, architecture ...) of other countries</p> <p><b>French civilisation (1):</b> historical and cultural aspects of French civilisation</p>
Language and IT	<p><b>Language:</b> learning a foreign language (other than French)</p> <p><b>IT:</b> IT tools for linguistic and teaching languages</p>



## Internship

Students not yet having work experience in the field of Teaching French as a Foreign Language will have to take a mandatory internship during the second semester of each year.

These internships nurture the development of critical thinking and enhance the student's skills by allowing him to apply the acquired knowledge into the professional world.

Students must submit an internship report.

Year 2	
Modules	Courses
Linguistics 2	<b>French Linguistics (2):</b> In-depth French Linguistics course (1). Analysis of more complex structures (subordination, values of tenses and verbal modes, etc.). The emphasis is on the language knowledge necessary to teach French grammar. <b>Contrastive linguistics (2):</b> theoretical questions in contrastive linguistics, French-Arabic contrastive linguistics (continuation and deepening of contrastive linguistics 1).
Didactics 2	<b>Didactics of French (2):</b> command of basic currents and texts in teaching of FLE; ability to rigorously build of a didactic unit adapted to a specific audience, level and specific objectives. ; the place of assessment in teaching and learning FLE; the notion of French as a second language. <b>Language courses:</b> methods and materials (2): Deepening of knowledge and know-how expected from FLE teacher
Cultural anthropology (2)	<b>Comparative literature (2):</b> study of works from French literature and comparison with literature works or non-literary artistic works (painting, music, architecture ...) of other countries <b>French civilisation (1):</b> historical and cultural aspects of French civilisation, client presentation, media training
Language and IT	<b>Language:</b> learning a foreign language (other than French) <b>IT:</b> IT tools for linguistic and teaching languages
Internship and internship report	Internship in a francophone structure, writing an internship report
Research thesis (optional)	Learning linguistic and FLE didactic research; French linguistic research seminars, writing a research thesis

# Assessment & graduation Requirements

Throughout the year, there will be frequent assessments and evaluations. Students will be evaluated on individual assignments, presentations, reports and examinations and internship reports to be submitted towards the end of the semester.

Attendance to all classes is mandatory and it is important that students are punctual and observe university regulations at all times.







# Career prospects

Graduates from the Master in Teaching French as a Foreign Language can apply for teaching positions in middle school, high school and at a university level. They can also apply for professional training positions in the tourism, culture and health sectors. In addition, they can apply for positions in cultural and diplomatic services in francophone countries, or for administrative positions in public and private institutions.

They can also pursue a career in companies specialised in marketing of editorial products that promote the French language and culture throughout the world. These opportunities are rich in the UAE and in other countries of the Middle East, as they have important cultural relations with France.

**Admission to the master programmes is selective and competitive and each applicant will be considered on his/her own merit. The admissions process ensures that every course has an ideal mix of people with talent, impressive interpersonal skills and a positive attitude.**

# Admission requirements

## General entry requirements:

- Bachelor in a relevant field with a CGPA of 3 out of 4 or equivalent. Candidates with a GPA between 2.5 and 2.99 can be granted a conditional acceptance subject to a probation period of one semester.
- B2 level in French language proficiency certificate (DELF or DALF, SELFEE, TCF with a validity of 2 years, TEF with a validity of 2 years) or Native French speaker who completed at least full 3 years in a French medium institution within a maximum period of 3 years.

Shortlisted candidates will be asked to attend an interview to assess the candidate's motivation, career expectations and relevant professional experience in the degree area. Applicants who earned their undergraduate degrees from universities outside the UAE must present a Certificate of Equivalency for their graduation certificates from the UAE Ministry of Education. Applicants, who are holders of undergraduate degrees issued by a licensed higher education institution in the UAE, are required to submit a copy of their degrees attested by the UAE Ministry of Education. For details on requirements, kindly visit the Ministry's website:

**[www.moe.gov.ae](http://www.moe.gov.ae)**

## Tuition Fees

**AED 131,900** (approximately US\$ 35,943)

## Scholarships are available for this programme\*:

- 20% alumni discount
- 25% academic excellence scholarship
- 25% discount upon enrolment on a second master's degree
- 5%-15% corporate offer

Visit our website for more information.

\*Conditions apply





# 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 University 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 awarded by Sorbonne University in Paris and officially accredited by the UAE Commission for Academic Accreditation ([www.caa.ae](http://www.caa.ae)).

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