
French Report

For intensive language and culture programme offered by the “Institut de Langue et Culture Françaises (ILCF), Université Catholique de Lyon (UCLy)” in Lyon, France

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Major: Translation and Interpretation Year: 4 Cohort: 2014 (not final year, while doing the program)

1) Why you decided to apply for this programme and what you expected before going to Lyon

I want to further improve my French skills, understanding of French culture and society, and raise intercultural awareness by immersing myself into French society. And with the exploration of study and life in France, I can develop an authentic study plan further future. I decided to apply for this programme because it distinguishes itself from the rest intercultural activities by presenting unique experience of a-month studying and living in Lyon. I think I am prepared for the programme since I finished the first French course (the course LT2401 French 1) in CityU in semester A 2016/17 and got an A for the credit grade remark. And I enjoy learning French.

2) The dates and place of your summer programme

August 2 to August 29, Lyon Catholic University

3) The course timetable

Monday and Friday 9:00-13:00, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00-13:00, 14:00-16:00

4) Your learning outcomes

4.1) Proficiency in French

- ⇒ Improvement of oral French: being able to greet, self-introduce, order and conduct basic conversation with cashiers and grocers; more confident to speak French
- ⇒ Improvement of written French: learning a lot of new vocabulary in the area of food, music, film, location, activity, weather and so on; being able to write letters, emails, invitations and descriptive passages
- ⇒ Achieving A1 level in Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

4.2) Understanding French culture and society

- ⇒ Obtaining an appreciation of local summer lifestyles, traditional Lyonnais cuisine
- ⇒ Visiting La Basilique Notre Dame De Fourvière, Musée des beaux-arts and Institut Lumière; gaining an insight into Lyonnais and French history, art and photography

4.3) Final result

	Moyenne générale sur 20	Crédits ECTS	Validation
Tronc commun – Français général	16	9	Admis(e)
Compréhension écrite	17,5	2	
Compréhension orale	15	2	
Production écrite	15,75	2	
Production orale et interaction	15	2	
Travail personnel et assiduité	16	1	

Niveau selon le CECRL: A1

5) Whether the programme met with your expectations

The program met with my expectations. The course schedule is tight and the content is rich and covers a lot of different interesting and practical topics. The course covers writing, listening and also speaking, which is well-designed. The amount of homework is adequate to help students to revise what they learn at the day and also spare some time for other cultural activities.

6) What you liked/enjoyed (in term of the lessons provided, the accommodation and your daily life in Lyon)

I like the strength of the lessons. Students living in the accommodation were from different countries and with different cultural background, which is helpful for building up international social network and offers a global experience. The city – Lyon – is quiet, cultural, safe and peaceful. I enjoy the pace and lifestyle in Lyon not as quick and stressful as Hong Kong.

7) What you disliked, your disappointment (in term of the lessons provided, the accommodation and your daily life in Lyon)

The facility in the accommodation is generally old and there is not fan in the room. It can become quite hot in the room in August that makes the stay a bit unpleasant. The front door could not be opened by student's door key from 10 pm to early morning and it need to be opened by the receptionist. Once when I came back after 10 pm and there was no receptionist at the reception, I had to wait until a student walking pass and opened the door for me. I understand it is out of safety consideration but the rule can be inconvenient sometimes. It was a shame that many shops and restaurants were closed during summer. And the city is a bit empty, because French people were out for holiday.

8) What you did in term of extra-curricular activities, outings, during weekends, etc.

The university organized several activities on Wednesday for free or with certain fee, including Lyon city tour, cruise trip, international dinner, visiting Institut Lumière, trip to Mont Blanc, train trip to south France. I spent the weekend visiting museums, parks, tourist attractions in Lyon and also having short stays in nearby towns and cities.

9) The cultural aspects of your trip

I cooked on my own and also had French food in restaurants during my stay in Lyon. I did not really miss Chinese food, because I am flexible about food and I enjoy having and making different cuisine. I notice one of the cultural difference between French and Chinese is that French people tends to enjoy more spending a lot of time on having nice food with friends and family more often than Chinese people, no matter how busy their day is.

10) What could be improved for future students going to Lyon

Bring a fan or something similar to help you cool down. Other than that, everything else is great and I really enjoy it.