



French Language School on the Riviera

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THE SCHOOL

Actilangue



Actilangue was established in **1977** by **Paul Ceccaldi**, the Executive Director. **Mélissa Spadaro** is the Director of Studies. The Actilangue language courses are conducted solely in French by **experienced instructors**.

The school building was built at the end of the 19th century and it is located in a **pleasant area** full of cafes, restaurants, shops and boutiques. The reception office is on the left of the main entrance, the waiting room on the right side.



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There are **coffee** and **cool drink** machines. The school occupies the first floor. It has **10 rooms, 6 classrooms**. In the teacher's room, there is a **library** and **audio-video material**. Students have **free internet WI-FI access**. Actilangue rents during the summer several classrooms close to the main building.



The location

The school building is located in the heart of Nice, near the Hotel Negresco. The **beach** and the famous **Promenade des Anglais** are only a two minute walk away.



There is a **post office** next to the school. It is open Monday through Friday non-stop from 8:00 till 18:00 and from 8:00 till noon on Saturday. Around the school, the student will find a school **book-shop**, a **kiosk**, a **tobacco store** (for bus tickets and telephone cards), a **bank**, a **supermarket**.

The school staff

Paul Ceccaldi - Executive managing director

Giulia Bandi - Registration & accommodation manager

Mélissa Spadaro - Director of studies

Blandine Vanpouille - Guide for excursions and cultural activities



The teachers

Mélissa Spadaro is the Director of studies and she is a teacher for Actilangue since 2007. She is responsible of the organisation of the classes, the recruitment of new teachers and their education and professional training. Mélissa Spadaro is co-author of the **Actilangue's books**.

All teachers are **University graduates** and have **post-graduate qualifications and experience** in teaching French as a foreign language. Most also have other areas of expertise (literature, art, history, etc.). In addition to this the teachers are selected for **their ability to stimulate students in their studies of French**. The average age of the teacher team is between **25 and 35 years**. All teachers are motivated and dynamic. Most of them work many years for Actilangue.



GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

Language Teaching Methods

The latest direct teaching methods are applied in a **friendly, relaxed atmosphere** guaranteeing **optimum intensity** and **maximum individuality**. All students use materials **developed by Actilangue** (included in the course price). A special feature of the Actilangue program is the emphasis on conversational French. Students in the intensive courses have either **one or two lessons in small conversation groups**. Students are grouped by **age** and **mutual interests** in addition to their knowledge of French in such a way that conversation focuses on **topics of interest to all**.

The Actilangue Programme

Placement in the different courses is based on a personal interview and a written test. At all levels, emphasis is placed on the practical use of spoken and written French. The language is learned in realistic situations, reinforced by appropriate background information on the French way of life.

Course I - Almost beginners.

Goal: Learning the fundamentals, acquiring basic vocabulary, learning principal verbs and tenses as well as simple sentence structure.

Course BI - Students whose knowledge of French ranges from fair to intermediate.

Goal: A quick brushing up of the fundamentals, increasing the basic vocabulary by means of primary verbs and tenses, more work on simple oral and written sentence structure. Course

BII - Intermediate students.

Goal: Mastering intermediate and advanced sentence structure, intensive work on oral and written expression, expanding the vocabulary.

Course C - Advanced students.

Goal: Reading and analysing various texts, improving the facility of the language, becoming more closely acquainted with the linguistic content of the French language.

LESSONS: 45 minutes each.

CLASS SIZE MORNINGS: 6 to 12 students. - **CLASS SIZE AFTERNOONS:** 4 to 8 students.

STUDENTS

16 years and over (no age limit) are accepted. The student body is primarily European (over 12 nationalities). Participants come from a variety of backgrounds - **students (undergraduate and graduate), business people, teachers and professors, physicians and attorneys, senior citizens, and tourists**, etc.

KNOWLEDGE OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE

Absolute beginners can be accepted **only** for Private Courses (one-to-one tuition).

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

This certificate states the **type of course** and the **number of weeks**. Students, parents, or employers can obtain a signed report on attendance, work, and progress on application to the Principal.

THE TUITION FEES INCLUDE

Grading test, tuition according to the type of course, teaching aid, certificate of attendance.

The school is **CLOSED** from the **DECEMBER 18, 2021 to JANUARY 9, 2022** and from the **DECEMBER 17, 2022 to JANUARY 8, 2023**. The office is open all year round.

BANK HOLIDAYS (NO LESSON): Easter Monday, May Day (1st May), Ascension Day, Bastille Day (14 July), Assumption (15 August), All Saints Day (1st November), Armistice Day (11 November).