



# Centre d'Approches Vivantes des Langues et des Médias Vichy

## PROFILE

Cavilam was founded in 1964 by the universities of Clermont-Ferrand and the city of Vichy. It is directed jointly by the president of the Université Blaise Pascal in Clermont-Ferrand and the mayor of Vichy.

Cavilam has four purposes:

- Developing living approaches to language teaching
- Teaching French as a foreign language to foreign students and trainees
- Actively contributing to educational innovation
- Training and assisting French professors

The school enrolls 4,500 students each year in its various programs.

Every member of Cavilam's faculty is a specialist in the teaching of his or her native language.

### CAVILAM's courses

- Intensive courses of one week and longer
- Extensive courses of 12, 24, and 36 weeks
- Intensive courses + optional private courses
- Super-intensive courses
- Private courses
- Special-purpose courses (scientific, medical, legal, diplomatic, etc.)
- French as a foreign language: preparation for and administration of diploma examinations (DELF, DALF, CCIP) and tests (TCF, TEF)
- "Language and leisure" programs (spa and golf)
- Programs for young people: Sports and Languages

### Postsecondary programs

- Preparation for higher education in France
- With the faculty of economics and management of the Université d'Auvergne
  - University diploma (diplôme d'université), introductory studies in economics and management
  - Professional master in Management and Business Administration (supprimer : 2-year program)

### Programs for educators

- Intensive sessions for postsecondary faculty
- Thematic workshops
- Advanced courses in language, communication, and culture
- Seminars for trainers of trainers
- With the faculty of literature, language, and humanities at the Université Blaise Pascal
  - Master 1 in French as a foreign language,
  - Master in teaching French as a foreign or second language

## IDENTITY FORM

Precise name of the institution →	CAVILAM - Centre d'Approches Vivantes des Langues et des Médias
Type of institution →	Private Institute of Higher Education
City where the main campus is located →	Vichy
Number of students →	4,500
Percentage or number of international students →	4,000
Type and level of qualifications awarded →	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher education: Master 1 FLE, Master 2 FLES - University Diploma - Initiation to studies in Economy and Business Administration, Professional Master - Management and Company Administration, OWED Economy and Management, Master 2 professional: Business management</li> <li>• FLE: Exams: DELF / DALF - CCIP: CFJ, CFTH - Tests: TEF, TCF, TCF / DAP</li> </ul>
French language courses →	Yes
Programs for international students →	Yes
Programs in English →	Yes
Registration fees / year (for information only) →	Enrolment fees: 56 euro, + expenses of lessons according to chosen training
Postal address →	1, avenue des Célestins - 03200 Vichy France



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### Areas of expertise

- French language and culture
- Training courses for teachers: didactics and methodology of FLE
- Development of teaching materials: multimedia and distance learning
- French for specific purposes
- Certifications: CAVILAM is an official exam centre for French language exams and tests.

### Strengths

- High-quality teaching
- Classes beginning each Monday
- Free access to inter-university media center: independent study under faculty supervision, library, video and DVD viewing stations, computer facilities, Internet
- Students live with select host families or in university housing.
- Foreign students met at train station or airport
- Individualised assistance (residency card, bank account, medical exams, etc.)
- Cavilam's excellent cultural enrichment office organizes weekly cultural and recreational events including athletics, excursions, tours and site visits, festivals, and thematic parties.

### Location

Vichy is an attractive, leafy town in the Auvergne region of central France; it easily reached by rail and air (to the nearby Clermont-Ferrand/Vichy international airport). Cavilam welcomes students in the centre of town, on international campus of the University and Technology Centre of Vichy, located in parkland by the Allier lake. Students have at their disposal the latest state of the art technological equipment. Cavilam's lakeside facilities are located in the international campus of the university complex (9,000 m<sup>2</sup>). The school's state-of-the-art facilities are world class.

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