



Service of French language exams reserved for foreign students (SELFEE)

Find out more about the six proficiency diplomas of the **Paris-Sorbonne University**.

English version  

Introduction

Since 1961, the Paris-Sorbonne University has offered to those wanting to acquire **proficiency in the French language** the possibility of having six different certificates, validating the candidates' written and oral skills and providing **access to our degrees**.

Conforming to the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (CEFR), the diplomas are **divided into five levels of knowledge**: threshold (B1), vantage (B2), advanced (C1), mastery (C2) and proficiency (C3).



For the three higher levels (C1, C2 and C3), the certificates include a literature program that allows candidates to **better prepare their university path**.

Each year, over 5.000 applicants from more than 56 nationalities rely on our teaching and administrative staffs, both under the direction of Mr Ilinski, Professor of the University, and Mr Soutet, Linguistics Professor and the Director of the French language UFR, for their certificates.

13 sessions are organized annually in France and abroad.

The certificates

The **six certificates of proficiency from the Paris-Sorbonne University** are targeted towards youth or adult participants, students or not, foreign or French (if originally from a non-Francophone country). One candidate can enrol in several tests over a calendar year.

All the certificates of proficiency from the Paris-Sorbonne University are **acquired definitely** and therefore do not have any validity limitation.

The tests of previous years, and their respective corrections, can be accessed on our website.

I – Tests of French language (B1 and B2 levels)

For both levels, candidates are **evaluated on four linguistic domains**: written expression and production, along with oral expression and production. The tests comprise four steps: grammar and spelling exercises; written expression and comprehension; listening comprehension; and oral expression.

Entitlement	Description
PARIS-SORBONNE B1 Intermediate certificate of French language	This certificate is specially intended for those candidates who, beginning to make progress in learning the French language, wish to validate the acquired knowledge.
PARIS-SORBONNE B2 "Comprehension and expression" module	This module is the official test for enrolment at the Paris-Sorbonne University in Licence 3*, Master or Doctorat . Passing the proficiency test is a necessary but not sufficient step, for university entrance; applications are globally analysed.

*All non-European foreign student who want to join the first university degree in a French institution (the first two years of *Licence*) must undergo a special procedure, the DAP - *demande d'admission préalable*.

Inscription for the B2 module does not presuppose the prior obtaining of the Intermediate certificate.

II – Tests of French language, literature and civilization (C1, C2 and C3 levels)

The four tests of the Paris-Sorbonne University corresponding to the more advanced levels of proficiency are composed of **two major phases**: candidates are evaluated not just on their language skills, but also on their literary faculties. Applicants should thus study the **books listed** for each of the three levels (the "Literature and

civilization” module and the Certificate of Practical French language, both situated within the C1 level of proficiency, share the same literary program).

The list of the designated books can be accessed on our website. The literary programs are changed every two years, except for the C3 level, modified annually.

Entitlement	Description
PARIS-SORBONNE C1 “Literature and civilization” module	This test is intended for candidates who wish to complete the previous module to thereby obtain the <i>Certificate of Practical French language</i> (C1). Access to this examination is, therefore, subject to prior obtaining the “Comprehension and expression” module (B2 level).
PARIS-SORBONNE C1 Certificate of Practical French language	This certificate exempts EU nationals of the language test required by the Paris-Sorbonne University.
PARIS-SORBONNE C2 Diploma in French language and literature	To have access to this diploma, which exempts the language test required by the Paris-Sorbonne University for applications in <i>Licence, Master or Doctorat</i> , applicants must first obtain the C1 level.
PARIS-SORBONNE C3 Higher diploma of French studies	This diploma requires, in addition to language and literary skills, the same methodological skills expected of a French student. Obtaining this degree is equivalent to the first year of <i>Licence</i> of some among the literary formations of the Paris-Sorbonne University.

Inscription and 2013 fees

Candidates can apply:

1- Directly at the Paris-Sorbonne University, on an individual basis ;

I - **Enrolment by e-mail:** selfee@paris-sorbonne.fr;

II- **Enrolment by post**, to be sent to the following address:

Université Paris-Sorbonne SELFEE 1, rue Victor Cousin – 75230 Paris Cedex 05 France

III - **Presential enrolment** at the SELFEE offices. The service is open to applicants from 9h30 to 12h30 and from 14h00 to 16h00, from Monday to Friday (except on Wednesdays).

In the three cases, the **documents to be sent** are the application form (filled in capital letters) and the payment slip. For payments by bank transfer or postal order, the *receipt of payment* with the full name of the candidate must also be sent.

The **payment of the enrolment fees** can be made:

I - **By cash**, only in the SELFEE offices;

II - **By check** drawn from a French bank or **eurocheck**, in the SELFEE offices or by post. In both cases, it must be paid to the order of the *Agent comptable de l'Université Paris-Sorbonne*;

III - **By postal order**, to the order of the *Agent comptable de l'Université Paris-Sorbonne* (references to be displayed: 18B02 SELFEE);

IV - **By bank transfer** (any fees to be incurred by the applicant), which shall mention the

following references: 18B02 SELFEE. Other references to mention are:

<i>Account holder:</i>	Université Paris-Sorbonne
<i>Domicile:</i>	TPPARIS RGF DRFIP ILE-DE-FRANCE ET DE PARIS
<i>National identifier (RIB):</i>	10071 75000 00001005790 73
<i>International identifier (IBAN):</i>	FR76 1007 1750 0000 0010 0579 073
<i>Bank code (BIC):</i>	TRPUFRP1

2 - Through the language partner centres in France;

3 - Abroad, at the French embassies, at the French institutes or at the partner Universities.

Attention! The SELFEE does not ensure preparation for its diplomas. If they wish, applicants may refer to the language centres with which we have partnerships.

The convocation is sent by the SELFEE offices once the **complete dossier of inscription** (application form and payment slip); for payments by bank transfer or postal order, the *receipt of payment* with the full name of the candidate must also be sent) is received.

Enrolment fees of the diplomas from the Paris-Sorbonne University		
Paris-Sorbonne B1	<i>Certificat intermédiaire de langue française</i>	80 €
Paris-Sorbonne B2	<i>Module "Compréhension et expression"</i>	80 €
Paris-Sorbonne C1	<i>Module "Littérature et civilisation"</i>	80 €
	<i>Certificat pratique de langue française</i>	100 €
Paris-Sorbonne C2	<i>Diplôme de langue et littérature françaises</i>	100 €
Paris-Sorbonne C3	<i>Diplôme supérieur d'études françaises</i>	100 €

To access the calendar of the examinations of 2013, visit our website.

Contacts

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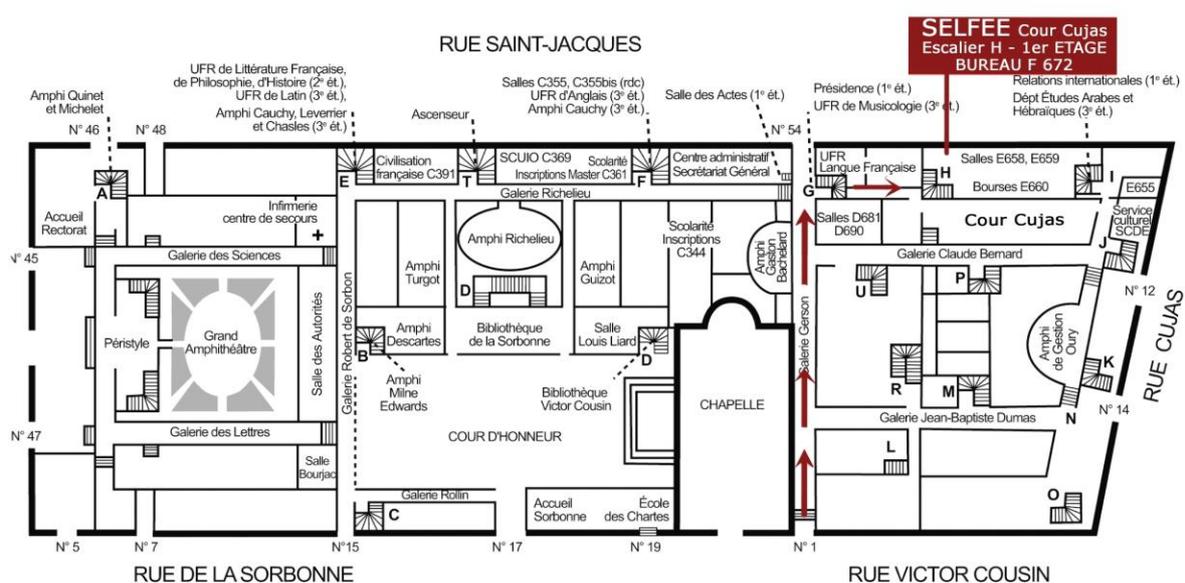
Opening hours

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Closed on Wednesdays

Email address

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Getting there?



Concluding remarks

The SELFEE does not ensure preparation for its diplomas. If they wish, candidates may refer to the language centres with which we have partnerships or make use of our transcripts archives. The language partner centres have specific preparatory courses for our diplomas.

The inscription, once made, is definite. **No refund is granted**, except in the event of suspension or cancellation of the tests by the SELFEE.

For additional information, visit our website: <http://www.paris-sorbonne.fr/l-international/>.