

Global English TESOL Courses

Guide to Teaching English in France

Welcome to our free guide on teaching English in France. We've got everything here in one short, handy guide to help you decide if TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) is for you.

Specifically:

- * **They've done it!** View our free TESOL guide to France, including advice, useful links and detailed comments from those already teaching English in France successfully.
- * A link to a **5 minute TESOL test**. Watch teaching in action and answer the questions to find out if teaching English is for you.
- * **Pay and work options** - language school or freelance? The basic legalities and teaching English in France as a non-EU citizen.
- * **The best 3 suggested TESOL courses for the French market**, plus a unique online TESOL course discount code.

They've done it!

One of the best ways to find out more about teaching English is to hear directly from others who are teaching English in France and learn about their experiences. For example:

- *David Allan, a retired solicitor took our online TESOL course and found he was in high demand in his small village in Northern France. Teaching part-time to supplement his retirement income, he taught a doctor, a pilot, children after school and ran an English conversation class for a few local ladies.*
- *Kerry Edwards taught business English full time through her local chamber of commerce after her Global English TESOL course.*

You can read more success stories and find out more about the pros and cons of teaching English in France from those who are doing just this:

<http://www.global-english.com/travel-teach-english-in/France/comments>

alongside our useful 'how to' guide to France here:

<http://www.global-english.com/news/teaching-english-in-france/>

Is teaching English for me?



While patience and a keen interest in your students are required, superb grammar knowledge, fluent French, teaching experience and the ability to manage a class of French teens aren't!

It may be time to throw out those preconceptions about learning languages that we've inherited from our school days.

Most of your students are likely to want to learn 'real' rather than school English and will be interested in improving their communicative English either generally or for a particular purpose, such as for business or for an exam or job interview. Your job as a teacher is to find out their needs and engage them through meaningful instruction and practice. Our job is to give you the skills and confidence to do just that. We'll take you through the grammar and methodology step-by-step so you can create lessons that work, to keep you teaching and earning.

So, is teaching English for you? Get a little TESOL insight by having a go at some basic English grammar and by answering some questions based on real teaching in action in our 5 minute Freelance teaching in France TESOL quiz:

<http://www.global-english.com/surveys/>

Pay and work options

Former Global English graduates are working as teachers in a variety of places. Here are just a few:

- employed in language schools, such as Wall Street English
- working as teaching assistants in French schools
- employed in-company through the Chamber of Commerce (CCI) network
- working from home by phone, which is a popular learning method in France
- opening their own schools

Since it is expensive to employ people in France, many employers prefer to offer a type of freelance contract with minimum number of hours guaranteed. In this way, at least to start, you may be working for a number of schools until you establish yourself.

Freelance teaching

By far the most popular way for our graduates to live and earn in France has been through freelance English teaching. It can be a liberating experience to set your own hours as well as a great way to get to know French people and establish social links. Many of our TESOL course graduates are mature life-changers or are looking for part time work or to semi-retire. Or else they are using teaching to supplement other interests they wish to pursue, be it in art, music or those involved in the holiday home rental business, for example.

The great advantage of freelance teaching is that you can set your hours and earn more than if you worked for a language school. While pay rates vary, you can expect to charge 17-30 euros per hour (compared to around 15-20 euros per hour in private language schools) depending on local demand, who travels to who and whether you are teaching business or general English.

There are lots of ways to build your student base in France, including by word of mouth, through contacting the local Chamber of Commerce network and by establishing links with local state schools, colleges and universities. Our graduates have written more about this in the first link of this guide.



Basic legalities if freelance teaching

If you are an EU citizen, you have the legal right to travel and work in France but that still means you need to keep to the rules. We've got a range of advice from those who have taught in France in this way. However, as legislation does change, please ensure you check out the legal working regulations for yourself. What follows is intended as a general guide only.

The advice below is from a former teacher who was working for us at www.phone-english.net amongst other teaching roles in France. He says:

'Keep everything legal by registering for tax and social payments (like the UK NI.) Urssaf <http://www.anqlais.urssaf.fr/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=733> can automatically register you for everything at once - your business, social payments and tax (there is even an English speaking hotline number.) A teacher might be best registering as a micro-enterprise initially and can expect about 25% tax deductions. Also if you choose a status other than micro-enterprise then you have to pay an accountant to do the book-keeping, whereas as a ME you can do your own. Actual registration is not expensive at all but the initial bills come quite rapidly afterwards.'

A colleague who set up a language school in Normandy after completing her TESOL advises that by registering as an 'autoentrepreneur' it will place you in the 'Self Employed' category which could work in your favour in terms of payback to the government – around 20.5% for language teaching. Also, it gives you 3 months from the first day of any money being exchanged to register which is good as it would give you some time to gauge interest.

There is also a handy article here describing the auto-entrepreneur registration and what it means: <http://www.frenchentree.com/france-employment-work-jobs/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=37356>

Teaching English in France as a non-EU citizen

France is a popular destination for Americans, Canadians and Australians but it is much more difficult for a French employer to employ a non-EU teacher legally, meaning that in many cases, they simply won't.

Applicants under than 30 years of age from Australia, NZ and Canada can ask for a Working Holiday Visa so nationals from these countries have an additional option.

So, if you are an American with no EU ancestry or spouse and do not want to work illegally, is working in France a possibility?

The answer is yes – but it will not be easy. One way is to enrol on a particular course in France and obtain a student visa (although you need to organise all this before arrival) so you can work up to 20 hours per week. The other option is to come to France and try to impress an employer into giving you a job – but then return to your country to organise the work visa. Both routes will require planning and patience. Explore the process through your French consulate in your own country first.

As a non-EU citizen, it is important to think of ways you can stand out from other teachers who may be easier to employ legally. Consider what else you can offer, invest in a good TESOL course and be strategic; you might want to target schools with the word: 'American' in their title, for example since this may indicate that they have a student base keen to learn American English. This may be because of business needs. Many EFL teachers have a generic TESOL qualification and so a TESOL with business specialism is something that can really make a difference in this sphere.



Top 3 TESOL courses for France (& a unique discount code)

If you've read the stories and had a go at the quiz and think TESOL is for you, the good news is you do not need to move to attend an expensive face-to-face class.

Global English have been specialists in online TESOL provision since 1997 and are one of the oldest and established accredited providers of online TESOL training in the UK. We know the French market and have some suggestions as to the best course for France to help you stand out from the crowd and give you the essential qualification and skills.

For 10% off any online course, your exclusive French Entrée code is: Fre1



We recommend one of the following accredited online courses

- 1 TESOL level 2 with 1-1 (100 hour course) Accredited level 2 course. Ideal for 1-1 teaching although it also covers general TESOL methodology. Includes free 1 year subscription to materials provider Handouts online. **Enter: Fre1 at checkout to get your 10% discount**
This now also comes free with a teach English online e-book since teaching English via Skype/online is well established in France. Find out more about this course here:
<http://www.global-english.com/courses/-tesol-training-tefl-training-tefl-courses-accredited-tesol-tefl/100-hour-level-2-tesol-with-one-to-one>

- 2 TESOL level 4 with business (180 hour course) Accredited level 4 course. Ideal if your teaching is likely to contain a mix of 1-1, business and/or language school work. Includes a free business book and multi-rom. **Enter: Fre1 at checkout to get your 10% discount**
Find out more about this course here:
<http://www.global-english.com/courses/-tesol-training-tefl-training-tefl-courses-accredited-tesol-tefl/180-hour-level-4-tesol-with-business>

TESOL level 4 with young learners (180 hour course) Accredited level 4 course. Ideal if your teaching is likely to contain a mix of young learners, teaching assistant or language school work. Includes a free YL course book. **Enter: Fre1 at checkout to get your 10% discount.** Find out more about this course here:
<http://www.global-english.com/courses/-tesol-training-tefl-training-tefl-courses-accredited-tesol-tefl/180-hour-level-2-tesol-with-young-learners>

Add a 20 hour grammar course to your main course in your shopping cart and get 10% off the total:

<http://www.global-english.com/courses/-tesol-training-tefl-training-tefl-courses-accredited-tesol-tefl/20-hour-english-grammar>

What you can expect from Global English:

- CV checking – ensure your CV is TEFL ready; we'll personally review it for you
- accredited flexible online TESOL courses - designed for the French market
- access to a personal tutor throughout your course for any help or advice
- 14 day money back guarantee on courses (as long as you have not submitted work)
- TESOL advice post-course. We love hearing from and continuing to advise our TESOL course graduates worldwide

'I found Global English very professional from start to finish. The Business English modules are invaluable in my new position and I would highly recommend them.'
Daniel Bourne

Any other questions?

For any questions on France or TESOL, contact Louisa or William on info@global-english.com or +44 1392 411 999 or join our Facebook group to correspond with us and our trainees:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/22863514733/?ref=ts>.

We look forward to hearing from you and helping you on your TESOL journey.

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Use your unique online TESOL discount code *Fre1* and [start today](#).

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