

འཕགས་ ། национален ། 文化 ། شرفية

inalco

Institut national  
des langues  
et civilisations oriental

བོད་ཀྱི་སྐད་ཡིག་

中文

پښتو

Reach out  
to the world

हिन्दी

РУССКИЙ ЯЗЫК

සිංහල

# “OUR VALUES – HUMANISM AND THE INTERACTION AND DIFFUSION OF CULTURES – SHAPE ALL OF OUR TEACHING AND RESEARCH CHOICES AND ACTIVITIES”



*“Inalco began teaching languages and civilization studies in 1669. Ever since, the Institute has cultivated its role in understanding a living heritage outside of any Western references. Inalco promotes the discovery of the world as it is, in all its wealth and diversity, with a desire to become immersed in another way of thinking.”*

*Through the quality of our courses and research, we strive to disseminate the knowledge and skills essential for people to understand and engage meaningfully with each other, culturally and socially as well as professionally.*

*Our values – humanism and the interaction and diffusion of cultures – shape all of our teaching and research choices and activities.”*

Manuelle Franck  
President of Inalco

## Our commitments

### **Advance knowledge of worlds and civilizations**

Since our beginnings, we have studied and sought to understand all societies, their languages and their cultures.

### **Provide unique expertise on the contemporary world**

The subtleties and understanding of a changing world are our core concern.

### **Celebrate difference**

We are a hub for the most diverse cultures, a melting pot, a community forged on cultural inquiry.



## The richest and most diverse range of language and civilization courses in the world

Over the centuries, Inalco has become an institution of unrivalled scope, teaching languages that span Central Europe, Africa, Asia, America and Oceania. No other institution or country offers such a diversity of courses, such opportunity to expand horizons and such a wealth of knowledge, all in one place.

### A HUNDRED LANGUAGES AND CIVILIZATIONS

Our language and civilization courses are taught by world-class academics who are specialists in their fields and by native-speaking tutors of the languages studied at Inalco. From the undergraduate to the doctorate level, our research-led teaching is open to inquiring minds from all backgrounds, be they fresh out of high school, undergraduate or graduate students, or adult students in continuing education.

### DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS TO SERVE DIFFERING NEEDS

The undergraduate, graduate and continuing education courses offered at Inalco allow students to gain

- mastery of a language and a thorough knowledge of the corresponding civilization over a degree program;
- specific expertise to complement other qualifications.

Our courses lead to career paths in international business, international relations, communication and intercultural training, language teaching and multilingual computing.

**Bachelor's degrees:** courses by language and region that can include a professional specialization.

**Master's degrees:** regional programs targeting a research discipline or professional direction.

**Doctorate:** PhD research at Inalco's Doctoral School.

**Diplomas:** certificates, introductory diplomas, language and civilization diplomas, professional Master's degrees.

### CAREER PROSPECTS

**International business:** import-export, marketing, logistics, finance, corporate consulting.

**International relations:** diplomacy, defense, communications, humanitarian work, intercultural mediation, business intelligence, journalism.

**Languages:** multilingual engineering, SEO specialist, language processing, translation and interpreting.

**Culture and tourism:** cultural activities, tour guide, transportation companies, cultural heritage conservation, audiovisual.

**Education and research**

---

9 000

students

3 000

classes



## Specialized, productive research

Research at Inalco combines area studies and academic fields, the junction of which is particularly innovative and fruitful in scientific terms. Our researchers study languages and civilizations that are increasingly in the spotlight — Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and as far as the Arctic — and are central to the major issues of the 21st century. Fourteen teams, often partnered with other research organizations, our top-class PhD programs, and a major international publishing service form the backbone of research at Inalco. We also have a project management and knowledge transfer service.

### STRONG SUPPORT FOR PHD STUDENTS

Inalco supports doctoral students from their enrollment to the defense of their dissertation, offering advanced courses on area studies and in the main disciplines of the humanities and social sciences. In concert with Sorbonne Paris Cité's College of Doctoral Schools and Career Development Training Center for PhD students, we also work to enhance the prestige of doctorates among employers and develop PhD students' transferable skills and adaptability.

### AN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE TO FACILITATE RESEARCH

The research teams, administration offices and doctoral school are housed in a building dedicated entirely to research, with access to a full range of support functions: assistance in preparing research proposals and grant applications, organizing scientific events, looking for partnerships and funding, publication support, internal funding, and communication.

---

200  
faculty  
members

300  
PhD students

14  
research  
teams

100  
scientific  
events  
per year

“LANGUAGES AND  
CIVILIZATIONS THAT ARE  
CENTRAL TO THE MAJOR  
ISSUES OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup>  
CENTURY”





## Inalco in France and in the World

### AN INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE

Thanks to over 200 partnership agreements, Inalco conducts research projects in over one hundred countries and offers joint programs with foreign universities.

This allows Inalco students and the students of our international partners to complement their studies with an immersion experience.

Inalco offers distance courses via videoconferencing and online learning content: Inuktitut (Inuit language), Estonian, and soon Swahili (African language).

### FOUNDING MEMBER OF SORBONNE PARIS CITÉ

Inalco is an active member of Sorbonne Paris Cité, a major player in higher education and research worldwide with 120,000 students, 8,500 faculty members, and 6,000 technical and administrative staff. Branches have been opened in Singapore, Buenos Aires and Sao Paulo.

### INALCO FOUNDATION – LANGUES O'

The preservation, study, transmission, development and interaction of languages and cultures are Inalco's core concerns. Our foundation strives to develop these dimensions in France and around the world with projects involving the Institute's expertise: education, research, advancing knowledge and skills in a globalized world.

### A VIBRANT CULTURAL CENTER

With our 120 nationalities and more than 3,000 classes, the commingling of cultures is a tangible feature of Inalco. The Institute, along with its teachers, students and partners, organizes over a hundred cultural events a year. Inalco also participates in several international film festivals and makes every effort to share its knowledge and expertise with society.

---

## 120

More than  
120 nationalities  
represented  
by Inalco faculty  
and students

“COMMITTED HUMANISM,  
PROJECTS ROOTED  
IN THE WORD”

## KEY DATES

1669 Colbert founds the *École des jeunes de langues* language school

1795 The *Ecole spéciale des langues orientales* (Special School for Oriental Languages) is established

1873 The two schools merge

1914 The school becomes affectionately known as *Langues O'*

1971 The school is renamed the *Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales* or Inalco (National Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilizations)

1985 Inalco is recognized as a *grand établissement*, the mark of France's most prestigious research and higher education institutions

2010 Inalco becomes a founding member of *Sorbonne Paris Cité*

2011 Inalco centralizes all of its taught courses under one roof at *65 rue des Grands Moulins* in Paris

