



TAILOR-MADE TUITION - TERMS AND CONDITIONS

We are committed to meeting the requirements of our students in French language tuition. However, tailor-made tuition requires guidelines that we would ask you to consider carefully and sign in agreement. This type of tuition is an arrangement where an absence on the part of the student(s) can mean a loss of money and complications for both parties and for the Institution. In order to avoid misunderstandings and unnecessary inconvenience, we propose the following conditions:

1. Course booking is complete only once the payment for the course has been made and the student(s) have acknowledged acceptance of the following terms and conditions. Please read them carefully, as they may have changed since your last enrolment.

Course fees:

2. Fees are payable in advance, at least one working day (not including Saturdays) prior to the first lesson. They are not subject to VAT. For business bookings where credit is accepted, a written acceptance of the charge or a valid Purchase Order from the company must be received at least one day before the first lesson.
3. We regret that payment of course fees in instalments is not accepted.
4. Course contracts which have been paid for may be cancelled up to three working days (not including Saturdays) in advance of the day of the first scheduled class. The statutory 14 days cooling off period apply. In this case, in order to obtain a refund, requests must be made in writing to reception@afmanchester.org. Any cancellations sent to any other address may not be received in time.
5. After the first class has taken place, the course contract may not be cancelled, and no total or partial refund can be granted. The Alliance Française de Manchester cannot accept any responsibility for unforeseen changes in students' circumstances that may prevent attendance.
6. Fees include free membership to the Alliance Française de Manchester library and cultural centre for one year from date of payment. They also include access to the online student portal for the duration of the course.
7. If a contract is left uncompleted, it will automatically be filed four (4) months after the last class has been taken and any remaining credit will be lost.
8. Fees paid for tailor-made tuition contracts cannot be transferred to pay for group courses nor transferred to another student.

Cancellations and rescheduling classes:

9. A time will be decided for the classes and the student(s) will try to respect this time as the regular one in so far as is possible.
10. For safeguarding reasons, for 1-to-1 classes with a student under the age of 18, where the student(s) and the teacher agree on a time different to the regular slot, the Alliance will send an e-mail about the new time to the parent(s)/guardian(s) and will wait for a confirmation before booking the new time.
11. For any cancellation of a scheduled class by the student(s), **the office of the Alliance Française de Manchester must be informed by TELEPHONE:**
 - In the case of a class due to take place on a **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday**, no later than **12pm on the day before the class** is due to take place.
 - In the case of a class due to take place on a **Monday or a Saturday**, no later than **Friday 12pm**.If notification is received in due time, another class will be arranged either by the teacher, who will in turn inform the office, or by the Alliance Française in agreement with the teacher.
12. For any cancellations received on the day of the class or after the deadline mentioned above, unfortunately we will need to charge for the full amount of the class.
13. If the teacher allocated to your course is unable to attend or conduct the course due to circumstances beyond our control (e.g. illness or technical failure), we will contact you as soon as we can to reschedule or we will allocate another teacher as appropriate.
14. The Alliance Française de Manchester cannot accept any responsibility for unforeseen events which prevent a student from attending or receiving a class on days when the premises remain open, such as strikes, adverse weather conditions, transport malfunction or technical difficulties, and cannot refund or replace the class under these circumstances.
15. For distance-learning classes, no total or partial refund can be granted for courses where the student's technical equipment fails or is inadequate, or their internet connection becomes inadequate part-way through a course or after the course has begun. Students are advised to check that they have all the necessary equipment and a suitable internet connection before the course begins and to download the Zoom application in advance.
16. For classes scheduled to be held at the premises, we reserve the right to move the course online without refunds or credits should this become necessary due to health recommendations, an outbreak at an institutional level, or a worsening local health situation.

General:

17. During your initial consultation with the Course Director, you will be provided advice on your objectives and learning goals. We strongly recommend you follow the advice and reserve the right to refuse an enrolment where we believe the learning objectives are not achievable.
18. Distance-learning classes are conducted via Zoom. For best experience, we recommend connecting via the app and using a computer (rather than a tablet or phone), with a headset equipped with microphone, and a webcam (which may be integrated or external).
19. For online classes, in order to facilitate an interactive course experience, we request that you activate your camera and microphone. If there are any circumstances which make this difficult for you, please get in touch with us in advance of the start of your class.
20. Students may not record any lessons, using any device. It is strictly forbidden to publish on the Internet or on any public media any videos or images acquired during remote or onsite teaching activities, featuring voices or images or teachers, personnel, or other students of the AFM.
21. One or several teachers may be allocated to you throughout the period of your contract, to best suit your requirements and our operational needs.
22. Our teachers have signed a contract with the Alliance Française de Manchester which does not allow them to teach privately a student who has first been introduced by the Alliance Française de Manchester. We ask that our students respect this policy.
23. The Alliance Française de Manchester reserves the right to refuse admission/enrolment and to cancel a course contract without refund for any client in the event of serious contravention of the Code of Conduct, which is available on our website and at our reception.
24. The Alliance Française de Manchester further reserves the right to refuse admission/enrolment and to cancel a course contract without refund in the event of non-observance of the Health & Safety Procedures which are in place.
25. Any person expelled shall have the right of appeal BUT the appeal:
 - a) shall be in writing and shall be delivered by either recorded delivery post or electronic mail and in either case addressed to the Managing Director at the Alliance Française de Manchester within seven days of the expulsion;
 - b) shall set out the grounds on which the appeal is based.The notice and grounds will be considered by two members of the Board within seven days of receipt and their decision notified within seven days thereafter. Such decision shall be final.
26. The AFM reserves the right to refuse or revoke an enrolment where false information has been provided by the client.
27. Any complaint or commendation can be made in writing to the Managing Director (director@afmanchester.org).
28. Personal Data will be handled in accordance with our Privacy Policy which is available on our website and at our reception.
29. The Alliance Française de Manchester is closed for 2 weeks at Christmas and 1 week at Easter. Dates are available on our website. Classes which fall on Bank Holidays will be rescheduled on another weekday or postponed by one week, whichever is most convenient to both the student(s) and the tutor.
30. In the event of an incident beyond our control which forces closure of the Alliance Française de Manchester or prevents us from delivering classes (e.g. pandemic resurgence, extreme weather event, generalised internet failure, government order, local council order, or advice from the emergency services), we will endeavour to replace the classes with a suitable alternative to the best of our ability, but where this is not possible, we reserve the right to cancel any courses scheduled for the days concerned, without refund. To the extent that it is possible, such a closure will be advertised on the AFM website or otherwise communicated to the students concerned.
31. Students are responsible for their own property while on the premises. The Alliance Française de Manchester cannot take responsibility for any loss or damage to personal effects.