# Common Centre for Languages and Communication

The Common Centre for Languages and Communication hosts all classes related to English language, French Language as well as Spanish, German and Italian as a second language. Part of the English and French courses are specific to the students’ specialty. The main purposes of the centre are:

* The management of all these courses
* The relevance of their respective curriculum with regards to the level and specificity of each discipline within the Faculty of Sciences and Technology.

The teams consists of 3 full-time English teachers, accompanied by a foreign lector whose mother tongue is English.

Every year, 15-20 part-time teachers assist the team in providing support for the French, Spanish, German and Italian classes.

## The Centre’s missions:

The Centre for Languages aims at improving the knowledge and expertise in languages in a scientific context. Two main objectives are at stake:

Mastering both French and English language up to a standardized level of proficiency generally validated through an international language certification (TOEIC test).

Being able to interact professionally in a scientific environment, including research paper reading, lab communication, attending conferences and generally interacting with other scientists in a professional context.

It is also a place of research and innovation regarding the teaching of specialized courses designed to maximize the ability of our students to evolve in an international career and communicate in both inter-personal and professional situations. These skills are fundamental to broaden student exchanges and international mobility.

English language being the core communication media in the scientific community, it is taught as a foundation class at every level on BA/BSc and MA/MSc with total courses varying between 18 and 30 hours per semester.

The Centre hosts two specific classroom dedicated exclusively to language teaching:

* Room F001 is a hybrid teaching class with both standard classroom material, video-projection as well as 16 computers, allowing innovative hybrid activities and differentiated courses.
* Lab H111 is a state of the art multimedia classroom consisting of 30 networked computers designed for language teaching through varied activities (comprehension, speaking, research, online work and testing, certification preparation, etc.)

For obvious reasons of group size and management, as well as curriculum content, these rooms are prioritized depending on year, group and objectives.

**General Organisation**

**Head of Languages:**

Frédéric Hache (Head of Department, manager of 3rd and 4th years in Sciences, Sports, BTS OL, French language and second languages)

**Teachers:**

Chrystel BOST-PION (Manager of 2nd and 5th years)  
Neil FINN (manager of certifications, Med school and international exchange advisor)