

French language course – Beginner

30 contact hours / 4 ECTS credits

Course Objectives and Design:

- Develop the ability to understand spoken French in various contexts.
- Develop a French vocabulary sufficient for reading newspaper and magazine articles, literary texts and more, without dependence on a dictionary.
- Develop the ability to express oneself in French, both orally and in writing, coherently, resourcefully, and with reasonable fluency and accuracy.

Course description:

Students should be able to understand the French of a native speaker in a variety of contexts and representing a variety of francophone cultures. They should be able to understand non-technical written texts from a variety of sources (magazines, newspaper, literary text, letters, etc.). The students should be able to achieve a level of oral and written expressions that would be comprehensible to a non-sympathetic (i.e. not a teacher) native listener or reader, and they should grow in their knowledge of francophone culture. The teacher will use the French language almost exclusively in class and students are encouraged to do the same.

Daily Activities:

All daily communication will be carried out in French. Fluency is aided by the everyday use of speaking and listening skills. Class participation grades will strongly reflect students' daily use of the French language and their participation in class discussions.

Course outline:

- Greeting people
- Spelling
- Giving numerical information
- Introducing yourself identifying people, places, and things
- Expressing the date
- Talking about personalities, clothing, and colors
- Expressing possession and sensations (avoir)
- Mentioning specific places or people (à et de)
- Getting information

Evaluation:

20% required homework

25% group work

30% Final Exam

20% Oral proficiency, listening, class participation, and conversation

5% Attendance