

## **Languages For All Beginners 1 Course Description**

### **Course Length**

This course runs for 2 x 10 weeks per academic year. Classes take place once a week and last 2 hours. Total tuition equals 40 hours.

### **Course Target**

This course is aimed at students with no prior experience of French.

### **Course Objectives**

To achieve level A1.1 of the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages* (CEFR) or level A1.1 of the *Diplôme d'études en langue française* (DELFF).

By the end of this course, students should be able to communicate in basic day-to-day situations, including presenting themselves and their family, describing places and people, telling the time, asking for and giving directions, and performing simple everyday activities.

By the end of the course, students should be able to understand and use simple grammatical constructions, including the present, past, and future tenses, the imperative, pronouns and adjectives.

Students should also have a clearer understanding of Francophone society and culture.

### **Course Teaching**

This course focuses on communication, and practices all four skills: writing, reading, listening, and speaking.

Teaching emphasises an interactive approach, and students are encouraged to participate in group or pair work to practice their communication skills.

There is no assessment aspect involved in this course, but students are encouraged to complete short homework tasks when relevant.

### **Learning Resources**

Students will use *Le Nouveau Taxi 1* (livre de l'élève, Hachette FLE). Students are asked to purchase this book for the course.

Additional materials will be provided by the tutor in the classes.

## Course Outline

### Semester 1

#### **Week 1, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 13-17**

Introducing oneself and greeting others

Tu and vous

Basic classroom phrases

The alphabet

Verbs *être* and *s'appeler*

Countries and nationalities

Agreement of adjectives

Definite articles

#### **Week 2, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 18-22**

Ask for and give basic personal information

Verbs *avoir* and *aller*

Numbers 0-69

Possessive adjectives

La francophonie

#### **Week 3, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 23-27**

Il y a

Basic interrogation

Prepositions of place

Definitive and indefinite articles

Tonic pronouns

Basic negation

Physical descriptions

Possessive adjectives

#### **Week 4, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 28-32**

Clothing

Interrogation

Demonstrative adjectives

Numbers 70-100

Prices and shopping

Films and actors

**Week 5**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 33-37

Talk about accommodation

Prepositions

Interrogation

Asking for and giving directions

Imperative

Verb prendre

**Week 6**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 38-42

Holidays

Prepositions

Places and things to do

**Week 7**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 45-49

Times and dates

Verb partir

Nouns

Interrogation

Verb faire

**Week 8**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 50-54

Verbs écrire and lire

Sport and activities

Hobbies

**Week 9**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 55-59

Food and drink

Verb boire

Partitive article

Ordering in a restaurant

Passé composé

**Week 10, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 60-64**

Passé composé

Pour and pendant

Festivals and holidays

## **Semester 2**

**Week 11, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 65-69**

Interdiction and permission

Verbs pouvoir, vouloir, savoir

Il faut

Futur proche

**Week 12, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 70-74**

Verb connaitre

Pronoms COI and COD

Giving gifts and advice

**Week 13, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 77-81**

Pronoun en

Negation

Frequency and quantity

Express likes and dislikes

Express cause

Trop, assez and tout

Give an opinion

**Week 14, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 82-86**

Talk about holidays

Pronominal verbs

Give advice

Express opinions

Weather

**Week 15**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 87-91

Imperfect

Talk about the past and memories

Passé composé and imperfect

**Week 16**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 92-96

Talk about the past

**Week 17**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 97-101

Weather

Futur simple

Talk about the future

**Week 18**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 102-106

Express condition with si and quand

Discuss future and hypothesis

**Week 19**

Extra resources

**Week 20**

Extra resources