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 (DELF).

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.
Week 1, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 13-15
Introducing oneself and greeting others
Tu and vous
Basic classroom phrases
The alphabet
Verbs être and s'appeler
Nationalities
Agreement of adjectives

Week 2, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 15-18
Countries and prepositions
Agreement of adjectives
Definite articles
Ask for and give basic personal information
Numbers 0-69

Week 3, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 18-22
Verbs avoir and aller
Possessive adjectives
La francophonie

Week 4, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 22-25
Il y a
Basic interrogation
Prepositions of place
Definitive and indefinite articles
**Week 5, Nouveau Taxi 1, pp. 26-27**

Tonic pronouns
Basic negation
Physical descriptions
Possessive adjectives
Clothing and Colours
Interrogation

**Week 6, Nouveau Taxi 1, pp. 28-32**

Demonstrative adjectives
Numbers 70-100
Prices and shopping
Describing objects
Films and actors

**Week 7, Nouveau Taxi 1, pp. 33-35**

Talk about accommodation
Prepositions
Interrogation
Asking for and giving directions

**Week 8, Nouveau Taxi 1, pp. 36-37**

Imperative
Verb prendre
Prepositions à, de and en
Adverb y
Modes of transport
Week 9, Nouveau Taxi 1, pp. 38-42

Holidays

Prepositions of place

C’est

Pronoun on

Places and things to do

Comparison

Week 10

Revision and additional activities

Semester 2

Week 11, Nouveau Taxi 1, pp. 45-47

Times and dates

Verb partir

Nouns

Interrogation

Week 12, Nouveau Taxi 1, pp. 48-49

Verb faire

Expressions with faire

Occupations and agreements

Week 13, Nouveau Taxi 1, pp. 50-54

Verbs écrire and lire

Sport and activities

Pronominal verbs

Vocabulary referring to routine
**Week 14, Nouveau Taxi 1, pp. 56-57**

Food and drink
Verbes manger, acheter
Partitive article

**Week 15, Nouveau Taxi 1, pp.56-57 + Additional material**

Recipes
Ordering in a restaurant
Partitive article and negation
Verb boire

**Week 16, Nouveau Taxi 1, pp.58-59**

Passé composé with avoir
Adjective beau

**Week 17, Nouveau Taxi 1, pp.60-61**

Passé composé with être
Pour and pendant

**Week 18, Nouveau Taxi 1, pp.62-64**

Passé composé revision
Festivals and holidays

**Week 19**

Additional Material
Week 20

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