Languages For All Beginners 1 - Term 3 Course Description

Course Length

This course runs for 6 weeks per semester. Classes take place once a week and last 2 hours. Total tuition equals 12 hours.

Course Target

This course is designed for students with a limited prior experience of French. The aim of this course is to revise and consolidate knowledge acquired initial learning of the language, and for students to gain in confidence through a variety of speaking, writing and listening activities.

Required knowledge includes: regular verb conjugations, greetings, numbers, indefinite, definite and partitive articles, adjectives and agreements, how to talk about tastes/preferences and vocabulary relating to countries and nationalities, professions, family members, prepositions, household items, clothing and colours.

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. 22, 32
Regular verb conjugation
Speaking about tastes and daily routine
Faire and faire expressions

Week 2, Nouveau Taxi 1, pp. 28, 47, 49
Question formation
Vocabulary: time and date, numbers
Buying tickets at a station
Shopping at the market/clothing store

Week 3, Additional material (& Nouveau Taxi 1, pp. 41, 98)
Aller and the future proche
Talking about the future and making plans
Visiting cities in France
Giving directions

Week 4, Nouveau Taxi 1, pp. 58-9
Introduction to the passé composé
Relating past events
Vocabulary relating to clothing and shopping
Giving opinions

Week 5, Nouveau Taxi 1, pp. 60-1
Continuation of passé composé
Writing postcards/talking about holidays
Past expressions
Questions with the passé composé

Week 6, Nouveau Taxi 1, pp. 62-3
French Holidays
Revision and extension activities