

Languages For All Intermediate 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

Intermediate level is suited to those with some background in learning the language – for example, you may have completed one or two years at school level and are approximately at A2 level, or you may have taken beginner French courses in the department previously.

However, depending on the level of the students enrolled, the course can be adapted to work at a higher level (B1)

Please speak to a tutor for further placement advice.

Course Objectives

To achieve level A2 of the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages* (CEFR) or level A2 of the *Diplôme d'études en langue française* (DELF)

Depending on the starting level of the class, the objectives can be adapted to achieve level B1

This course aims to consolidate French vocabulary and grammar that may have been forgotten and then to extend student knowledge and confidence.

By the end of this course, students should feel confident communicating in day-to-day situations, including presenting themselves and their family, discussing places and people, expressing preferences and tastes, offering advice, using the past to recount stories, expressing opinions.

By the end of the course, students should be able to understand and use simple and more complex grammatical constructions, including the present, past, and future tenses, the imperative, pronouns, negation, reflexive verbs. (For B1 level, this is extended to include a solid understanding of the uses and formation of past tenses, pronouns 'y' and 'en', subjunctive, relative pronouns, direct object pronouns, plus-que-parfait, si clauses,

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

Materials will be provided by the tutor in the classes, and extra online practice materials will be made available.

For A2-based classes, students will use *Le Nouveau Taxi 1* (livre de l'élève, Hachette FLE) and for B1-based classes, students will use *Le Nouveau Taxi 2* (livre de l'élève, Hachette FLE). Students will be advised as to which book to purchase during the first weeks of the course.

Course outline (for A2 level)

Week 1

Assessment of levels
Revision of regular present tense (er, ir, re)
Revision of être and avoir
Describing yourself and your family/friends
Adjectival agreement (m/f/pl)

Week 2

Irregular present tense (common verbs: come, go, do, know, see, take)
Describing daily activities
Adverbs of frequency
Revision of numbers 1-100

Week 3

Reflexive verbs
Revision of time
Describing daily routine
Revision of numbers 100 +

Week 4

Il faut/devoir (expressing 'must')
Offering advice
Healthy lifestyle
Adjective place

Week 5

Imperative (in affirmative and negative)
Following and giving directions
The pronoun 'y'
Prepositions of place

Week 6

Describing the weather (present)
Passé composé (simple past)

Describing daily activities in the past
Recent past (Venir + de)

Week 7

Consolidation of passé composé
Describing holidays

Week 8

Formulating questions (in present and passé composé)
Booking/ordering/reserving in restaurants/ticket offices

Week 9

Imperfect tense
Describing the weather in the past

Week 10

Revision session

Course outline (for B1 level)

Week 1

Extended presentations of self (negative and affirmative)
Revision of passé composé
Expressions with 'avoir'
Authentic listening practice (music)

Week 2

Pronouns 'Y' and 'en'
Formulating questions in present and past
Dictation practice (close-listening)

Week 3

Future simple
Discussing future life plans
Jobs and work

Week 4

Social issues – unemployment
Relative pronouns
Relative clauses

Week 5

Technology – jobs of the future
Revision of imperfect formation
Plus-que-parfait

Week 6

Environment – transport and pollution
Present tense subjunctive

Week 7

Social issues – beauty expectations
Direct object pronouns

Week 8

Si clauses (3 types of conditional)
Environment – zero-waste lifestyles

Week 9

Differentiating the passé composé and imperfect tenses
Expressing opinions on different leisure activities

Week 10

Ce qui/ce dont
French idioms and colloquial language

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Week 11

Talking about holidays using le passé composé and l'imparfait

Les pronoms compléments d'objet direct et indirect

Week 12, Nouveau Taxi 2 p. 36-38

Le superlative

French Geography and life in French cities

Week 13, Nouveau Taxi 2 p. 44-45

Si clauses with l'imparfait et le conditionnel

Les adjectifs indéfinis

La santé et les résolutions

Week 14, Nouveau Taxi 2, p. 46-47

Les pronoms *en* et *y*

Les pronoms indéfinis

La santé et l'alimentation

Week 15, Nouveau Taxi 2, p. 48-9

Devoir + infinitive

Le subjonctif présent (il faut que)

L'interdiction et la nécessité

Week 16, Nouveau Taxi 2, p.50-53

Le subjonctif présent

Le sport

La politique

Week 17, Nouveau Taxi 2, 54-55

Les temps du récit

Le chômage

L'entretien professionnel

Week 18, Nouveau Taxi 2, 56-57

Les adverbe en *-ment*

La negation *ne... que*

La publicité et les figures de style

Week 19, Nouveau Taxi 2, 58-59

Les indicateurs de temps

L'histoire de l'école et les souvenirs

Week 20

Revision

Additional Material