



# L'École Française Chicago

## Class Schedule

### SUMMER 2021

Summer 2021  
July 6 – August 30  
(8 week-session- \$299)



We have designed especially for you **NEW language programs** to focus on specific learning objectives and communication goals.

**All classes will meet for 1h40minutes per week (8-week session)**

**TUITION is \$299.00 (Class materials and membership included)**

**Le Bonheur, c'est d'apprendre! / Learning is happiness!**

#### BASIC I CLASSES (A1 levels)

**Recommended timeframe: 60hrs / Total contact hours: 60hrs / Class codes: 100**

**Learning goals:** Upon completion of these basic A1 levels, students can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type. Can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has. Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

#### REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 1 • for Complete beginners !

101a Tuesdays, July 6-August 24 / 10:00-11:40am

101b Thursdays, July 8-August 26 / 4:00-5:40pm

101c Saturdays, July 10-August 28 / 2:00-3:40pm

**Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)**

In this first level of French, you will learn to introduce yourself and someone else, convey personal details such as nationality, profession, hobbies, numbers, likes and dislikes. You will study basic grammar, the present tense of regular verbs in -ER, the irregular verbs *avoir* and *être*, interrogative forms, definite and indefinite articles, and of course, phonetics to master French pronunciation! Your French journey begins here!



#### REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 2 • Bienvenue à bord...la Francophonie !

102a Thursdays, July 8-August 26 / 6:00-7:40pm

**Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)**

In this second level of French, we will focus on traveling (booking a flight and buying an airline ticket), talking about vacation, leisure activities and the weather, purchasing items in stores, expressing feelings and emotions, and finally ordering food. We will study the present tense of irregular verbs such *aller* and *faire*, verbs of movement ending in -IR like *partir*, *sortir*, *venir* and idiomatic expressions with *avoir* « *j'ai besoin de, j'ai envie de...* » Welcome on board! France has never been so close !



#### REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 3 • Bienvenue en France !

103a Wednesdays, July 7-August 25 / 8:00-9:40pm

103b Saturdays, July 10-August 28 / 2:00-3:40pm

**Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)**

In this third level of French, we will focus on describing our families, making a detailed physical description of a person and their personalities, talking about our daily activities, routine, time schedule and planning future events. We will study reflexive verbs such as *se promener*, *futur proche*, demonstrative and possessive adjectives, and finally we will explore cultural facets of France and of course Paris...*Bienvenue en France!*





### REFRESHER COURSE • BASIC I • Levels 1-2-3 • Brush-up Basic I

151a Wednesdays, July 7-August 25 / 8:00-9:40pm

151b Saturdays, July 10-August 28 / 2:00-3:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)

You've studied French in the past but it's been a while and you fear you've forgotten more than you remember? Or you've taken the basic levels and you would like to consolidate what you've learned? This class is designed for you. We will review general concepts such as countries, professions, family, food, and the weather, while revisiting basic verb tenses and grammar (*présent and futur proche*). You will find our refresher courses to be, well, refreshing!

### REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 4 • Bienvenue à Paris !

104a Wednesdays, July 7-August 25 / 6:00-7:40pm

104b Saturdays, July 10-August 28 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)

In this fourth level of French, we will focus on moving around Paris, following directions, taking public transportation, booking a hotel room, renting a car, an apartment or a house, and talking about our past. We will review the present tense of irregular verbs (*savoir vs connaître and -RE verbs such as conduire, descendre etc.*). We will study in depth the *passé composé*, prepositions and adverbs of location ...Welcome to Paris !

« Tout commence à Paris. » Nancy Spain



## BASIC II CLASSES (A2 levels)

**Recommended timeframe: 60hrs / Total contact hours: 120hrs / Class codes: 200**

**Learning goals:** Upon completion of these A2 levels, students can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). Can communicate about simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.

### REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 6 • Études, Professions et Emploi

206a Mondays, July 12-August 30 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)



In this sixth level of French, we will focus on education, professions and employment. We will focus on talking about education and studies, applying for a job, taking a French interview or hiring a candidate, writing a resume in French using its standards and making comparisons. We will review the present tense of irregular and -OIR verbs, the *passé composé vs imparfait*, *directs/indirect/En and Y* pronouns, and expression of duration (*depuis, pendant, pour, etc.*) « *Il faut travailler pour vivre et non pas vivre pour travailler...* » Proverbe

### REFRESHER COURSE • BASIC II • Levels 4-5-6 • Brush-up Basic II

251a Saturdays, July 10-August 28 / 10:00-11:40am

251b Mondays, July 12-August 30 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)

In this fast-paced course, we will review the present tense of irregular verbs (*savoir vs connaître, pouvoir, vouloir, devoir*) and reflexive verbs as well as the *passé composé*, the *imparfait*, direct and indirect pronouns, and the expression of duration (*depuis, pendant, pour, etc.*). You will expand your vocabulary (transportation, housing, shopping, studies, work, and cultural activities in Paris) while improving your pronunciation - and having fun!

« *Les meilleurs Américains meurent à Paris !* » O. Wilde



## REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 7 • Cuisine, Sport et Santé !

207a Saturdays, July 10-August 28 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)

In this seventh level of French, we will focus on health, sports and physical activities. Upon completion of this level, we will be able to register and join a gym, talk about leisure activities, healthy lifestyles and food diet, make an appointment at the doctor's or at the dentist's, and buy prescription drugs at a local pharmacy. We will review the imperative form, past tenses (*passé composé vs imparfait*), the *future simple*, *En* and *Y* pronouns, and the adverbs of frequency (*souvent, toujours, jamais...*). « *J'ai décidé d'être heureux, c'est bon pour la santé.* » Voltaire



## REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 8 • Communication, Vie sociale et Technologies !

208a Saturdays, July 10-August 28 / 4:00-5:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)



This class will prepare you to move on to the intermediate level with confidence. We will focus on means of communication, social events, the media, new technologies and CONVERSATION! Upon completion of this level, we will be able to talk further about our social lives, explore the greatest inventions of our times, make a detailed description of an object, ask information about computers and smart phones! We will review all basic levels (from 1 to 7): the present and past tenses (*passé composé vs imparfait*), the imperative form, the *future simple*, and *les pronoms relatifs simples* (*qui, que, où, dont*). « *Toute technologie avancée est magique !* » Arthur C. Clark

## INTERMEDIATE I CLASSES (B1 LEVELS)

Recommended timeframe: 120hrs / Total contact hours: 240hrs / Class codes: 300

**Learning goals:** Upon completion of these B1 levels, students can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise while traveling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text on topics that are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

## REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 9 • Vie domestique et savoir-vivre !

309a Wednesdays, July 7-August 25 / 12:00-1:40pm

309b Mondays, July 12-August 30 / 8:00-9:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)



In this ninth level of French, we will focus on describing our house or apartment, household chores and housework, paying bills and taxes, talking about properties, personal belongings, animals and home activities. We will also explore French « *savoir-vivre* » and good manners while focusing on the *conditionnel présent*. « *La politesse coûte peu et achète tout.* » Montaigne

## REFRESHER COURSE • LOWER INTERMEDIATE I • Levels 7-8-9

351a Wednesdays, July 7-August 25 / 12:00-1:40pm

351b Saturdays, July 10-August 28 / 4:00-5:40pm

351c Mondays, July 12-August 30 / 8:00-9:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)

Feeling like it's time for a review? In this class you will go beyond the basics and cover the *passé composé vs imparfait*, the *futur simple*, the *conditionnel présent*, and the pronouns *directs/indirects, en* and *y*. You will also work on your pronunciation and increase your vocabulary while discussing topics such as sports, health, new technologies, the media and social activities. « *Un esprit sain dans un corps sain* » Rabelais





**REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 11 • Actualités, Presse et Médias !**

311a Tuesdays, July 6-August 24 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (materials included)

In this eleventh level of French, we will focus on past tenses such as *passé composé*, *imparfait*, *plus-que-parfait* and *voix passive*! We will learn how to read and write articles in French, talk about news, and discuss current events through French newspapers, television and the radio.

Come and voice your opinions...en français ! « *Savoir, penser, rêver. Tout est là.* » V. Hugo

**REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 12 • Emploi, Économie et Finances**

312a Saturdays, July 10-August 28 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)

In this twelfth level of French, we will focus on employment, economy and finances and talk about personal achievements, regrets and hypothetical statements. We will review the following tenses : *passé*, *conditionnel présent* and *passé*, *le plus-que-parfait* and *hypothèses* (Si j'avais su...), possessive and demonstrative pronouns (le mien, celui-ci...). « *Plaie d'argent n'est pas mortelle.* » Proverbe



**REFRESHER COURSE • INTERMEDIATE I • Levels 10-11-12 • Brush-up Lower Intern. I**

351d Mondays, July 12-August 30 / 6:00-7:40pm

351e Saturdays, July 10-August 28 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)

In this fast-paced course you will review past and future tenses, the *conditionnel présent/passé*, the *subjonctif*, the *passif*, and the *pronoms relatifs simples* (*qui, que, où, dont*). We will also discuss topics of interest such as new technologies, the internet, social media, and the traditional media (television, radio and the press). « *Le vrai pouvoir, c'est la connaissance.* » F. Bacon



**REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 13 • Vie affective, Art et Culture**

313a Mondays, July 12-August 30 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (materials included)

In this thirteenth level of French, we will focus on talking about friendship and love relationships, entertainment, feelings and cultural activities (arts, cinema, theater, music, photography...) We will review all French tenses (from present to subjunctive), adjectives (*préfixes et suffixes*), regular and irregular adverbs (*-ment*), *le gérondif* (*en allant*), *les pronoms ce qui, ce que, ce dont...* ...). « *Aimer ce n'est pas se regarder l'un l'autre, c'est regarder ensemble dans la même direction* » A. De Saint-Exupéry



**REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 14 • Grammaire et Conversation B1 NEW!**

314a Fridays, July 9-August 27 / 12:00-1:40pm

314b Mondays, July 12-August 30 / 8:00-9:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)

You have completed intermediate I levels and now you wish to apply your knowledge through lively CONVERSATION before moving to Intermediate II levels? In this relaxed yet structured setting, we will discuss timely topics, reviewing grammar when necessary. You will be encouraged to lose your inhibitions and voice your opinions, *en français!* « *L'essentiel n'est pas de parler fort, mais de parler juste !* » W. Shakespeare





**REFRESHER COURSE • UPPER INTERMEDIATE I • Levels 13-14-15**

351f Fridays, July 9-August 27 / 12:00-1:40pm

351g Mondays, July 12-August 30 / 8:00-9:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)

In this class you will review and become more comfortable with the basic past tenses as well as the *subjonctif présent et passé*, the *conditionnel présent et passé*, the *gérondif*, and the *pronoms relatifs composés*. You will also discover current French words and phrases that you never learned before! Never feel rusty again! « *La mémoire fait toute la profondeur de l'homme.* » C. Péguy



**INTERMEDIATE II CLASSES (B2 LEVELS)**

**Recommended timeframe: 120hrs / Total contact hours: 360hrs / class codes: 400**

**Learning goals:** Upon completion of these B2 levels, students can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialization. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.

**REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 16 • « SPÉCIAL CINÉMA! » NEW**

416a Wednesdays, July 7-August 25 / 8:00-9:40pm

Tuition: \$299 ((materials & membership included)

In this sixteenth level of French, we will focus on French cinema. We will be exploring the history of French cinema, watching French blockbusters, analyzing famous French movie directors and actors, improving our comprehension skills and reviewing at the same time all French tenses and *les pronoms relatifs complexes (lequel, auquel, duquel...)*. « *Le cinéma est le septième art !* »



**REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 17 • Littérature, Poésie et Philosophie NEW**

417a Thursdays, July 8-August 26 / 8:00-9:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)

In this seventeenth level of French, we will focus on French literature and poetry. We will be exploring French masterpieces and main authors, reading literary excerpts, writing essays in French practicing at the same time *le passé simple*, *les pronoms relatifs complexes (lequel, auquel, duquel)* et *le factitif (faire vs rendre)*. Through exercises and conversation, you will become better equipped to read – and understand! – literary works in French. « *Venez parler et écrire comme u. livre...* »



**REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 19 • « Art, Peinture et Architecture »**

419a Thursdays, July 8-August 26 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)

Let's talk about arts, painting and architecture! In this nineteenth level, we will discover the most prolific French artists, the most popular museums and the most renowned architects of our times, studying at the same time the *discours indirect (reported speech)*.



REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 20 • PARDON MY FRENCH! • Le Français familier  
420a Tuesdays, July 6-August 24 / 8:00-9:40pm **NEW**

Tuition: \$299 (materials included & membership included)

Finally an entire course you can swear and curse...but in French only! Informal and spoken French, colloquial expressions, "onomatopées", "verlan" and slang are on the menu! Goodbye "Sacré Bleu" and older clichés! Welcome modern slang! Must be 18 years old or more!



### ADVANCED I & II CLASSES (C1/C2 LEVELS)

**Recommended timeframe: 120hrs • Total contact hours: 500hrs • class codes: 500**

**Learning goals:** Upon completion of these C1/C2 levels, students can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognize implicit meaning. Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organizational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.

**COMPRENDRE LES FRANÇAIS À TRAVERS LEUR HISTOIRE • ADVANCED I • NEW**

550a Wednesdays, July 7-August 25 / 6:00-7:40pm

550b Saturdays, July 10-August 28 / 10:00-11:40am

A conversation class about...French HISTORY, SOCIETY and CULTURE! Join us this Summer to improve your conversation skills, expand your vocabulary and increase your knowledge about French history, society and culture! Through various materials and diverse activities (videos, movies, songs, articles, debates, presentations...), you will better understand why the French are so complex, unique and ... exceptional!



**LITTÉRATURE & CINÉMA - "LUPIN" • SAISON 2 (Netflix - 5 épisodes) NEW**

550c Tuesdays, July 6-August 24 / 6:00-7:40pm

550d Wednesdays, July 7-August 25 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)

Back by popular demand, we will watch one episode each week of the second season Netflix series "Lupin" (Season 2) - starring Omar Sy - to better understand informal and spoken French, colloquial expressions, "onomatopées", and "verlan". We will compare this modern "gentleman cambrioleur" with its original fictional literary character to improve our reading skills!



**LE CERCLE LITTÉRAIRE • « TBD » -**

**• ADVANCED II NEW!**

650a Fridays, July 9-August 27 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included).

*Please note that each participant will have to order their own books.*

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