

FALL 2023

September 18

November 11



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SEPTEMBER 18–NOVEMBER 11

(HYBRID CLASSES: IN-PERSON or ONLINE)

8-week session – 1h40min per class – 15 learning hours

Tuition: from \$309* (class materials included)

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

HYBRID CLASSES / CLASS MATERIALS / ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

- We are offering **HYBRID CLASSES*** for the **Fall session**.

HYBRID means you may take the same exact course

IN-PERSON or ONLINE, your CHOICE!

No need to notify us, you may show up in person or online (via Zoom), this is your decision for the 8-week session. "La liberté, c'est de pouvoir choisir" ;-)

- If you do not know your level of instruction, we invite you to take our **free online placement evaluations**. (see homepage)
- Once enrolled, you will be receiving class materials (lesson plans in pdf format) and Zoom instructions **24 hours prior to your first class session**.

CLASS TUITION / DISCOUNTS / REGISTRATION PERIOD

Registration period will be ending on **September 17** at midnight.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS

\$309 from **August 1 to 15** (\$20.60 per hour)

\$329 from **August 16 to 31** (\$21.93 per hour)

\$349 from **September 1 to 17** (\$23.26 per hour)

Since we limit our classes to **10 participants maximum**, please **register EARLY** to enjoy early bird discounts, save your spot and avoid class cancellations.

REGISTRATION POLICIES

Since we limit our classes to 10 participants maximum,

please READ CAREFULLY our school policies before signing up for a course.

Credits, refunds, NO EXCEPTIONS will be granted unfortunately.

By signing up for one of our courses, you agree to abide by our school policies. Merci de votre compréhension!

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BASIC I CLASSES (A1 levels – from Levels 1 to 4)

Recommended timeframe: 60 learning hours • 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 – INTRODUCING YOURSELF • for Complete Beginners

101a Mondays, September 18-November 6 / 8:00-9:40pm / Daphné

101b Wednesdays, September 20-November 8 / 10:00-11:40am / Erwan

101c Thursdays, September 21-November 9 / 6:00-7:40pm / Erwan

101d Saturdays, September 23-November 11 / 12:00-1:40pm / Daphné

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Bienvenue! In this first level of French, you will master French pronunciation, introducing yourself and someone else, conveying personal details (nationality, profession, hobbies, numbers, likes and dislikes), studying basic grammar (present tense of regular verbs in -ER, the irregular verbs *avoir* and *être*, interrogative forms, definite and indefinite articles) to be able to (basically) interact with... confidence! Your French journey begins here!

REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 2 – DESCRIBING YOUR FAMILY & LIFE

102a Tuesdays, September 19-November 7 / 8:00-9:40pm / Erwan

102b Wednesdays, September 20-November 8 / 10:00-11:40am / Daphné

102c Saturdays, September 23-November 11 / 2:00-3:40pm / Daphné

Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)

In this second 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!*

REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 3 - TRAVELING TO FRANCE • French for travelers

103a Wednesdays, September 20-November 8 / 8:00-9:40pm / Daphné

103b Saturdays, September 23-November 11 / 10:00-11:40am / Daphné

Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)

In this third 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!

BRUSH-UP COURSE BASIC A1 Levels 1-2-3 – REVIEWING THE BASICS

151a Wednesdays, September 20-November 8 / 10:00-11:40am

151b Wednesdays, September 20-November 8 / 8:00-9:40pm

151c Saturdays, September 23-November 11 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$309 (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 – WELCOME TO PARIS • Bienvenue à Paris

104a Wednesdays, September 20-November 8 / 12:00-1:40pm / Erwan

104b Wednesdays, September 20-November 8 / 6:00-7:40pm / Daphné

104c Thursdays, September 21-November 9 / 8:00-9:40pm / Erwan

104d Saturdays, September 23-November 11 / 2:00-3:40pm / Erwan

Tuition: from \$309 (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 – from levels 5 to 8)

Recommended timeframe: 120 learning hours • 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.

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REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 6 - STUDYING & WORKING IN FRANCE

• Études, Professions et Emploi!

206a Mondays, September 18-November 6 / 6:00-7:40pm / Daphné

206b Saturdays, September 23-November 11 / 10:00-11:40am / Erwan

Tuition: from \$309 (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

BRUSH-UP COURSE BASIC A2 Levels 4-5-6 • EXPLORING FRANCE

251a Mondays, September 18-November 6 / 6:00-7:40pm

251b Saturdays, September 23-November 11 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$309 (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 – LIVING IN FRANCE • Cuisine, Santé et Loisirs!

207a Mondays, September 18-November 6 / 8:00-9:40pm / Daphné

Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)

In this seventh level of French, we will focus on gastronomy, health, sports and leisure 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

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SPECIALIZED BASIC LEVEL 8 – LE CLUB CONVERSATION BASIC A1/A2 LEVELS

• Prononciation, Vocabulaire et Communication

208a Mondays, September 18-November 6 / 8:00-9:40pm / Erwan

208b Tuesdays, September 19-November 7 / 10:00-11:40am / Erwan

Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)

You have almost completed the basic levels! 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 – from levels 9 to 14)

Recommended timeframe: 250-300 learning hours • 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.

BRUSH-UP COURSE B1 Levels 7-8-9 – UNDERSTANDING FRENCH SOCIETY & PEOPLE • Société et vie française

351a Mondays, September 18-November 6 / 8:00-9:40pm

351b Tuesdays, September 19-November 7 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$309 (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

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REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 10 – MASTERING THE SUBJONCTIF

• Doutes, Émotions et Opinions

310a Mondays, September 18-November 6 / 6:00-7:40pm / Erwan

Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)

In this tenth level of French, we will focus on one of the most challenging concepts in French grammar, le subjonctif présent and the vocabulary of new technologies! We will express our opinions about current events. One of the most difficult modes in French conjugation will become your best ally! *Le subjonctif sera votre meilleur ami!*

BRUSH-UP COURSE B1 Levels 10-11-12 – IMMERSION IN FRANCE

351c Saturdays, September 23-November 11 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: from \$309 (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 12 – CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN FRENCH

• Emploi, Économie et Finances

312a Saturdays, September 23-November 11 / 12:00-1:40pm / Daphné

Tuition: from \$309 (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

REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 14 – GRAMMAIRE & CONVERSATION

• REVIEWING INTERMEDIATE B1 LEVELS!

314a Wednesdays, September 20-November 8 / 6:00-7:40pm / Erwan

Tuition: from \$309 (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



INTERMEDIATE II CLASSES (B2 LEVELS – from levels 15 to 20)

Recommended timeframe: 350-400 learning hours • 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 17 • Littérature, Poésie et Philosophie **LEARN FRENCH THROUGH LITERATURE**

417a Tuesdays, September 19-November 7 / 12:00-1:40pm / Erwan

Tuition: from \$309 (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, ..l*) 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 un livre...* »

CONVERSATIONS CULTURELLES • LES 10 PLUS GRANDES PERSONNALITÉS **DE LA CULTURE FRANÇAISE et FRANCOPHONE**

450a Fridays, September 22-November 10 / 12:00-1:40pm / Daphné

Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)

Join us this session to improve your conversation skills, expand your vocabulary and increase your knowledge about the top 10 celebrities that impacted French culture (arts, architecture, cinema, dance, gastronomy, history, literature, music, theater, philosophy and sciences). Through various materials and diverse activities (videos, movies, songs, articles, debates, presentations, games...), you will master *l'art de s'exprimer...* « *L'homme sans culture est un arbre sans fruit!* » Antoine de Rivarol

LITTÉRATURE & CINÉMA – “UN LONG DIMANCHE DE FIANÇAILLES”

Roman de Sébastien JAPRISOT (1993) – Film de Jean-Pierre JEUNET (2004)

450b Wednesdays, September 20-November 8 / 8:00-9:40pm / Erwan

450c Thursdays, September 21-November 9 / 6:00-7:40pm / Daphné

Tuition: from \$309 (membership included)

A Very Long Engagement (*Un long dimanche de fiançailles*, "A long Sunday of engagement") is a 2004 French-American romantic war drama film, co-written and directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet and starring Audrey Tautou, Gaspard Ulliel and Marion

Cotillard. It is a fictional tale about a young woman's desperate search for her fiancé who might have been killed during World War I. It was based on the 1991 novel of the same name by Sébastien Japrisot. The film was nominated for the Academy Awards for Best Art Direction and Best Cinematography at the 77th Academy Awards. Marion Cotillard won the César Award for Best Supporting Actress for her performance, and Gaspard Ulliel won the César Award for Most Promising Actor.

Film: *A Very Long Engagement* • Jean-Pierre Jeunet (2004)

Book: *Un long Dimanche de fiançailles* • Sébastien Japrisot (1993) • Editions Folio

Participants will have to order their own books (*c'est moins cher*)

(ISBN: ISBN-10. 2070387364 • ISBN-13. 978-2070387366)



ADVANCED I & II CLASSES (C1 / C2 LEVELS – levels 20+)

Recommended timeframe : 500+ learning hours • class codes 500-600

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.

BREAKING NEWS – PARLONS D'ACTUALITÉS • HOT OFF THE FRENCH PRESS •

550a Tuesdays, September 19-November 7 / 6:00-7:40pm / Erwan

Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)

FLASH INFOS...DANS LE MONDE! This course will allow us to learn, understand and voice our opinions on current local and international news. Our goal is to discuss the latest world events, sharing the values and ethics of interpreting real-world issues. We will refine our oral comprehension skills through watching the French news, improve our reading skills by reading the French press and will review grammar on an as-needed basis, as the focus will remain on...DISCUSSING the news. *"La culture ne s'hérite pas, elle se conquiert"*.

(You don't inherit culture, you conquer it) ~ André Malraux

LE CERCLE LITTÉRAIRE • LES GRANDS PRIX LITTÉRAIRES • ADVANCED C2

• EN ATTENDANT LA RENTRÉE LITTÉRAIRE – SEPTEMBRE 2023...

650a Fridays, September 22-November 10 / 10:00-11:40am / Daphné

Tuition: from \$309 (membership included).

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Book: ? (Editions Gallimard - ISBN ?)

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