

FALL 2025

September 22
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FALL /AUTOMNE 2025

SEPTEMBER 22 – NOVEMBER 15

(HYBRID CLASSES: IN-PERSON and/or ONLINE)

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

Tuition: from **\$329*** (class materials included)

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

HYBRID CLASSES / CLASS MATERIALS / ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

- We are offering **HYBRID CLASSES** for all classes/all sessions.

HYBRID means you may take the same exact course IN-PERSON or ONLINE, your CHOICE!

(10 students per class maximum)

No need to notify us, you may show up in person or online (via Zoom), this is your decision for the 8-week session. We have equipped our classrooms to accommodate both in-person and remote participants.

“La liberté, c’est de pouvoir choisir”

- If you would like to assess your LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION, we invite you to take our **free online placement evaluations**. (homepage on our website)

Once the right level of instruction recommended & 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 21 at midnight.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS

- \$329 from July 21 to August 14

- \$359 from August 15 to 31

- \$389 from September 1 to 21

Since we limit our classes to **10 participants maximum (in-person and/or remote)**, please **register EARLY** to enjoy early bird discounts, save your spot and/or avoid class cancellations **(A minimum of 5 participants per class is required)**

SCHOOL POLICIES / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Since we limit our classes to 10 participants maximum, please **READ CAREFULLY** our **school policies** before signing up for a course. Credits, refunds, Please READ! NO EXCEPTIONS will be granted unfortunately.

By signing up for one of our courses, you agree to abide by our school policies.

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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 • for Complete Beginners “INTRODUCING YOURSELF”

• LEARNING THE BASICS

101a Mondays, September 22-November 10 / 8:00-9:40pm

101b Tuesdays, September 23-November 11 / 10:00-11:40am

101c Saturdays, September 27-November 15 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: from \$329 (materials & membership included)

Bienvenue en FRANCE et 80+ autres pays FRANCOPHONES! In this first level of French, you will master French pronunciation, learn to introduce yourself, ask/answer questions to engage conversations, learn from others, build a solid relationship while studying basic grammar (present tense of regular verbs in -ER, verbs *avoir* & *être*, interrogative forms, definite/indefinite articles) Your FRENCH journey begins here!

REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 2 – TALKING ABOUT MY LIFE • “JE PARLE DE MA VIE”

102a Tuesdays, September 23-November 11 / 10:00-11:40am

102b Thursdays, September 25-November 13 / 8:00-9:40pm

102c Saturdays, September 27-November 15 / 4:00-5:40pm

Tuition: from \$329 (materials & membership included)

In this second level of French, we will focus on describing people (family, friends, colleagues, even strangers ;-), talking about daily activities, routine, time schedules and planning events/projects. We will study reflexive verbs & *futur proche*, master demonstrative and possessive adjectives, and finally explore cultural facets of France and of course Paris... *Bienvenue dans la ville LUMIÈRE* ;-) Paris est Magique!

REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 3 – TRAVELING TO FRANCE • “JE VOYAGE EN FRANCE”

103a Tuesdays, September 23-November 11 / 8:00-9:40pm

103b Thursdays, September 25-November 13 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: from \$329 (materials & membership included)

In this third level of French, we will focus on reviewing basic introduction in order to travel with more confidence: booking a flight, securing accommodation, planning vacation/weather conditions, taking transportation, going out, and site-seeing! 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!

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

• “JE CONSOLIDE MES FONDATIONS”

151a Tuesdays, September 23-November 11 / 10:00-11:40am

151b Tuesdays, September 23-November 11 / 8:00-9:40pm

151c Thursdays, September 25-November 13 / 6:00-7:40pm

151d Saturdays, September 27-November 15 / 2:00-3:40pm

Tuition: from \$329 (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 • “JE DÉCOUVRE PARIS”

104a Tuesdays, September 23-November 11 / 6:00-7:40pm

104b Wednesdays, September 24-November 12 / 6:00-7:40pm

104c Saturdays, September 27-November 15 / 2:00-3:40pm

Tuition: from \$329 (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.

REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 5 – GETTING AROUND PARIS • “JE BOUGE DANS PARIS”

205a Tuesdays, September 23-November 11 / 8:00-9:40pm

205b Fridays, September 26-November 14 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: from \$329 (materials & membership included)

In this fifth level of French, we will focus on cultural activities in Paris: at the tourist office, at the museum, at the opera, in a concert hall, at a stadium, at the restaurant, at a fashion show, in a retail store... We will be able to invite someone, make a reservation at the restaurant, attend cultural and sports events, go shopping, and talk about past events. We will review the present tense of the verbs *pouvoir, vouloir, devoir, le passé composé*, introduction to *imparfait*, verbs of communication, direct and indirect pronouns. We will explore cultural activities in Paris and French celebrations. « *Paris est une fête!* » E. Hemingway

REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 6 - STUDYING & WORKING IN FRANCE

• *Études, Professions et Emploi!*

206a Mondays, September 22-November 10 / 8:00-9:40pm

206b Thursdays, September 25-November 13 / 6:00-7:40pm

206c Saturdays, September 27-November 15 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$329 (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

• “JE M’INSTALLE EN FRANCE”

251a Mondays, September 22-November 10 / 8:00-9:40pm

251b Thursdays, September 25-November 13 / 6:00-7:40pm

251c Fridays, September 26-November 14 / 12:00-1:40pm

251d Saturdays, September 27-November 15 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$329 (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

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

• Prononciation, Vocabulaire et Communication • “JE PARLE EN FRANÇAIS”

208a Wednesdays, September 24-November 12 / 12:00-1:40pm

208b Saturdays, September 27-November 15 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$329 (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

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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.

REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 9 – MOVING TO FRANCE • Vie domestique et savoir-vivre

309a Wednesdays, September 24-November 12 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$329 (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

BRUSH-UP COURSE B1 Levels 7-8-9 – UNDERSTANDING FRENCH SOCIETY & PEOPLE

• Société et vie française

351a Wednesdays, September 24-November 12 / 10:00-11:40am

351b Saturdays, September 27-November 15 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: from \$329 (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 10 – MASTERING THE SUBJONCTIF

• Doutes, Émotions et Opinions

310a Saturdays, September 27-November 15 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: from \$329 (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!*

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REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 11 • DEBATING IN FRENCH (FRENCH NEWS) •

Actualités, Presse et Médias

311a Wednesdays, September 24-November 12 / 8:00-9:40pm

Tuition: from \$329 (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 – CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN FRENCH

• Emploi, Économie et Finances

312a Wednesdays, September 24-November 12 / 6:00-7:40pm

312b Thursdays, September 25-November 13 / 8:00-9:40pm

312c Saturdays, September 27-November 15 / 2:00-3:40pm

Tuition: from \$329 (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

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

351c Wednesdays, September 24-November 12 / 6:00-7:40pm

351d Thursdays, September 25-November 13 / 8:00-9:40pm

351e Saturdays, September 27-November 15 / 2:00-3:40pm

Tuition: from \$329 (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



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 15 – FRANCE : GÉOGRAPHIE, DÉMOGRAPHIE ET POLITIQUE • LEARN FRENCH THROUGH CIVILISATION

415a Mondays, September 22-November 10 / 6:00-7:40pm

415b Tuesdays, September 23-November 11 / 10:00-11:40am



Tuition: from \$329 (materials & membership included)

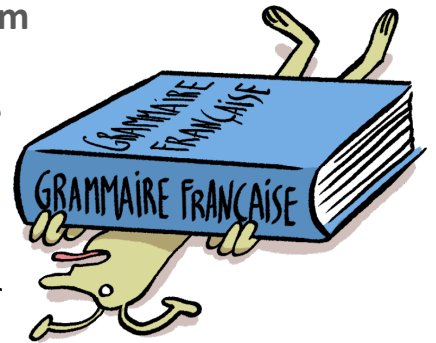
Congratulations! You now have reached an intermediate II level! In this fifteenth level of French, we will explore the history of France, the foundations of the nation and its political system. We will be discovering new grammatical structures such as the *pronoms relatifs complexes* and *verbes prépositionnels*. You will be encouraged to lose your inhibitions and voice your opinions, *en français*!

GRAMMAIRE AVANCÉE – INTERMEDIATE B2 • Levels 18-19-20+ • **NEW**

450a Mondays, September 22-November 10 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: from \$329 (materials and membership included)

If you have completed the intermediate II levels and would like to review and reinforce the most complex grammatical structures that you have previously learned, then this class is for you! By means of fun exercises and activities, we will revisit all grammatical structures you will select based on your needs. Remember, French grammar is your friend!



« Je regarde la grammaire comme la première partie de l'art de penser. » E. de Condillac

COMME AU CINÉMA – “LA NOUVELLE VAGUE” • FRENCH NEW WAVE

450b Wednesdays, September 24-November 12 / 8:00-9:40pm

Tuition: from \$329 (membership included) • **NEW**



La Nouvelle Vague, également connue sous le nom de French New Wave, est un mouvement cinématographique français né à la fin des années 1950. Il se caractérise par un rejet des conventions cinématographiques traditionnelles au profit de l'expérimentation et d'un esprit iconoclaste, explorant de nouvelles techniques et narrations. Cette session, nous analyserons 7 films sélectionnés par la classe de certains

réalisateurs suivants : Jean-Luc Godard, François Truffaut, Claude Chabrol, Agnès Varda, Éric Rohmer, Louis Malle, Jacques Rivette, Jacques Demy, Alain Resnais...

Tous en scène: Silence, Moteur, Action!

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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.

HISTOIRE & ÉVOLUTION DE LA GASTRONOMIE FRANÇAISE **NEW**



550a Tuesdays, September 23-November 11 / 12:00-1:40pm

550b Tuesdays, September 23-November 11 / 6:00-7:40pm

550c Saturdays, September 27-November 15 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: from \$329 (materials and membership included)

De bons plats familiaux et traditionnels, une cuisine moderne et innovante : la gastronomie française bénéficie d'une réputation mondiale qui n'est plus à démontrer. Mais d'où vient cette dernière, hissée comme un véritable art de vivre ? Nous retracerons son histoire, ses origines, son évolution, son

essor jusqu'à sa renommée internationale actuelle : de nos ancêtres les Gaulois à l'influence romaine, de l'art du festin au Moyen-Âge, son essor sous Louis XIV jusqu'à son apogée au XVIIIème siècle, de l'émergence des restaurants après la Révolution à la science, l'art culinaire, ses grands chefs et son innovation moderne. Notre dernière classe aura lieu dans un restaurant français choisi par la classe. Bon appétit!

LE CERCLE LITTÉRAIRE C2 • LITTÉRATURE CONTEMPORAINE **NEW**

“MON VRAI NOM EST ELISABETH” • Adele YON (2025)

650a Fridays, September 26-November 14 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$329 (membership included)

Une chercheuse craignant de devenir folle mène une enquête pour tenter de rompre le silence qui entoure la maladie de son arrière-grand-mère Elisabeth, dite Betsy, diagnostiquée schizophrène dans les années 1950. La narratrice ne dispose, sur cette femme morte avant sa naissance, que de quelques légendes familiales dont les récits fluctuent. Une vieille dame coquette qui aimait nager, bonnet de bain en caoutchouc et saut façon grenouille, dans la piscine de la propriété de vacances. Une grand-mère avec une cavité de chaque côté du front qui accusait son petit-fils de la regarder nue à travers les murs. Une maison qui prend feu. Des grossesses non désirées. C'est à peu près tout. Les enfants d'Elisabeth ne parlent jamais de leur mère entre eux et ils n'en parlent pas à leurs enfants qui n'en parlent pas à leurs petits-enfants. "C'était un nom qu'on ne prononçait pas. Maman, c'était un non-sujet. Tu peux enregistrer ça. Maman, c'était un non-sujet."

Mon vrai nom est Elisabeth est un premier livre poignant à la lisière de différents genres : l'enquête familiale, le récit de soi, le road-trip, l'essai. À travers la voix de la narratrice, les archives et les entretiens, se déploient différentes histoires, celles du poids de l'hérédité, des violences faites aux femmes, de la psychiatrie du XXe siècle, d'une famille nombreuse et bourgeoise renfermant son lot de secrets. Prix littéraire du Nouvel Obs. / Prix Essai France Télévisions. / Prix littéraire du barreau de Marseille.

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