

SPRING 2025

March 31 - May 31



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MARCH 31 – MAY 31

(HYBRID CLASSES: IN-PERSON & ONLINE)

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

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

(NO CLASS on Saturday, May 24 – Memorial Weekend)

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 maximum total)

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 do not know your level of instruction, we invite you to take our **free online placement evaluations**. (homepage on our website)
- 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 March 30 at midnight.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS

- \$329 from **February 1 to 20**

- \$359 from **February 21 to March 10**

- \$389 from **March 11 to 30**

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, 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!

<https://lef-learn-french.com/registration-policies>



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”

• QUI-SUIS-JE ?

101a Tuesdays, April 1-May 20 / 8:00-9:40pm

101b Thursdays, April 3-May 22 / 6:00-7:40pm

101c Saturdays, April 5-May 31 / 2:00-3:40pm

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, introducing yourself and someone else, conveying personal details (nationality, profession, hobbies, numbers, likes/dislikes), studying basic grammar (present tense of regular verbs in -ER, the irregular verbs *avoir* and *être*, interrogative forms, definite/indefinite articles) to be able to (basically) interact with... confidence!

Your FRENCH journey begins here: It's all about stopping looking for yourself BUT starting finding yourself ;-) “Be yourself, everyone else is taken anyway” ~ Oscar WILDE

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

102a Tuesdays, April 1-May 20 / 6:00-7:40pm

102b Wednesdays, April 2-May 21 / 6:00-7:40pm

102c Saturdays, April 5-May 31 / 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, April 1-May 20 / 8:00-9:40pm

103b Fridays, April 4-May 23 / 12:00-1:40pm

103c Saturdays, April 5-May 31 / 4:00-5:40pm

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!

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

• “JE CONSOLIDE MES FONDATIONS”

151a Tuesdays, April 1-May 20 / 8:00-9:40pm

151b Fridays, April 4-May 23 / 12:00-1:40pm

151c Saturdays, April 5-May 31 / 4:00-5:40pm

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 Mondays, March 31-May 19 / 8:00-9:40pm

104b Thursdays, April 3-May 22 / 6:00-7:40pm

104c Saturdays, April 5-May 31 / 10:00-11:40am

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 Saturdays, April 5-May 31 / 2:00-3:40pm

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

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REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 6 - STUDYING & WORKING IN FRANCE • Études, Professions et Emploi! • “J’ÉTUDIE & JE TRAVAILLE EN FRANCE”

206a Wednesdays, April 2-May 21 / 12:00-1:40pm

206b Saturdays, April 5-May 31 / 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 Wednesdays, April 2-May 21 / 12:00-1:40pm

251b Saturdays, April 5-May 31 / 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

REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 7 – LIVING IN FRANCE! • “CUISINE, SANTÉ et PASSION”

207a Wednesdays, April 2-May 21 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$329 (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

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

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

208a Saturdays, April 5-May 31 / 12:00-1:40pm

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



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, April 2-May 21 / 8:00-9:40pm

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, April 2-May 21 / 8:00-9:40pm

351b Thursdays, April 3-May 22 / 8:00-9:40pm

351c Saturdays, April 5-May 31 / 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 Wednesdays, April 2-May 21 / 6:00-7:40pm

310b Thursdays, April 3-May 22 / 8:00-9:40pm

310c Saturdays, April 5-May 31 / 2:00-3:40pm

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!*

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

351d Mondays, March 31-May 19 / 6:00-7:40pm

351e Tuesdays, April 1-May 20 / 10:00-11:40am

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

REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 13 • LOVING FRANCE & FRENCH CULTURE

• **Vie affective, Art et Culture**

313a Mondays, March 31-May 19 / 6:00-7:40pm

313b Tuesdays, April 1-May 20 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$329 (materials & membership 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

SPECIALIZED INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 14 – GRAMMAIRE & CONVERSATION

• **REVIEWING INTERMEDIATE B1 LEVELS!**

314a Mondays, March 31-May 19 / 8:00-9:40pm

Tuition: from \$329 (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.

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REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 16 • “COMME AU CINÉMA” • **NEW**

LEARN FRENCH THROUGH FILMS

416a Mondays, March 31-May 19 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: from \$329 (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 !* »



LITTÉRATURE CLASSIQUE – “MADAME BOVARY” • Gustave FLAUBERT

450a Wednesdays, April 2-May 21 / 8:00-9:40pm

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

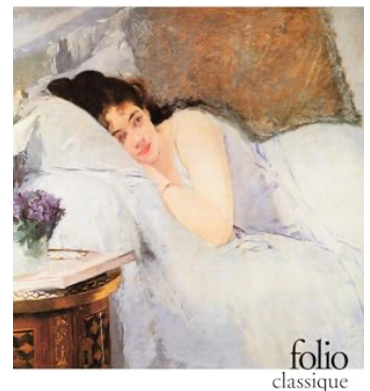
Emma Bovary, une jeune femme insatisfaite de sa vie de province et de son mariage avec Charles Bovary, un médecin de campagne, se perd dans des illusions romantiques et des liaisons extraconjugales, espérant trouver le bonheur. Cependant, ses actions ont des conséquences désastreuses... Un pur classique indémodable!

“Emma Bovary, c’est MOI!” Gustave FLAUBERT (1821-1880)

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

Flaubert
Madame Bovary
Édition de Thierry Laget

4.10 €



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.

CONVERSATION: VOYAGE AUTOUR DE LA FRANCOPHONIE – B2 / C1 • NEW



550a Tuesdays, April 1-May 20 / 12:00-1:40pm

550b Tuesdays, April 1-May 20 / 6:00-7:40pm

550c Saturdays, April 5-May 31 / 12:00-1:40pm

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

Emmanuel Macron – Algérie, août 2017: “La colonisation est un crime contre l’humanité”. Pendant 8 semaines, nous tenterons de répondre à cette question en retraçant de manière très synthétisée mais factuelle & objective l’histoire et

la géopolitique du monde francophone: pays & origines, faits et évolution, personnages & acteurs, moeurs & idéologies, conflits & tensions, actions & conséquences, initiatives & répercussions sur le monde, la société et la culture francophones d’aujourd’hui. « Ma patrie, c’est la langue française. »

~ Albert CAMUS (1913-1960) ~

LE CERCLE LITTÉRAIRE C2 • LITTÉRATURE CONTEMPORAINE • NEW

“HOURIS”, Kamel DAOUD (2024) •

PRIX GONCOURT 2024

650c Fridays, April 4-May 23 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$329 (membership included)

"Je suis la véritable trace, le plus solide des indices attestant de tout ce que nous avons vécu en dix ans en Algérie. Je cache l'histoire d'une guerre entière, inscrite sur ma peau depuis que je suis enfant." Aube est une jeune Algérienne qui doit se souvenir de la guerre d'indépendance, qu'elle n'a pas vécue, et oublier la guerre civile des années 1990, qu'elle a elle-même traversée. Sa tragédie est marquée sur son corps : une cicatrice au cou et des cordes vocales détruites. Muette, elle rêve de retrouver sa voix. Son histoire, elle ne peut la raconter qu'à la fille qu'elle porte dans son ventre. Mais a-t-elle le droit de garder cette enfant ? Peut-on donner la vie quand on vous l'a presque arrachée ? Dans un pays qui a voté des lois pour punir quiconque évoque la guerre civile, Aube décide de se rendre dans son village natal, où tout a débuté, et où les morts lui répondront peut-être.

Book: *Houris* – Kamel Daoud (2024) (Editions Gallimard – ISBN: 2072999995 – 416 pages)

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SOIRÉE FRANCO « FOLLE » “BORDEAUX, CHAMPAGNE & CHOCOLAT”

FRIDAY, March 21, 7-10pm (IN-PERSON ONLY)

Sommelier: Marnie THOMPSON

\$60.00 admission (all included)

- Event limited to 30 participants maximum

What does Soirée Franco « folle » mean? (Soirée Franco «crazy»???)



Here is the concept of our French & Francophone celebrations: At the end of each year, we are organizing a social gathering by « flying » to a Francophone destination, discovering a French speaking country, exploring a French speaking city!

From Paris to Dakar, Saigon to Montreal, Tahiti to Marrakesh, Brussels to Fort-de-France..., we are taking you there for one exclusive night!

Innovative cocktails, traditional dishes and refined wines (*Vins de BORDEAUX: Saint-Émilion, L'Entre-Deux-Mers et Sauternes*) will be served, popular music played, arts and culture displayed... *ET le champagne sabré!* Meet, communicate, network, connect or reconnect... Escape, share, learn, laugh, debate or date! (all in French ;-)

SAVE THE DATE = SAVE THE TASTE ;-)

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 7-10pm

We are touring ... **BORDEAUX** Ready to fly?

Music: DJ Surprise? French-Francophone classics but with modern beats, with contemporary retouch & rework (not remix please ;-)

Attention! Space is limited to 30 "passengers" only.

"La diversité est l'essence de l'humanité"

Les Soirées Franco « folles », where DIVER « CITIES » meet !