

SUMMER 2024



July 8 - August 31

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JULY 8–AUGUST 31

(HYBRID CLASSES: IN-PERSON & ONLINE)

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

Tuition: from \$319* (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! 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 **July 7** at midnight.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS:

- **\$319** from **May 1 to 20**
- **\$339** from **May 21 June 10**
- **\$369** from **June 11 to July 7**

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

101d Thursdays, July 11-August 29 / 6:00-7:40pm (NEW CLASS)

101b Fridays, July 12-August 30 / 12:00-1:40pm

101c Saturdays, July 13-August 31 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$319 (materials & membership included)

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 Saturdays, July 13-August 31 / 4:00-5:40pm

Tuition: from \$319 (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, July 10-August 28 / 12:00-1:40pm

103c Saturdays, July 13-August 31 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$319 (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!

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

151a Wednesdays, July 10-August 28 / 12:00-1:40pm

151c Saturdays, July 13-August 31 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$319 (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, July 10-August 28 / 10:00-11:40am

104b Saturdays, July 13-August 31 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: from \$319 (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 • Séjour culturel à Paris

205a Tuesdays, July 9-August 27 / 8:00-9:40pm

205b Saturdays, July 13-August 31 / 2:00-3:40pm

Tuition: from \$319 (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 Wednesdays, July 10-August 28 / 8:00-9:40pm

Tuition: from \$319 (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 Wednesdays, July 10-August 28 / 12:00-1:40pm

251b Wednesdays, July 10-August 28 / 8:00-9:40pm

251c Saturdays, July 13-August 31 / 2:00-3:40pm

Tuition: from \$319 (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 Wednesdays, July 10-August 28 / 12:00-1:40pm

207b Wednesdays, July 10-August 28 / 6:00-7:40pm

207c Thursdays, July 11-August 29 / 8:00-9:40pm

207d Saturdays, July 13-August 31 / 2:00-3:40pm

Tuition: from \$319 (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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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, July 8-August 26 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: from \$319 (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 Mondays, July 8-August 26 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: from \$319 (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!*

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

• Actualités, Presse et Médias

311a Mondays, July 8-August 26 / 8:00-9:40pm

311b Tuesdays, July 9-August 27 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$319 (materials & membership 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

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

351b Mondays, July 8-August 26 / 6:00-7:40pm

351c Tuesdays, July 9-August 27 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$319 (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, July 8-August 26 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: from \$319 (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



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 Saturdays, July 13-August 31 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: from \$319 (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!*

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REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 16 – COMME AU CINÉMA!

LEARN FRENCH THROUGH FILMS!

416a Wednesdays, July 10-August 28 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: from \$319 (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 !* »

CONVERSATIONS CULTURELLES • INTERMEDIATE B2/ADVANCED C1

450a Tuesdays, July 9-August 27 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: from \$319 (materials & membership included)

A conversation class about....CULTURE! Join us this session to improve your conversation skills, expand your vocabulary and increase your knowledge about arts, architecture, cinema, dance, gastronomy, history, literature and music! 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 – “LE BAL DES FOLLES” • INTERMEDIATE B2/ADVANCED C1

Roman de Victoria MAS (2019) – Film de Mélanie LAURENT (2021)

Prix Renaudot des Lycéens / Prix Stanislas / Prix Patrimoine / Prix Première Plume 2019

450b Wednesdays, July 10-August 28 / 8:00-9:40pm

Tuition: from \$319 (materials & membership included)



Chaque année, à la mi-carême, se tient un très étrange Bal des Folles. Le temps d'une soirée, le Tout-Paris s'encanaille sur des airs de valse et de polka en compagnie de femmes déguisées en colombines, gitanes, zouaves et autres mousquetaires. Réparti sur deux salles, d'un côté les idiots et les épileptiques ; de l'autre les hystériques, les folles et les maniaques. Ce bal est en réalité l'une des dernières expérimentations de Charcot, désireux de faire des malades de la Salpêtrière des femmes comme les autres. Parmi elles, Eugénie, Louise et Geneviève, dont Victoria Mas retrace le parcours heurté, dans ce premier roman qui met à nu la condition féminine au XIXe siècle.

Book: « *Le Bal des Folles* », Victoria Mas (2019) - Éd. Albin Michel (256 pages) – ISBN 13: 978-2226442109

Film: « *Le Bal des Folles* », Mélanie Laurent (2021)

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



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.

CINÉMA : SILENCE, MOTEUR, ACTION • ADVANCED C1/C2

“ANATOMIE D’UNE CHUTE”, JUSTINE TRIET • PALME D’OR – CANNES 2023 •

650a Tuesdays, July 9-August 27 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: from \$319 (membership included)

“Sandra, Samuel et leur fils malvoyant de 11 ans, Daniel, vivent depuis un an loin de tout, à la montagne. Un jour, Samuel est retrouvé mort au pied de leur maison. Une enquête pour mort suspecte est ouverte. Sandra est bientôt inculpée malgré le doute : suicide ou homicide ? Un an plus tard, Daniel assiste au procès de sa mère, véritable dissection du couple.”

This movie received many awards such as Le Prix de la Palme d’Or at the Festival de Cannes 2023, Golden Globe Award for Best Screen Play, Academy Award for Writing (6 nominations) and many more...

Film disponible sur les plateformes suivantes: Hulu, Youtube TV, Apple TV, Amazon Prime, Google Play Movies



LE CERCLE LITTÉRAIRE • LES GRANDS PRIX LITTÉRAIRES • ADVANCED C2

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650b Fridays, July 12-August 30 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$319 (membership included)

Deux étudiants en agronomie, angoissés comme toute leur génération par la crise écologique, refusent le défaitisme et se mettent en tête de changer le monde. Kevin, fils d'ouvriers agricoles, lance une start-up de vermicompostage et endosse l'uniforme du parfait transfuge sur la scène du capitalisme vert. Arthur, enfant de la bourgeoisie, tente de régénérer le champ familial ruiné par les pesticides mais se heurte à la réalité de la vie rurale. Au fil de leur apprentissage, les deux amis mettent leurs idéaux à rude épreuve. Du bocage normand à la Silicon Valley, des cellules anarchistes aux salons ministériels, Gaspard Koenig raconte les paradoxes de notre temps - mobilité sociale et mépris de classe, promesse de progrès et insurrection écologique, amour impossible et désespoir héroïque... Une histoire de terre et d'hommes, dans la grande veine de la littérature réaliste

Book: HUMUS, Gaspard KOENIG, Editions L’Observatoire – 384 pages

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