

# SUMMER 2025

July 7 - August 30

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JULY 7 – AUGUST 30

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

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

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

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## 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 JULY 6 at midnight.

#### **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS**

- \$329 from May 10 to 26 (Memorial Day@midnight)

- **\$359** from May 27 to June 15

- **\$389** from June 16 to July 6

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.

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

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**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 Tuesdays, July 8 - August 26 / 10:00-11:40am**

**101b Thursdays, July 10 - August 28 / 8:00-9:40pm**

**101c Saturdays, July 12 - August 30 / 4:00-5:40pm**

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

**102b Thursdays, July 10 - August 28 / 6:00-7:40pm**

**102c Saturdays, July 12 - August 30 / 2:00-3:40pm**

**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, July 8 - August 26 / 6:00-7:40pm**

**103b Wednesdays, July 9 - August 27 / 6:00-7:40pm**

**103c Saturdays, July 12 - August 30 / 4:00-5:40pm**

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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, July 8 - August 26 / 6:00-7:40pm**

**151b Wednesdays, July 9 - August 27 / 6:00-7:40pm**

**151c Fridays, July 11 - August 29 / 12:00-1:40pm**

**151d Saturdays, July 12 - August 30 / 4:00-5:40pm**

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

**104b Fridays, July 11 - August 29 / 12:00-1:40pm**

**104c Saturdays, July 12 - August 30 / 4:00-5:40pm**

**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 Mondays, July 7 - August 25 / 8:00-9:40pm**

**205b Thursdays, July 10 - August 28 / 6:00-7:40pm**

**205c Saturdays, July 12 - August 30 / 10:00-11:40am**

**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

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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

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

### **• “JE M’INSTALLE EN FRANCE”**

**251a Mondays, July 7 - August 25 / 8:00-9:40pm**

**251b Wednesdays, July 9 - August 27 / 12:00-1:40pm**

**251c Saturdays, July 12 - August 30 / 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, July 9 - August 27 / 12:00-1:40pm**

**207b Saturdays, July 12 - August 30 / 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 Wednesdays, July 9 - August 27 / 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 Saturdays, July 12 - August 30 / 12:00-1:40pm**

**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, July 9 - August 27 / 10:00-11:40am**

**351b Wednesdays, July 9 - August 27 / 8:00-9:40pm**

**351c Saturdays, July 12 - August 30 / 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, July 9 - August 27 / 8:00-9:40pm**

**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, July 9 - August 27 / 6:00-7:40pm

311b Thursdays, July 10 - August 28 / 8:00-9:40pm

311c Saturdays, July 12 - August 30 / 2:00-3:40pm

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



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

351d Wednesdays, July 9 - August 27 / 6:00-7:40pm

351e Thursdays, July 10 - August 28 / 8:00-9:40pm

351f Saturdays, July 12 - August 30 / 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

## SPECIALIZED INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 14 – GRAMMAIRE & CONVERSATION

### • REVIEWING INTERMEDIATE B1 LEVELS!

314a Mondays, July 7 - August 25 / 6:00-7:40pm

314b Tuesdays, July 8 - August 26/ 10:00-11:40am

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

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## 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.

### **LISTEN, LISTEN, LISTEN! • REAL SPOKEN FRENCH! NEW**

#### **IMPROVE YOUR ORAL COMPREHENSION & CONVERSATION SKILLS**

**450a Mondays, July 7 - August 25 / 6:00-7:40pm**

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

Have you ever wondered: “Why can’t I understand French people, French TV or French movies? Why do French people speak so fast?” Just because written and spoken French are two different languages. In this course, we will analyze the technical aspects of real spoken French: *les sons muets et prononcés, les sons nasaux, les liaisons et les enchaînements syllabiques, le “e” muet*, exploring slang, regional and French speaking accents at the same time. From authentic materials (dialogues, movies, interviews and songs), we will develop strategies and techniques to improve pronunciation, comprehension, and fluidity of speech. We will be able to enunciate better and speak with more fluency the language of.... love!

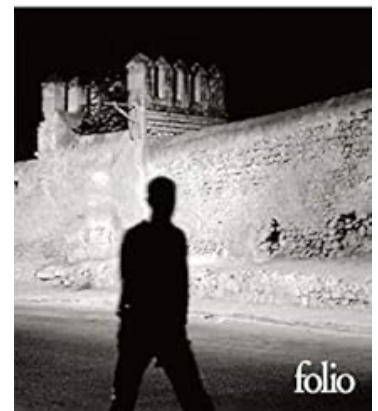
### **LITTÉRATURE CLASSIQUE – “L’ÉTRANGER” • ALBERT CAMUS (1942)**

**450b Wednesdays, July 9 - August 27 / 8:00-9:40pm**

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

Meursault will not pretend. After the death of his mother, everyone is shocked when he shows no sadness nor any feelings. And when he commits a random act of violence in Algiers, society is baffled. Why would this seemingly law-abiding bachelor do such a thing? And why does he show no remorse even when it could save his life? His refusal to satisfy the feelings of others only increases his guilt in the eyes of the law. Soon Meursault discovers that he is being tried not simply for his crime, but for his lack of emotion - a reaction that condemns him for being an outsider. For Meursault, this is an insult to his reason and a betrayal of his hopes; for Camus it encapsulates the absurdity of life. ***Please note that each participant will have to order their own books.***

**Albert Camus**  
Prix Nobel de littérature  
*L'Étranger*



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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.

### **BREAKING NEWS: PARLONS D'ACTUALITÉS • HOT OFF THE FRENCH PRESS** **NEW**

**550a Tuesdays, July 8 - August 26 / 12:00-1:40pm**

**550b Tuesdays, July 8 - August 26 / 6:00-7:40pm**

**550c Saturdays, July 12 - August 30 / 12:00-1:40pm**

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

This course will guide you through understanding and discussing the latest world events, the news values and ethics of interpreting real-world issues. You will refine your oral comprehension skills through watching French news broadcasts, improve your reading skills by exploring the French press and master your written skills by writing your own articles. We will review grammar on an as-needed basis, but the focus will remain on **DISCUSSING** the news. « *La culture ne s'hérite pas, elle se conquiert.* » A. Malraux

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

**“MADELAINE AVANT L'AUBE” • Sandrine COLLETTE (2024)**

**• PRIX GONCOURT DES LYCÉENS 2024**

**650a Fridays, July 11 - August 29 / 10:00-11:40am**

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

C'est un endroit à l'abri du temps. Ce minuscule hameau, qu'on appelle Les Montées, est un pays à lui seul pour les jumelles Ambre et Aelis, et la vieille Rose. Ici, l'existence n'a jamais été douce. Les familles travaillent une terre avare qui appartient à d'autres, endurent en serrant les dents l'injustice. Mais c'est ainsi depuis toujours. Jusqu'au jour où surgit Madelaine. Une fillette affamée et sauvage, sortie des forêts. Adoptée par Les Montées, Madelaine les ravit, passionnée, courageuse, si vivante. Pourtant, il reste dans ses yeux cette petite flamme pas tout à fait droite. Une petite flamme qui fera un jour brûler le monde. Avec *Madelaine avant l'aube*, Sandrine Collette questionne l'ordre des choses, sonde l'instinct de révolte, et nous offre, servie par une écriture éblouissante, une ode aux liens familiaux. **Please note that each participant will have to order their own books. (252 pages / ISBN-13: 978-2709674539)**

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