

# Workshops

à la carte

**JUNE**  
**16 - 28**



**L'ÉCOLE FRANÇAISE**

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## SUMMER 2025

- Language and cultural workshops/events •  
In-between session workshops • *à la carte*  
**June 16–28 • Two-week session • All levels**



- **Language and cultural workshops** are designed to focus on **specific learning goals** such as conjugation, grammar, vocabulary, conversation, comprehension, phonetics, pronunciation, culture (society, arts, sports, cinema, music, gastronomy, oenology, philosophy, literature, politics, environment...)
  - *À la carte* means you choose the workshops you need or like, and **set up your own schedule!**
    - Each workshop meets for **1h40min**.

A great way to **catch up** or **get ahead** in a relaxed and fun learning environment.

- **Tuition per workshop (1h40min - class materials included – unless specified)**
  - **\$40 from April 26 to May 26 (Memorial Day@midnight)**
  - **\$50 from May 27 to June 27**

### **A1 / A2 – BASIC LEVELS WORKSHOPS (codes A1 to A20)**

#### **ACCENT FRANÇAIS – Phonetics: The Vowels and the Nasals - ALL LEVELS**

**A1 – Monday, June 16 / 6:00-7:40pm**

**A2 – Saturday, June 21 / 12:00-1:40pm**

**A3 – Tuesday, June 24 / 10:00-11:40am**

French is considered the language of romance. Come and perfect your pronunciation, correct your accent and receive an introductory lesson to the international phonetic transcription to better speak...the language of love!

#### **QUEL NUMÉRO! – WHAT A NUMBER! *Les nombres français (Shopping in French)***

**A4 – Tuesday, June 17 / 10:00-11:40am**

**A5 – Monday, June 23 / 8:00-9:40pm**

**A6 – Saturday, June 26 / 2:00-3:40pm**

Phone numbers, age, time, dates, prices, SHOPPING and PURCHASING!...Being able to count in French will now be automatic and spontaneous!

*Les bons comptes font les bons amis! ~ Proverbe français*

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## **DES QUESTIONS ? – ANY QUESTIONS? – La forme interrogative**

**A7 – Tuesday, June 17 / 12:00-1:40pm**

**A8 – Saturday, June 21 / 2:00-3:40pm**

A workshop that emphasizes questions and interrogative forms: *Qu'est-ce que ? Est-ce que ? Quel/Quelle ? Quand ? Où ? Qui ? Quoi ? Pourquoi ? Combien ?* Ready to question anything?

## **BON APPÉTIT! – Ordering food...in France, in French!**

*Les articles définis, indéfinis et partitifs*

**A10 – Wednesday, June 18 / 10:00-11:40am**

**A11 – Thursday, June 26 / 6:00-7:40pm**

*Vous aimez ... cuisine française ? – le, la, l', les, un, une, des, du, de la, de l', des, de...?* French articles will never be confusing anymore! Ordering from a menu will become so natural.

*Bon appétit!*

## **VIVRE LE MOMENT PRÉSENT – LIVING THE PRESENT – Le présent de l'indicatif**

**A12 – Thursday, June 19 / 6:00-7:40pm**

**A13 – Saturday, June 21 / 10:00-11:40am**

Conjugating French verbs in the present tense can be challenging? Through a well-structured approach, we will help you master conjugation of regular (*parler...*), irregular (*être, avoir, aller, -IR and -RE verbs...*) and reflexive verbs (*se promener...*) to better live...the present moment!

## **SOUVENIRS DU PASSÉ – REMEMBERING THE PAST – Le passé composé vs l'imparfait**

**A14 – Monday, June 16 / 8:00-9:40pm**

**A15 – Tuesday, June 24 / 12:00-1:40pm**

One of the most confusing grammatical structures in the French language! Come and revisit these past tenses learning their differences at the same time. Always remember the past! And never forget where you came from!

## **RETOUR VERS LE FUTUR – BACK TO THE FUTURE – L'expression du futur**

**A16 – Wednesday, June 18 / 12:00-1:40pm**

**A17 – Thursday, June 26 / 8:00-9:40pm**

Come think, speak and read the future! Reviewing *le présent à valeur de futur, le futur proche et le futur simple* will allow you to better anticipate and plan your future events. *Le futur est à vous !*

## **DIRECTIONS & MOUVEMENTS – ON THE MOVE - Les prépositions de lieu “à, en, au, aux, chez, à la, à l', dans...?”**

**A18 – Thursday, June 19 / 8:00-9:40pm**

**A19 – Wednesday, June 25 / 10:00-11:40am**

*À Paris, à la bibliothèque, au Canada, aux Etats-Unis, en France, dans la classe, sur le bureau, sous la table, dessus, dessous, dedans, dehors, etc.* Talk about your next moves with accuracy and confidence by revisiting these rules.

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## JE SUIS POSSESSIF – Les adjectifs possessifs et démonstratifs

A20 – Tuesday, June 17 / 6:00-7:40pm

*Mon, ma, mes, ton, ta, tes, leur ou leurs? Ce, cet, cette ou ces? Le mien, la mienne, les miennes? Come and reexplore this complex structure by improving your basic vocabulary at the same time: family members, friends, belongings, objects, leisure activities, passions, etc.*

## B1/B2 – INTERMEDIATE LEVELS WORKSHOPS (codes B1 to B9)

### LES PRONOMS ? – Les pronoms directs, indirects, EN et Y

B1 – Tuesday, June 17 / 10:00-11:40am

B2 – Tuesday, June 24 / 6:00-7:40pm

*Me, te, le, la, les, lui, leur, en ou y???* Let's spend an hour and forty minutes practicing the pronouns in context. You will undoubtedly become a master of the pronouns.

### ENCORE LES PRONOMS ? – Les pronoms relatifs simples et complexes

B3 – Tuesday, June 17 / 12:00-1:40pm

B4 – Tuesday, June 24 / 8:00-9:40pm

Still hungry for pronouns? *Qui, que, où dont, lequel, laquelle, lesquels, duquel, de laquelle, desquels*, etc. This time, you will become the king or queen of French pronouns!

### LE SUBJONCTIF EST SUBJECTIF! – Le subjonctif présent et passé

B5 – Tuesday, June 17 / 6:00-7:40pm

B6 – Saturday, June 21 / 10:00-11:40am

It is time for reconciliation with the subjunctive mode! One of the most difficult modes in French conjugation will become your best ally! *Le subjonctif sera votre meilleur ami!*

### ET SI ? – LES HYPOTHÈSES “Si j’étais... , je serais”

B7 – Tuesday, June 17 / 8:00-9:40pm

B8 – Saturday, June 21 / 12:00-1:40pm

In this workshop, we will focus on the 3 types of “If clauses” reviewing six different tenses: Si + Présent = futur simple / Si + imparfait = conditionnel présent / Si + Plus-que-parfait = conditionnel passé. Reimagine the world...

### LE TEMPS ET LA DURÉE - L’expression du temps et de la durée (time and duration)

B9 – Thursday, June 19 / 6:00-7:40pm

Expressing time and duration in French can be a real a challenge: *l’heure, depuis, pendant, pour, en, dans, il y a, ça fait (...)* que? Give time some time; come and revisit these concepts so that time will always be on your side!

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## C1/C2 – ADVANCED LEVELS WORKSHOPS (codes C1 to C6)

### **PÂTISSERIES FRANÇAISES : Les Grandes Étapes, les Personnages & les Délices de la Pâtisserie Française – Milestones, Influencers & Delicacies of French Pastry**

**C1 – Wednesday, June 18 / 6:00-7:40pm / \$70 • CHEF MARK SEAMAN**

**(IN-PERSON EVENT – French & English – All-inclusive ;-)**

Travel through decades and centuries of the development of French pastry. We'll discuss historic and modern-day influencers from Catherine de Medicis to Christophe Michalak. Did you know that the pastry chef of Marie Antoinette opened the first pastry shop in Paris? And you can still enjoy their desserts today on the famed Rue Montorgueil! Taste some examples of these traditional pastries and leave with your own "carnet d'adresses" and recipes that you can take and ... make at home!



**Mark Seaman** is a Certified Master Sugar Artist specializing in bakery applications, botanically-correct gum paste flowers, and wedding cakes. Prior to joining the Chocolate Academy at Barry Callebaut in Chicago, Mark owned a wedding cake boutique & retail bakery; he was named one of the Top 10 Cake Designers in North America in 2013 by *Dessert Professional*. Today Mark works at the Barry Callebaut Chocolate Academy where he develops new dessert concepts and teaches classes that feature chocolate as the main ingredient.

### **FRENCH HISTORY: KINGS AND THEIR MISTRESSES**

**(HYBRID: in-person or online / French & English)**

**C2 – PART 1: Wednesday, June 18 / 8:00-9:40pm**

**C3 – PART 2: Wednesday, June 25 / 8:00-9:40pm**

**Tuition: \$50.00 (each workshop) • Corinne ULLRICH**

Kings of France didn't have much choice in their queens when making marriage alliances, but they could pick their mistresses. In the French royal court, the king's favorite was given a title, *la maîtresse en titre*, or "official mistress." In these two workshops, you will hear about the most famous of the royal mistresses and their impact on politics and culture. You may join us for one or both workshops!

**Part One (June 17):** From Charles VII, the king served by Joan of Arc, to the beginning of the seventeenth century

**Part Two (June 24):** From Louis XIV, the Sun-King, until the fate of Madame du Barry in the French Revolution



**Corinne Ullrich** loves to learn about French history, particularly the 16<sup>th</sup> century! She graduated from UIUC, including a year of study abroad at Université de Paris IV. She also was an English language assistant in different parts of Normandy for the 2012-13 and 2017-18 school years. She enjoys maintaining her level of French by watching films and listening to podcasts. For several years, she was in a bilingual improv group, which will hopefully start performing again one day soon!

## **APÉRO FRANÇAIS – A FRENCH TRADITION!**

**(IN-PERSON EVENT – French & English – appetizers / drinks included)**

**C4 – Monday, June 23 / 6:00-7:40pm**



*Vous aimez la cuisine française, le vin, les grignoteries, la convivialité, c'est l'heure de l'apéro!*  
Come and socialize in French, find out what "apéro" truly means, talk about French gastronomy, explore new wines, "flavor" new cocktails, savor typical appetizers, taste innovative drinks, learn and share French traditions... *À la vôtre! À votre Santé!*

## **EXCUSE MY FRENCH! – le français familier**

**C5 – Wednesday, June 25 / 12:00-1:40pm**

Slang, slang and slang! Here is the objective of this workshop. Make the difference between formal and real spoken French by learning authentic slang expressions to flow better while developing strategies to better understand ... "le français de la rue". (= *Street French*)  
Ready to curse and swear...in French?

## **CONVERSATIONS, DÉBATS & DISCUSSIONS – Indicatif ou Subjonctif ?**

**C6 – Wednesday, June 25 / 6:00-7:40pm**

*Je pense que ...Je ne pense pas que...Je crois que...Je ne crois pas que... Indicatif ou subjonctif ?*  
Come and learn when to use the right tense/mode to better express your opinions, convey your message(s) and debate with confidence, argumentation and diplomacy!  
*Débattre en français est un échange culturel et un "jeu de société" ;-)*

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