

WINTER 2023

January 17 -march 20



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JANUARY 17 – MARCH 20

(HYBRID CLASSES: IN-PERSON or ONLINE)

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

Tuition: from \$309* (class materials included)

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

HYBRID CLASSES / CLASS MATERIALS / ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

- We are offering **HYBRID CLASSES** for the **Winter session**.

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 9-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 **24hrs prior to your first class session**.

CLASS TUITION / DISCOUNTS / REGISTRATION PERIOD

Registration period will be ending on **JANUARY 23** at midnight.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS

\$309 from **November 1 to 30** (\$20.60 per hour)

\$329 from **December 1 to 31** (\$21.93 per hour)

\$349 from **January 1 to 23** (\$23.26 per hour)

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.

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

<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 – INTRODUCING YOURSELF • for Complete Beginners

101a Tuesdays, January 17-March 14 / 8:00-9:40pm

101b Wednesdays, January 18-March 15 / 12:00-1:40pm

101e Wednesdays, January 18-March 15 / 6:00-7:40pm

101d Thursdays, January 19-March 16 / 8:00-9:40pm

101c Saturdays, January 21-March 18 / 2:00-3:40pm

Tuition: from \$309 (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 Mondays, January 23-March 20 / 6:00-7:40pm **ONLINE COURSE**

Tuition: from \$309 (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 Mondays, January 23-March 20 / 6:00-9:40pm

Tuition: from \$309 (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 as *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

151a Saturdays, January 21-March 18 / 10:00-11:40am

151b Mondays, January 23-March 20 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: from \$309 (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 Mondays, January 23-March 20 / 8:00-9:40pm

Tuition: from \$309 (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, January 17-March 14 / 10:00-11:40am

205b Thursdays, January 19-March 16 / 8:00-9:40pm

205c Mondays, January 23-March 20 / 8:00-9:40pm

Tuition: from \$309 (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

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

251a Tuesdays, January 17-March 14 / 10:00-11:40am

251b Thursdays, January 19-March 16 / 8:00-9:40pm

251c Saturdays, January 21-March 18 / 2:00-3:40pm

Tuition: from \$309 (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 Saturdays, January 21-March 18 / 2:00-3:40pm

207b Mondays, January 23-March 20 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: from \$309 (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





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, January 21-March 18 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: from \$309 (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 Saturdays, January 21-March 18 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: from \$309 (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 11 • DEBATING IN FRENCH (FRENCH NEWS)

• Actualités, Presse et Médias

311a Wednesdays, January 18-March 15 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: from \$309 (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

REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 12 • CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN FRENCH

Emploi, Économie et Finances

312a Wednesdays, January 18-March 15 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: from \$309 (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

351b Wednesdays, January 18-March 15 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: from \$309 (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 14 – GRAMMAIRE & CONVERSATION

• REVIEWING INTERMEDIATE B1 LEVELS!

314a Saturdays, January 21-March 18 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$309 (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*

BRUSH-UP COURSE B1 Levels 13-14-15 • FRENCH ARTS & CULTURE

351e Saturdays, January 21-March 18 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)

In this class you will review and become more comfortable with the basic past tenses as well as the *subjonctif présent et passé*, the *conditionnel présent et passé*, the *gérondif*, and the *pronoms relatifs composés*. You will also discover current French words and phrases that you never learned before! Never feel rusty again ! « *La mémoire fait toute la profondeur de l'homme.* » *C. Péguy*

LE CLUB CONVERSATION – INTERMEDIATE B1 • CONVERSING IN FRENCH

351f Wednesdays, January 18-March 15 / 8:00-9:40pm

Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)

You have learned the basics, now it's time to talk! This class provides a supportive environment in which you will gain confidence to share conversations. You will help choose the topics for discussion. Through preparation and conversation, you will notice your vocabulary and grammar improve while you share ideas and perspectives. Come join the discussion! « *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.

REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 16 • COMME AU CINÉMA LEARN FRENCH THROUGH FILMS

416a Tuesdays, January 17-March 14 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: from \$309 (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 !* »

LISTEN, LISTEN...LISTEN • IMPROVE YOUR ORAL COMPREHENSION

450a Fridays, January 20-March 17 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: from \$309 (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 fluency the language of.... love!

BREAKING NEWS – PARLONS D'ACTUALITÉS • HOT OFF THE FRENCH PRESS • NEW TOPICS

450b Wednesdays, January 18-March 15 / 10:00-11:40am

450c Wednesdays, January 18-March 15 / 8:00-9:40pm

450d Thursdays, January 19-March 16 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: from \$309 (materials & 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



ADVANCED I & II CLASSES (C1 / C2 LEVELS – levels 20+)

Recommended timeframe : 500+ learning hours • class codes 500

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.

CONVERSATIONS CULTURELLES • ADVANCED C1 / C2 • NEW TOPICS
LES 10 PLUS GRANDES PERSONNALITÉS DE LA CULTURE FRANÇAISE

650a Tuesdays, January 17-March 14 / 6:00-7:40pm

650b Saturdays, January 21-March 18 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)

Join us this session to improve your conversation skills, expand your vocabulary and increase your knowledge about the **top 10 celebrities** that impacted French culture (arts, architecture, cinema, dance, gastronomy, history, literature, music, theater, philosophy and sciences). 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

LE CERCLE LITTÉRAIRE • LES GRANDS PRIX LITTÉRAIRES • ADVANCED C2
LE PRIX GONCOURT 2022 – “VIVRE VITE”, Brigitte GIRAUD

650c Fridays, January 20-March 17 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$309 (membership included).

C'est en hommage à son mari tué dans un accident il y a plus de vingt ans que la romancière Brigitte Giraud a écrit "Vivre vite". Le 22 juin 1999 à Lyon, son mari Claude démarre trop vite à un feu, avec une moto trop puissante qui n'est pas la sienne, et tombe. Il ne s'en relèvera pas. À l'époque du drame, elle avait 36 ans, un fils très jeune, une maison qu'ils venaient d'acheter, dans laquelle elle a emménagé sans lui. *"Je savais depuis longtemps qu'il faudrait que j'écrive le livre. Le livre qui soit à la hauteur de Claude, de notre histoire d'amour, celui qui embrasse tout ça et qui recherche la vérité, toutes les vérités"*, dit-elle. Mais *"je n'aurais pas pu l'écrire avant une période de 20 ans, parce qu'il fallait que je sois à bonne distance"*. Le récit, sobre, a été tout de suite bien accueilli par la critique, et a attiré l'attention de plusieurs jurys des prix d'automne. Une histoire poignante et touchante, qui nous inspire à VIVRE LA VIE...sans moderation!

Book: *Vivre vite*, Brigitte Giraud (éditions Flammarion)

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

