

WINTER 2026

January 12 - March 7



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

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

Tuition: from **\$339*** (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!

(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 **January 11** at midnight.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS

- **\$339** from **October 15 to November 15**
- **\$369** from **November 16 to December 15**
- **\$399** from **December 16 to January 11**

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.

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

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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 • for Complete Beginners “INTRODUCING YOURSELF”

• LEARNING THE BASICS

101a Tuesdays, January 13-March 3 / 12:00-1:40pm

101b Tuesdays, January 13-March 3 / 6:00-7:40pm

101c Wednesdays, January 14-March 4 / 8:00-9:40pm

101d Saturdays, January 17-March 7 / 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 Mondays, January 12-March 2 / 8:00-9:40pm

102b Tuesdays, January 13-March 3 / 10:00-11:40am

102c Saturdays, January 17-March 7 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: from \$339 (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, January 13-March 3 / 10:00-11:40am

103b Thursdays, January 15-March 5 / 8:00-9:40pm

103c Saturdays, January 17-March 7 / 4:00-5:40pm

Tuition: from \$339 (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, January 13-March 3 / 10:00-11:40am

151b Thursdays, January 15-March 5 / 8:00-9:40pm

151c Saturdays, January 17-March 7 / 4:00-5:40pm

Tuition: from \$339 (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 Tuesdays, January 13-March 3 / 8:00-9:40pm

104b Thursdays, January 15-March 5 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: from \$339 (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 Wednesdays, January 14-March 4 / 6:00-7:40pm

205b Saturdays, January 17-March 7 / 2:00-3:40pm

Tuition: from \$339 (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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Merci de votre compréhension!

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REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 6 - STUDYING & WORKING IN FRANCE

• *Études, Professions et Emploi!*

206a Tuesdays, January 13-March 3 / 8:00-9:40pm

206b Fridays, January 16-March 6 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: from \$339 (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 Tuesdays, January 13-March 3 / 8:00-9:40pm

251b Fridays, January 16-March 6 / 12:00-1:40pm

251c Saturdays, January 17-March 7 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$339 (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 Mondays, January 12-March 2 / 8:00-9:40pm

207b Thursdays, January 15-March 5 / 6:00-7:40pm

207c Saturdays, January 17-March 7 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$339 (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.

REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 9 – MOVING TO FRANCE • Vie domestique et savoir-vivre

309a Wednesdays, January 14-March 4 / 12:00-1:40pm

309b Saturdays, January 17-March 7 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$339 (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, January 14-March 4 / 12:00-1:40pm

351b Saturdays, January 17-March 7 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$339 (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, January 14-March 4 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$339 (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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BRUSH-UP COURSE B1 Levels 10-11-12 – IMMERSION IN FRANCE

351c Wednesdays, January 14-March 4 / 6:00-7:40pm

351d Thursdays, January 15-March 5 / 8:00-9:40pm

351e Saturdays, January 17-March 7 / 2:00-3:40pm

Tuition: from \$339 (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 Wednesdays, January 14-March 4 / 6:00-7:40pm

313b Thursdays, January 15-March 5 / 8:00-9:40pm

313c Saturdays, January 17-March 7 / 2:00-3:40pm

Tuition: from \$339 (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 16 • “COMME AU CINÉMA” • **NEW**

LEARN FRENCH THROUGH FILMS

416a Mondays, January 12-March 2 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: from \$339 (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 ! »



REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 17 – HISTOIRE DE FRANCE! **NEW**

UNDERSTANDING THE FRENCH THROUGH THEIR HISTORY!

417a Mondays, January 12-March 2 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: from \$339 (materials & membership included)



A conversation class about...French HISTORY, SOCIETY and CULTURE! Join us this session to improve your conversation skills, expand your vocabulary and increase your knowledge about French history, society and culture! Through various materials and diverse activities (videos, movies, songs, articles, debates, presentations...), you will better understand why the French are so complex, unique and ... exceptional!

CINÉMA – SPÉCIAL “FRENCH COMÉDIES & HUMOR” • L’HUMOUR FRANÇAIS LES PLUS GRANDES COMÉDIES FRANÇAISES **NEW**

450a Wednesdays, January 14-March 4 / 8:00-9:40pm

Tuition: from \$339 (membership included)

Do you understand French jokes or French sense of humor? This session, we will analyze and discuss 7 French popular comedies selected by the class (*L’Avare*, *Les Bronzés*, *La Chèvre*, *Le Dîner de cons*, *L’Emmerdeur*, *Les Ripoux*, *Intouchables*, *les Visiteurs*, *Bienvenue chez les Ch’tis*, etc.) With a content-based approach, this course will allow you to experience language and culture from within, master related vocabulary and grammar points, and develop a deeper understanding of the French sense of humor (*comique de caractère ou de personnage, de langage, de geste, de situation, de mœurs, farce, ironie, satire, burlesque...*). You will feel more confident in your ability to use the language creatively, discuss issues and explore many other facets of the French and Francophone worlds. Don’t miss the show!



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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, January 13-March 3 / 12:00-1:40pm

550b Tuesdays, January 13-March 3 / 6:00-7:40pm

550c Saturdays, January 17-March 7 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: from \$339 (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**

“LE PRIX GONCOURT 2025 • To be announced on November 4

650a Fridays, January 16-March 6 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: from \$339 (membership included)

Le lauréat du Prix Goncourt 2025 n'est pas encore connu ; il sera annoncé **le 4 novembre 2025**. La deuxième sélection, dévoilée le 7 octobre, compte huit romans, dont trois grands favoris : Kolkhoze d'Emmanuel Carrère, La Nuit au cœur de Nathacha Appanah et La Maison vide de Laurent Mauvignier. La sélection finale de quatre romans sera annoncée le 28 octobre.

Deuxième sélection du Prix Goncourt 2025 (8 romans – sélection finale: le 4 novembre)

- **Kolkhoze:** d'Emmanuel Carrère
- **La Nuit au cœur:** de Nathacha Appanah
- **La Maison vide:** de Laurent Mauvignier
- **La Collision:** de Paul Gasnier
- **Passagères de nuit:** de Yanick Lahens
- **Le Bel obscur:** de Caroline Lamarche
- **Tambora:** d'Hélène Laurain
- **Le Nom des rois:** de Charif Majdalani

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