# WINTER 2027




## January 11 -march 6

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## JANUARY 11 – MARCH 6

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

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

**Tuition: from $349* (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** (unless specified)

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 10** at midnight.

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS**

- **$349** from **October 30** to **November 30**
- **$379** from **December 1** to **31**
- **$399** from **January 1** to **10**

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.

## 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)

**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 Wednesdays, January 13-March 3 / 10:00-11:40am**
**101b Wednesdays, January 13-March 3 / 8:00-9:40pm**
**101c Saturdays, January 16-March 6 / 4:00-5:40pm**
**Tuition: from $349 (materials & membership included)**

*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 a 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 11-March 1 / 8:00-9:40pm**
**102b Fridays, January 15-March 5 / 12:00-1:40pm**
**102c Saturdays, January 16-March 6 / 2:00-3:40pm**
**Tuition: from $349 (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 Mondays, January 11-March 1 / 6:00-7:40pm**
**Tuition: from $349 (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!

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## REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 4 – WELCOME TO PARIS • "JE DÉCOUVRE PARIS"

**104a Tuesdays, January 12-March 2 / 12:00-1:40pm**
**104b Tuesdays, January 12-March 2 / 8:00-9:40pm**
**104c Saturdays, January 16-March 6 / 12:00-1:40pm**
**Tuition: from $349 (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*

## BRUSH-UP COURSE BASIC A1 Levels 1-2-3-4 – REVIEWING THE BASICS • "JE CONSOLIDE MES FONDATIONS"

**151a Mondays, January 11-March 1 / 6:00-7:40pm**
**151b Tuesdays, January 12-March 2 / 12:00-1:40pm**
**151c Tuesdays, January 12-March 2 / 8:00-9:40pm**
**151d Saturdays, January 16-March 6 / 12:00-1:40pm**
**Tuition: from $349 (materials & membership included)**

You've studied French in the past but it's been a while and you feel rusty? Or you've taken the basic levels and you would like to consolidate what you've learned? Then, 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, futur proche & passé composé*). We will review all Basic A1 levels! You will find this refresher course to be, well… refreshing!

# 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 Tuesdays, January 12-March 2 / 6:00-7:40pm**
**Tuition: from $349 (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 Mondays, January 11-March 1 / 8:00-9:40pm**

**206b Tuesdays, January 12-March 2 / 10:00-11:40am**

**Tuition: from $349 (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 4-5-6-7 • EXPLORING FRANCE • "JE M'INSTALLE EN FRANCE"

**251a Mondays, January 11-March 1 / 8:00-9:40pm**

**251b Tuesdays, January 12-March 2 / 10:00-11:40am**

**251c Thursdays, January 14-March 4 / 8:00-9:40pm**

**Tuition: from $349 (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.) and the *futur simple*. 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 Tuesdays, January 12-March 2 / 10:00-11:40am**

**207b Thursdays, January 14-March 4 / 8:00-9:40pm**

**Tuition: from $349 (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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## SPECIALIZED BASIC LEVEL 8 – LE CLUB CONVERSATION: BASIC A1/A2 LEVELS

**• Prononciation, Vocabulaire et Communication • "JE PARLE EN FRANÇAIS"**

**208a Tuesdays, January 12-March 2/ 8:00-9:40pm**

**208b Thursdays, January 14-March 4 / 6:00-7:40pm**

**Tuition: from $349 (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*

# 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 13-March 3 / 6:00-7:40pm**

**309b Saturdays, January 16-March 6 / 12:00-1:40pm**

**Tuition: from $349 (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 13-March 3 / 6:00-7:40pm**

**351b Saturdays, January 16-March 6 / 12:00-1:40pm**

**Tuition: from $349 (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*

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**REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 11 • DEBATING IN FRENCH (FRENCH NEWS) • Actualités, Presse et Médias**

**311a Thursdays, January 14-March 4 / 6:00-7:40pm**
**311b Saturdays, January 16-March 6 / 10:00-11:40am**
**Tuition: from $349 (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 newpapers, 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**

**351c Wednesdays, January 13-March 3 / 12:00-1:40pm**
**351d Thursdays, January 14-March 4 / 6:00-7:40pm**
**351e Saturdays, January 16-March 6 / 10:00-11:40am**
**Tuition: from $349 (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 13-March 3 / 12:00-1:40pm**
**313b Saturdays, January 16-March 6 / 10:00-11:40am**
**Tuition: from $349 (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 Wednesdays, January 13-March 3 / 6:00-7:40pm**
**Tuition: from $349 (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 • Littérature, Poésie et Philosophie
## LEARN FRENCH THROUGH LITERATURE

**417a Thursdays, January 14-March 4 / 8:00-9:40pm**
**417b Saturdays, January 16-March 6 / 2:00-3:40pm**
**Tuition: from $349 (materials & membership included)**

In this seventeenth level of French, we will focus on French literature and poetry. We will be exploring French masterpieces and main authors, reading literary excerpts, writing essays in French practicing at the same time *le passé simple, les pronoms relatifs complexes (lequel, auquel, ..l) et le factitif (faire vs rendre).* Through exercises and conversation, you will become better equipped to read – and understand! – literary works in French. *« Venez parler et écrire comme un livre… »*

## CONVERSATIONS CULTURELLES: • INTERMEDIATE B2/ADVANCED C1 NEW




**450a Mondays, January 11-March 1 / 6:00-7:40pm**
**450b Tuesdays, January 12-March 2 / 12:00-1:40pm**
**450c Wednesdays, January 13-March 3 / 8:00-9:40pm**
**Tuition: from $349 (materials & membership included)**

A conversation class about….CULTURE! Join us this Winter to improve your conversation skills, expand your vocabulary and increase your knowledge about arts, architecture, cinema, dance, gastronomy, history, literature, music…Through various materials and diverse activities (videos, movies, songs, articles, debates, presentations…), you will master *l'art de s'exprimer*…

« *L'homme sans culture est un arbre sans fruit!* » Antoine de Rivarol

# 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.

## LE CERCLE LITTÉRAIRE C1/C2 • LITTÉRATURE CLASSIQUE NEW

## • "LA CONDITION HUMAINE" – André MALRAUX (1933)

**550a Tuesdays, January 12-March 2 / 6:00-7:40pm**

**Tuition: from $349 (membership included)**




French novelist, adventurer, art historian, statesman, minister for cultural affairs for 11 years (1958-1969) appointed by Charles de Gaulle, André Malraux was a man of action in the service of noble causes. *La Condition Humaine* is a political thriller based on true events: a failed communist uprising in China at the time of the uneasy alliance of Chiang Kai-shek's nationalist forces and the Communists. This engrossing novel, which received in 1933 the most prestigious French literary prize, *Le Prix Goncourt*, shows a very human aspect of a doomed revolution where betrayal is the name of the game and expediency the only applicable rule. Thus, the sacrifices that some of the main characters must endure, including torture and death, are reduced to simple convenience or inconvenience for their leaders, who will sacrifice them without a second thought. A pure masterpiece! *Un véritable chef d'oeuvre!*

***Book: La condition humaine, André Malraux · Edition Folio (Hommage à Myriam L.)***

## LE CERCLE LITTÉRAIRE C2 • LITTÉRATURE CONTEMPORAINE NEW

## • "PRIX GONCOURT 2026" – TBA *(November 3, 2026)*

**650a Fridays, January 15-March 5 / 10:00-11:40am**

**Tuition: from $349 (membership included)**

Après un début de 124e édition marqué par l'affaire Thélyson Orélien, accusé d'avoir utilisé l'IA pour l'écriture de *C'était ça ou mourir* (Grasset), les jurés de l'Académie Goncourt ont dévoilé leur deuxième sélection. Huit romans restent en lice. Sans surprise, la liste ne comprend pas le livre de Thélyson Orélien : s'il figurait dans la première liste de 16 titres dévoilée le 2 septembre, le roman est depuis le 21 septembre au cœur d'une controverse inédite. Le compte « Balance ton Claude », s'appuyant sur une analyse réalisée par l'outil de détection d'IA Pangram, affirme que *C'était ça ou mourir* (Grasset) aurait été écrit à plus de 95 % avec l'aide de l'intelligence artificielle. La liste des quatre finalistes sera annoncée le 27 octobre.

**La deuxième sélection du prix Goncourt**

- **Boris Bergmann**, *Minotaure* (Albin Michel)
- **Sonia Devillers**, *Le fabuleux piano* (Robert Laffont)
- **Anne Godard**, *Nous aussi* (Actes Sud)
- **Yannick Haenel**, *La solitude des professeurs est infinie* (Gallimard)
- **Philippe Jaenada**, *L'inconnue du Quai de Javel* (Flammarion)
- **Clémentine Mélois**, *Choses que je croyais perdues* (L'Arbalète/Gallimard)
- **Sylvain Prudhomme**, *De l'autre côté du lac* (Minuit)
- **Olivier Rolin**, *La Guerre éternelle* (Gallimard)