

WINTER 2022
(IN PERSON & ONLINE CLASSES)
January 17 - March 19
9-week session, \$299* class materials included



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Learn French!

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

COVID 19: We are offering in-person and online classes for the same exact course, you are free to attend each class session in person or online, this is your decision! “La Liberté, c’est de pouvoir choisir”! Please note that all participants must be FULLY VACCINATED to attend in-person classes. Online classes will also be available for remote students via Zoom (hybrid classes: 5 participants minimum, 10 maximum). Please know that if someone gets exposed to the virus, we will all have to conduct classes remotely for 10 business days. Your health is our TOP priority!

CLASS MATERIALS / ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS: Once enrolled, you will be receiving class materials (lesson plans in pdf format) and Zoom instructions 24 hours prior to your first-class session. ENVIRONMENT/ECOLOGY: L'École Française will not provide printed copies of lesson plans: each participant will be free to print (or not) their own class materials.

***PRICING / DISCOUNTS / REGISTRATION PERIOD:** Registration period will be ending on JANUARY 22 at midnight. Tuition is ... \$299.00 from November 1 to 30 / \$319 from December 1 to 31 / \$339 from January 1 to 22.

REGISTRATION POLICIES: Since we limit our classes to 10 participants maximum, please read carefully our school policies before signing up for a course. NO EXCEPTIONS will be granted. MERCI! <https://lef-learn-french.com/registration-policies>

BASIC I CLASSES (A1 levels)

Recommended timeframe: 60hrs • Total contact hours: 60hrs • 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 Mondays, January 17-March 14 / 8:00-9:40pm

101b Tuesdays, January 18-March 15 / 10:00-11:40am

101c Saturdays, January 22-March 19 / 4:00-5:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (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 17-March 14 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (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 Saturdays, January 22-March 19 / 2:00-3:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (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 *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 Mondays, January 17-March 14 / 6:00-7:40pm

151b Saturdays, January 22-March 19 / 2:00-3:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (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 Saturdays, January 22-March 19 / 2:00-3:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (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)

Recommended timeframe: 60hrs • Total contact hours: 120hrs • 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 Wednesdays, January 19-March 16 / 8:00-9:40pm

205b Saturdays, January 22-March 19 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (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 Wednesdays, January 19-March 16 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (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!

251a Wednesdays, January 19-March 16 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (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 Wednesdays, January 19-March 16 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (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)

Recommended timeframe: 120hrs • Total contact hours: 240hrs • 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.

BRUSH-UP COURSE B1 Levels 7-8-9 – UNDERSTANDING FRENCH SOCIETY & PEOPLE! *Vie domestique, Savoir-vivre et Société!*

351a Wednesdays, January 19-March 16 / 12:00-1:40pm

351b Saturdays, January 22-March 19 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: \$299 (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 – DEBATING WITH THE FRENCH! MASTERING THE SUBJONCTIF! *Actualités, Émotions et Opinions!*

310a Wednesdays, January 19-March 16 / 12:00-1:40pm

310b Saturdays, January 22-March 19 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: \$299 (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!*

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

351c Tuesdays, January 18-March 15 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (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 Tuesdays, January 18-March 15 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (materials 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

REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 14 – GRAMMAIRE & CONVERSATION B1 REVIEWING B1 LEVELS!

314a Saturdays, January 22-March 19 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (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!

351d Mondays, January 17-March 14 / 6:00-7:40pm

351e Fridays, January 21-March 18 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (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

INTERMEDIATE II CLASSES (B2 LEVELS)

Recommended timeframe: 120hrs • Total contact hours: 360hrs • 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 15 – FRANCE : GÉOGRAPHIE, DÉMOGRAPHIE ET POLITIQUE! FRENCH CIVILISATION!

415a Mondays, January 17-March 14 / 6:00-7:40pm

415b Fridays, January 21-March 18 / 12:00-1:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)

Congratulations! You now have reached an intermediate II level! In this fifteenth level of French, we will explore the history of France, the foundations of the nation and its political system. We will be discovering new grammatical structures such as the *pronoms relatifs complexes* and *verbes prépositionnels*. You will be encouraged to lose your inhibitions and voice your opinions, *en français*!

REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 16 – COMME AU CINÉMA! LEARN FRENCH THROUGH FILMS!

416a Mondays, January 17-March 14 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (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 18 – MUSIQUE, DANSE et OPÉRA LEARN FRENCH THROUGH MUSIC!

418a Wednesdays, January 19-March 16 / 8:00-9:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)

Come and explore the marvelous world of Francophone music, dance and opera, a treasure chest of emotions! In this eighteenth level, we will explore the history of French and Francophone music, and study the *relations logiques de cause, conséquence, but et opposition* (*parce que, car, comme, puisque...*) « *La musique est la langue des émotions* », said Emmanuel Kant.

**REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 21 – HISTOIRE DE FRANCE!
UNDERSTANDING THE FRENCH THROUGH THEIR HISTORY!**

421a Thursdays, January 20-March 17 / 6:00-7:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (materials included & 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!

ADVANCED I & II CLASSES (C1/C2 LEVELS)

Recommended timeframe: 120hrs • Total contact hours: 500hrs • 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.

LITTÉRATURE ET CINÉMA – OSCAR ET LA DAME ROSE (Eric Emmanuel SCHMIDT) – BOOK & MOVIE

550a Wednesdays, January 19-March 16 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)

Listening into a conversation between his doctor and parents, 10-year-old Oscar learns what nobody has the courage to tell him. He only has a few weeks to live. Furious, he refuses to speak to anyone except straight-talking Rose, the lady in pink he meets on the hospital stairs. As Christmas approaches, Rose uses her fantastical experiences as a professional wrestler, her imagination, wit and charm to allow Oscar to live life and love to the full, in the company of his friends Pop Corn, Einstein, Bacon and childhood sweetheart Peggy Blue. A wonderful moving story for all ages!

Book: Oscar et La Dame Rose (Eric Emmanuel Schmidt) Livre de Poche: ISBN 9782253079910. Please note that each participant will have to order their own book.

BREAKING NEWS: PARLONS D'ACTUALITÉS! HOT OFF THE FRENCH PRESS!

550b Tuesdays, January 18-March 15 / 8:00-9:40pm

Tuition: \$299 (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

TROUVER LE MOT JUSTE / FINDING THE RIGHT WORD - VOCABULARY PROVERBS AND IDIOMS

650a Tuesdays, January 18-March 15 / 6:00-7:40pm

650b Saturdays, January 22-March 19 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included)

In order to understand the nuances of French vocabulary, memorizing words of lists of vocabulary is not sufficient; it is more important to first understand and assimilate their links and their practical use in real life situations. Each class will address a topic and related vocabulary selected by the class. Terms and expressions will be introduced in a real communication context which will allow you to master and appropriately use them through lively conversations. If you are always "struggling" to find the right word, this is the class for you!

Book: Vocabulaire Progressif du français (Niveau Perfectionnement) - Éditions CLE International

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

LE CERCLE LITTÉRAIRE - « LE PRIX GONCOURT 2021: LA PLUS SECRÈTE MÉMOIRE DES HOMMES (Mohamed M. Sarr) - ADVANCED C2

650c Fridays, January 21-March 18 / 10:00-11:40am

Tuition: \$299 (materials & membership included).

Un magistral roman d'apprentissage, une saisissante enquête sur les traces d'un mystérieux auteur menée par un jeune écrivain africain à Paris

En 2018, Diégane Latyr Faye, jeune écrivain sénégalais, découvre à Paris un livre mythique, paru en 1938 : *Le Labyrinthe de l'inhumain*. On a perdu la trace de son auteur, qualifié en son temps de " Rimbaud nègre ", depuis le scandale que déclencha la parution de son texte. Diégane s'engage alors, fasciné, sur la piste du mystérieux T. C. Elimane, où il affronte les grandes tragédies que sont le colonialisme ou la Shoah. Du Sénégal à la France en passant par l'Argentine, quelle vérité l'attend au centre de ce labyrinthe ?

Sans jamais perdre le fil de cette quête qui l'accapare, Diégane, à Paris, fréquente un groupe de jeunes auteurs africains : tous s'observent, discutent, boivent, font beaucoup l'amour, et s'interrogent sur la nécessité de la création à partir de l'exil. Il va surtout s'attacher à deux femmes : la sulfureuse Siga, détentrice de secrets, et la fugace photojournaliste Aïda...

D'une perpétuelle inventivité, *La plus secrète mémoire des hommes* est un roman étourdissant, dominé par l'exigence du choix entre l'écriture et la vie, ou encore par le désir de dépasser la question du face-à-face entre Afrique et Occident. Il est surtout un chant d'amour à la littérature et à son pouvoir intemporel.

Book: La plus secrète mémoire des hommes (Mohamed M. Sarr) - ISBN-13: 978-2848768861

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