



Community Education Spring 2025

French for Beginners: Continuing

Thursday 1:30 – 3:30 pm

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Course Description: Allez, on continue. A continuing class for students who have prior knowledge of French. In this class you will get to practice and review the skills you've learned and start to practice conversational French. You will have lots of fun in this class learning how to: start a conversation, order a meal, get help at a train station or call for reservation and much more! Oui, you will be more confident in speaking. Reference book: French in 3 months by Ronald Overy and Jacqueline Lecanuet (edition: 2022). Taught by a native speaker.

Learning Outcomes: *As a result of taking this course, students will:*

- Expand the ability to use French in everyday situations.
- Emphasize active communication in French.
- Learn expressions with: il faut, il y a, il y aura.
- Learn how to conjugate verbs in future, imperfect, conditional, imperative.
- Learn important modal verbs: pouvoir, devoir, vouloir, savoir.
- Learn most useful prepositions.
- Learn comparatives and superlatives.
- Learn useful words and phrases: to start a conversation with someone; to order at a restaurant; to ask for help; to make a reservation; to ask for directions; to talk about the weather.
- Read stories in French and answer the questions.

Course Schedule:

- Week 1:** Reviewing past skills including regular and irregular verbs. Expressions with : il faut, il y a, il y aura. Reading two conversations and answering questions. Introduce yourself to your class in French. New vocabulary. Fun exercises. Fun idioms.
- Week 2:** Learn to conjugate regular and irregular verbs in the future tense. Learn useful modal verbs (pouvoir, devoir vouloir, savoir). Learn to conjugate the verb: vouloir. Difference between: savoir and connaître. Read two conversations and answer questions. Role play: It's breakfast time and you need to order your meal. New vocabulary. Fun exercises. Fun idioms.
- Week 3:** Learn the most useful prepositions. Prepositions used with geographical names. Read two conversations and answer questions. Role Play: It's dinner time and you ask for a table, you order your meal and you ask for the bill. New vocabulary. Fun exercises. Fun idioms.
- Week 4:** Learn to conjugate verbs in the conditional tense. Read two conversations and answer questions. Role play: Asking for help at the train station, post office, or other places. New vocabulary. Fun exercises. Fun idioms.
- Week 5:** Conjugate verbs in the imperfect tense and imperative tense. Read two conversations and answer questions. Role play: You are lost and you need help. New vocabulary. Fun exercises. Fun idioms.
- Week 6:** Useful adverbs, comparatives and superlatives, irregular comparatives and superlatives. Verb: plaire. Read two conversations and answer questions. Role play: You want to buy... New vocabulary. Fun exercises. Fun idioms.
- Week 7:** Reflexive verbs (se lave, se raser, s'habiller, etc.). Useful pronouns (y, en, on). More questions forms. Read two conversations and answer questions. Role play: I would like to reserve a room. New vocabulary. Fun exercises. Fun idioms.
- Week 8:** Review of week 1 to 7. Role play: Tout commence par un bonjour. Pouvez-vous m'aider?. Quel temps fait-il?. Je planifie un voyage.

Selected Bibliography/Resources:

- French in 3 months by Ronald Overy and Jacqueline Lecanuet.

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