

# Community Education – Spring Quarter 2026

**Course Title:** French for Beginners

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## Course Details

- Thursdays, 4/29 – 5/28
- 1:30pm to 3:30pm
- Columbia Tech Center Campus, 18700 SE Mill Plain Blvd. Room 335

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## Course Description

Oui, c'est possible. This French for beginners class is for adult learners with no previous knowledge of French and also for people who have studied French in the past and want to brush up their skills. In that class, you will learn the basics of pronunciation, vocabulary, grammatical structure, and dialogues. This course is taught by a native speaker.

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## Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will:

- Know how to pronounce French alphabet, vowels and consonants.
  - Learn how to introduce yourself in French and how to greet people in French.
  - Learn the numbers, days, months, seasons of the year and how to tell time.
  - Learn how to use the subject pronouns with verbs.
  - Conjugate regular and irregular verbs.
  - Determine the gender of nouns (masculine and feminine), learn definite, indefinite and partitive French articles.
  - Make singular nouns plural.
  - Learn basic expressions used in everyday situations.
  - Read texts and answer comprehension questions.
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## Course Schedule

**Week 1** – Introduction, pronunciation of vowels and consonants, elision & liaison, French greetings.

- You will learn to pronounce French vowels, consonants and sounds that require special attention. You will learn two elements: elision and liaison. You will learn appropriate French greetings, new words and key phrases.

**Week 2** – Addressing people, subject pronouns, present tense of verbs “avoir”, “être” and regular verb ending in -er, expressions using “avoir” and “être”, three ways asking questions.

- You will learn how to address people (difference between “tu” and “vous”). You will learn the subject pronouns, present tense of verbs “avoir”, “être” and, regular verb ending in -er. You will see three ways to ask questions. You will see funny expressions with “avoir” and “être”. You will learn new words and new expressions.

**Week 3** – Definite, indefinite, partitive articles, masculine and feminine nouns. You will learn colors in French and, present tense of regular verb ending in -ir.

- You will recognize whether a noun is masculine or feminine and, which article to use. You will learn the colors. You will conjugate regular verb ending in -ir in present tense. And you will learn more expressions, and new words.

**Week 4** – Numbers, days of the week, months, seasons of the year, period of time, regular verb ending in -re. Role-play: At the market

- You will learn cardinal, ordinal numbers, days of the week, months, seasons of the year and period of time. You will conjugate regular verbs ending in -re. More new words and expressions with seasons. You will play a role: At the market.

**Week 5** – What time is it? (Quelle heure est-il?). Plural of nouns. And easiest way to point something out: c’est...

- Quelle heure est-il? You will learn how to say military time in French. You will learn how to form a plural of nouns. Expressions with “c’est...” And more new words and key phrases.

**Week 6** – Descriptive adjectives, present tense of irregular verbs, make negative sentences.

- You will know how to describe things with adjectives. You will conjugate irregular verbs in present tense. How to make a sentence negative in French. And more new words and expressions.

**Week 7** – Asking questions in French: where, when, how, why, etc., present perfect of irregular verbs.  
Role-play: At the restaurant.

- You will learn irregular verbs in past tense. You will learn different way to ask questions You will play a role: At the restaurant. More new words and expressions.

1. **Week 8** – Review and discussion. Role-play: At the hotel

- We will review the material learned in weeks 1-7. You will play a role: At the hotel.

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## Resources

Recommended references for further study:

- French in 3 months by Ronald Overy and Jacqueline Lecanuet (edition 2022).

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  - Phone: 360-992-2939

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