



University
of Exeter



Evening language programme 2025/26

Course title: French DALF C1 exam preparation course

Course descriptor/objectives

This course is focussed on developing oral and written comprehension and expression in order to facilitate success in the DALF C1 exam.

Students will practise the four skills and will get used to the methodology of the exam with an accredited examiner. Participants will be asked to complete exercises at home every week to consolidate their progress in class.

This Diploma accredits language users' capacity to:

- understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognise implicit meaning.
- express themselves fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions.
- use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes.
- produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.

Language-specific information:

French is an official language in 29 countries and is spoken by more than 300 million people worldwide. It is a major language of international communication and diplomacy, serving as one of the six working languages of the United Nations and playing a key role in organisations such as the EU, NATO, and the African Union.

In the global economy, French is valuable for those working with Europe, Africa, and Canada, and it provides access to a broad range of markets, professional networks, and international

partnerships. As a Romance language with roots in Latin and a strong historical connection to both European and global cultures, French also offers insight into diverse business environments.

French connects learners with a rich cultural landscape—from the films of Jean-Luc Godard and Jacques Tati to the literary works of Victor Hugo and Marcel Proust—deepening cultural understanding and supporting intercultural competence in professional settings.

Prerequisite:

This non-credit weekly course is intended for learners who are already working at **C1 level**. At this stage, students can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts and recognise implicit meaning. They can express themselves fluently and spontaneously with minimal searching for words, adapting their language to different social, academic or professional contexts. They can produce clear, well-structured, detailed discourse on complex topics and demonstrate controlled, flexible use of French for nuanced communication and effective argumentation.

Technical requirements:

- PC, laptop or tablet with camera and microphone
- Stable internet connection

Delivery will be via Zoom or Microsoft Teams

Once the course is confirmed, your teacher will send you an invitation for the first online session. You can expect to receive this invitation one day before the first session.

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

To be confirmed by the teacher.

Further information:

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Please note the exam is not included in the course and will need to be booked separately via our product catalogue. [Exam Payments | Exeter University](#)