

Evening language programme 2026/27

Course title: French Beginner Part II (A1.2)

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to help the learner to further develop basic speaking, writing, listening and reading skills, extend vocabulary and consolidate grammar for communication purposes.

The completion level of the course is broadly equivalent to the *A1.2* level of the **Common European Framework**, i.e. by the end of the course learners will be able to:

- understand and use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete typ.
- introduce themselves and others.
- ask and answer questions about personal details such as where they live, people they know and things they have.
- interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

In seminars, participants will have to engage in practical exercises and group interaction in order to develop relevant language-specific learning strategies. The role of the instructor is to facilitate this process, provide useful tools and encourage participants to become independent learners and basic users of the languages too.

Language-specific information:

French is spoken as an official language in 29 countries and has over 300 million speakers worldwide. It is an important language for intercultural communication, acting as one of the 6 working languages of the United Nations.

As a romance language, modern French is derived from Vulgar Latin, though it resembles its counterparts (Italian, Portuguese and Spanish) much less due to Germanic influences.

Culturally, French opens speakers up to a wide range of modern and established classics such as the cinema of Jean-Luc Goddard and Jacques Tati or the literary greatness of Victor Hugo and Proust.

Prerequisite:

This non-credit bearing weekly course is intended for beginners who have completed a 10-week course (20 contact hours) or equivalent.

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

Continuation of:

Bissar D. et al. *Foundations French 1*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2017 (3rd ed), ISBN 9781137579195.

Please do not purchase the coursebook until the course is confirmed.