Evening language programme 2023/24

Course title: French Advanced (B2/C1) – online

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to help the learner to further develop French language skills for professional and academic purposes with a focus on oral French. By the end of the course participants will be able to:

- express themselves more fluently and spontaneously
- contribute effectively to discussions, choosing suitable phrases from a range of discourse functions and to relate their own contributions skillfully
- read the media for information
- recognise different perspectives from their own worldview

Participants will mainly develop advanced listening, speaking and reading skills through a series of task-oriented sessions and will be provided with informal formative feedback during contact hours. Writing will be optional.

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 advanced users of the language, 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 language learners who have completed our French Upper-Intermediate course or have an A'level in French and/or spent some time in a French-speaking country.

Technical requirements:

-PC, laptop or tablet with camera and microphone

-Stable internet connection

Delivery will be via Zoom or Teams

Once the course has been confirmed your teacher will invite you to the first session by 12:00 on the day of the course

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

To be confirmed by the teacher