

International Programs Department

Academic Year: 2019-2020

French language and culture A1.1

Description

French language and culture course is designed to help students reaching a proper level in French language and cultural knowledge to integrate in their daily life and in the school, to prospect and find an internship and to work efficiently in a French environment.

Classes are divided in different groups to suit every level. The group levels are based on the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (CEFRL) scale: A1 (Beginner level), A2 (Elementary level), B1/B2 (intermediate levels), B2-C1 (advanced level).

To validate the Master degree, students need to reach at least a B1 level.

Learning Objectives and Outcomes

- A1 Breakthrough or beginner (CEFRL)
 - Understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type.
 - Introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has.
 - Interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

Course Schedule and Contents

Course based on the textbook EDITO A1(Ed. Didier, 2016)

Each class is based on communicative objectives. In class you will

- ✓ Gain confidence in speaking in a variety of situations.
- ✓ Consolidate and expand your vocabulary.
- ✓ Improve accuracy in real world writing tasks.
- ✓ Improve your pronunciation and develop your understanding of grammar in context.

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Unit 0 • Build the foundation in French with alphabet and numbers

Useful structures for the French class

Unit 1 • Introduce yourself

 Give personal information such as name, nationality, date of birth, address, age, etc.

Present your family, your hobbies

Unit 2 • Give and ask for directions

Understand an itinerary

Travel in the city using public transportation

Unit 3 • Buy groceries

Order at the restaurant

Talk about what you like/dislike

Understand/give the time and opening hours

Unit 4 • Describe an object

Do shopping (ask for a size, a color, a price, etc.)

Give the weather forecast

Give your opinion about an item

Grading:

For intensive session:

Oral expression: 50%

Final test: 50%

Policies

- We expect you to turn-in your reports on time to receive proper credit/grade.
- Any work submitted must be your own.
- We expect everyone to contribute equally to group assignments
- Attendance in every class is expected and class participation and discussion is strongly encouraged.
- Late work will not be accepted unless prior arrangements have been made directly with the teacher.
- Cases will be decided on an individual basis.

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