

SYLLABUS

Advanced Level

Language: French as a Foreign Language

Number of credits: 5

Number of hours per learner: 50

Prerequisite: B2 level

Objectives

This course focusing on academic French aims to acquire the 4 language skills at a higher level and to develop methodology and cultural background that will enable the learner to continue studying in France.

Aims and Content

In order to develop communication skills, priority is given to a communicative and intercultural approach:

- Strengthening listening comprehension and reading from documents based on current events
- Consolidating grammar and lexical use
- Increasing knowledge on oral and written structures in French applied to academic speaking and writing
- Writing tutorials and practicing Grammar
- Speaking within and before a group
- Supervised self-developing workshops at the multimedia laboratory

The course content varies with the students' level and needs. It is based on current events.

- ✓ Topics: French people's life, the environment, young people nowadays, cultural policy, French people's values, Paris and its suburbs, the PACA region, Francophonie and the French language
- ✓ Listening Comprehension: taking notes from authentic documents, audio, radio and video equipment
- ✓ Reading: strengthening texts reading from press articles and specialized documentation
- ✓ Writing: focusing on language proficiency to help students with academic writing - introduction and conclusion, reports, summary reports
- ✓ Speaking: continuous speech and interaction – presentation, reports, debates, preparing for interview situation
- ✓ Supervised self-developing workshops: *Projet Voltaire* e-learning program – spelling and lexical systematic revisions

Assessment

Continuous assessment and final exam at the end of the semester

Marking calculation: 50% continuous assessment and 50% final exam

Continuous assessment includes oral and written class activities, laboratory work sessions, participation (class attendance, classroom behavior, personal work)

Organization

The course includes 50 hours per semester as follows:

- An induction week with intensive tuition in September (or in January)
- Classes in French language and culture from October to January (Semester 1) and from February to June (Semester 2)
- Field trips and activities: cultural visits, field activities

Bibliography

- Dictionnaire le Petit Robert micro
- L'Exercicier, Editions PUG