

French Intermediate and Advanced

Course Outline

This is not a prescriptive list. Exact course outlines are determined by the instructor to best meet the needs of each class. This is meant to serve as a guideline and suggest what may be covered at this level. It is often necessary to repeat levels in order to become completely comfortable with the skills at each stage with a different teacher and style.

Prerequisite:

To register in this class, you should:

- be at ease speaking in the imparfait, the passé composé, the futur proche and the futur simple
- be able to respond spontaneously to a given situation
- be able to understand 70-80% of common daily conversations

Possible Communicative Objectives:

How to:

- describe a person, an object (review)
- talk about past experiences (review)
- talk about the future (review)
- be aware of different language registers
- express oneself with ease and fluidity
- express oneself with more complex use of idioms
- relate two different events in the past
- express hypothetical situations
- express and justify your opinion
- read simple authentic texts and understand general meaning
- contradict or qualify a statement
- produce a descriptive text
- express cause, consequence, opposition, concession
- give arguments to convince
- report somebody's sayings
- refuse a request by giving a justification
- express regrets, apologies
- express different degrees of certainty
- express yourself in writing in 2-3 paragraphs with a minimum of errors
- communicate clearly and efficiently with French speakers
- make oral presentations in class



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Extended Learning

Possible Linguistic Objectives:

- review of conjugations: present, imperfect, future
- pluperfect
- conditional
- comparatives and superlatives
- relative pronouns (qui, que, dont, etc.)
- direct and indirect object pronouns (review)
- pronouns y and en
- order of pronouns
- linking words for opposition, consequence, obligation, cause, aim, etc.
- verbal expressions (venir de, être en train de, etc.)
- formation of adverbs from adjectives
- pronunciation and phonetics
- various expressions of time (pendant que, etc.)
- concordance between past tenses
- preposition and conjunctions
- subjunctive
- gerundive
- passive form
- difficult verbs: se douter, se figurer, manquer
- imperative and pronouns
- future anterior
- discours indirect
- double negatives
- variety of linking words
- pronunciation