

ERASMUS+ French Language & Culture

For Teachers and Educational Staff using French as a Foreign Language

Course Ref: EPFR2

Entry Level:

Minimum Level French CEFR A1

Language of tuition:

French

30 lessons per week

Total course contact hours:

EPFR1.1 One week: 25 hours

EPFR1.2 Two weeks: 50 Hours

Optional extra language activities are available after school daily from 16.15

Maximum class size 15

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This course is of significant benefit to teachers who are non-native speakers of French who are required or intend to teach French or a subject through French (CLIL) as well as those planning to start teaching French.

It is also beneficial to other school educational staff, those who need to develop their language skills to study relevant literature or publications in French, anyone who needs to work on projects/exchange programmes/committees with an international dimension and those who need to liaise with French-speaking colleagues, counterparts or parents.

Objectives

- To develop and consolidate participants' language skills by enhancing competency in French language usage in a multi-national environment
- To equip those working with French with key language and communication skills appropriate in educational, social and vocational contexts
- To enhance communication in French between teachers, educational staff and students
- To enhance participants' competence in communicating and sharing of knowledge/experiences in French at conferences and training courses
- To enhance staff competence in reading and understanding professional articles and journals published in French
- To promote awareness of French history and culture
- To develop the participants' language skills to help them teach and communicate in French more efficiently and successfully

Preparation Pre-course Preparative Modalities:

- Needs Analysis
- Online resources for pre-course, arrival and cultural information
- Online language level assessment

Practical Arrangements Intra-Course Modalities offered by the Course Provider

- Course tutor
- Pedagogic learning materials included
- Setting of learning objectives
- Ongoing assessment and evaluation including feedback on progress
- Guidance and advice on homework exercises
- Accommodation service and pastoral care: 24hr emergency contact
- Optional additional language workshop every day
- City orientation tour and welcome activity
- Access to school study and media centre

Follow up provided Post-Course Modalities

- A Certificate of Attendance and Achievement
- Europass Mobility if required
- End of course test and programme evaluation
- Post-course forum

French Language

Reading Skills...

A variety of reading activities is used to encourage students to develop the various reading skills that are needed to read effectively.

Writing Skills...

Writing will be utilised to develop accuracy. Writing activities may also be set for homework.

Listening Skills...

Listening skills will be practised extensively, using a variety of activities and tasks, to enable students to be able to process the information and become more confident in this skill.

Speaking Skills...

Speaking will be an integral part of lessons. Students are given the opportunity to express their ideas in a relaxed classroom atmosphere, by use of a range of activities to encourage communication.

Grammar Awareness...

Grammar for effective communication will be presented and practised at all levels.

Vocabulary...

Vocabulary is a key element in learning a foreign language. Various activities to encourage the acquisition of vocabulary are an integral part of the course.

Extra fluency practice...

Every afternoon 1 extra lesson in small groups. These thematic workshops focus on communication skills and phonetics.

Culture...

Our teaching materials draw on aspects of French life and culture from the very beginning. We also cover regional festivals, anniversaries of famous French artists, writers and singers etc

You will learn about France and the French way of life as you progress in your knowledge of the language.

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Course Content and Strategies

The overall approach in the language development classes is communicative with students encouraged and facilitated to use the language learned on the course. This covers all aspects of French language skills - speaking, listening, reading and writing as well as pronunciation, vocabulary and grammar activities. Class work includes individual, pair and group work, discussions, debates, roleplays, presentations, written tasks and listening exercises. Participants are actively encouraged to share their own ideas and experience in a friendly, supportive atmosphere while developing networks with other international students.

In morning classes, linguistic topics and structures are introduced to the class each week. The afternoon classes provide and enhance participants' key skills in communication and all classes are taught with reference to cultural topics such as The Region of the Month, The Author of the Month and so on...

Participants receive focused feedback thanks to a personal pedagogic dashboard which is filled in every week together with the teacher. Participants have regular tutorials with their teachers to discuss progress and ways to maximise their learning while reviewing objectives and setting homework if necessary. Areas for improvement are addressed through revision sessions, progress tests and additional language and cultural workshops.

Sample Programme

This is a sample of a schedule which can be adapted to suit the participants' needs. One Week or Two-Week Course.

Outcomes

First day 08.00-09.00 : welcome, oral testing, orientation and briefing before class begins					
WEEK 1	Day One	Day Two	Day Three	Day Four	Day Five
09.30-11.00	French language	French language	French language	French language	French language
11.30-13.00	French language	French language	French language	French language	French language
Lunch Break					
14.00-16.00	Language and Culture Workshop	Language and Culture Workshop	Language and Culture Workshop	Language and Culture Workshop	Language and Culture Workshop
16.00-17.15	Optional grammar Activity	Optional theatre Activity	Optional literature Activity	Optional French Cinema Activity	Optional personal tutorial

Sat	CULTURAL TRIP: One Full Day Excursion included in Two-Week Course (optional for 1-wk course)
Sun	INFORMAL LEARNING: Personal research, cultural visits and activities, practising language skills

WEEK 2	Day One	Day Two	Day Three	Day Four	Day Five
09.30-11.00	French language	French language	French language	French language	French language
11.30-13.00	French language	French language	French language	French language	French language
Lunch Break					
14.00-16.00	Language and Culture Workshop	Language and Culture Workshop	Language and Culture Workshop	Language and Culture Workshop	Language and Culture Workshop
16.15-17.15	Optional grammar Activity	Optional theatre Activity	Optional literature Activity	Optional French Cinema Activity	Optional personal tutorial

- Enhanced French language skills: reading, writing, listening, speaking, fluency and accuracy.
- Greater awareness and knowledge of French culture and history
- Improved confidence in using a foreign language
- Exposure to different classroom methodological practices
- Teamwork, interpersonal attributes
- Deeper sensitivity to cultural diversity
- Knowledge of other European systems of education
- Use of technology in the classroom
- Better understanding of students' needs and behaviour in class
- Knowledge of Erasmus+ potential for professional development