



INTENSIVE FRENCH LANGUAGE

APA Program: Paris

Language of instruction: French

US semester credits: 4.0

Contact hours: 80

Term availability: Fall Semester, Spring Semester

Course Prerequisite

Intensive French Language is designed for students who have completed the equivalent of three semesters of French at their home institution. This is an approximate A2 starting level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Course Objective

The goals of this course are to help students attain a sufficient competency level in French so that they will feel comfortable communicating with others on a daily basis and to complement the remaining APA and/or French university courses in the student's academic schedule. At the end of the semester, students will have reached, at minimum, the B1 CEFR level. This course will necessitate a serious commitment on the part of each student to succeed by requiring that they engage in active participation and continual work throughout the semester.

Course Description

- Upon arrival in Paris, students will take a language evaluation to determine difficulties and gaps in their language abilities.
- Based on the results of the language evaluations, the instructor can elaborate the intensive language course to the specific needs of each student, adjusting the content of the course to be a precise fit.
- Each group session is conducted to deal with the development of competency in written and oral expression. Varied assignments will help students work on grammar, vocabulary, conjugation, and writing skills as well as to further develop their speaking and writing abilities.
- The small group and individual classes will allow students to continue to work on developing their oral competencies for conversation through speaking and pronunciation exercises.
- The documents used in class will be: the appropriate language text book, news articles, literary extracts, university texts, video and audio documents.

Schedule

Weeks 1 - 3

Section 1 - Intensive Group Language Study

- 20 hours of group classes
- 15 hours of oral expression workshops
- 15 hours of written expression workshops
- Information sessions about the academic program and individual meetings with the director and/or assistant director

Syllabus subject to change

Weeks 4 -15

Section 2 - Fast Track to Advanced French Language

- Weekly 90-minute group class. These classes are designed to continue improving the four necessary competencies: oral expression, oral comprehension, reading comprehension, and written expression.
- Weekly 1-hour individual study with a teaching assistant: practice oral expression in a one-on-one format and proofread university papers.

At the conclusion of the semester, a Customized Language Support report will be sent to each student's home institution detailing the student's starting language level, current language level, and the work completed including the individual weekly study sessions from Weeks 4 - 15.

Assessment

- Continual Assessment: active participation in class, oral reports, and written assignments (60%)
- Final Exam: Oral (20%)
- Final Exam: Written (20%)

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