



INTERMEDIATE FRENCH LANGUAGE

APA Program: Paris: August Short-Term

Language of instruction: French

US semester credits: 4.0

Contact hours: 36

Term availability: August Short-Term

Course Prerequisite

Intermediate French Language is designed for students who have completed the equivalent of two to three semesters of French at their home institution. This is an approximate B1 starting level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Course Objectives

This course helps students attain a sufficient competency level in French so that they feel comfortable communicating with others daily and prepares them for French university life (for a Fall semester in Paris with APA) or a French work environment (for a future internship):

- Improve written and oral skills in order to integrate quickly into life in France
- Get familiar with the methodology and techniques of the French academic system
- Discover the main aspects of French culture in a participative way
- Discover the basics of professional French
- Reach the B2 level of the CEFR

The three weeks are comprised of 36 hours of classes, workshops, and visits around Paris.

Communication Objectives

- Converse about facts and ideas both orally and in writing
- Spontaneous and directed oral productions
- Present in public (a current issue, a work of art, a monument, etc.)
- Write formal letters and professional emails
- Complete assignments according to the codes and methodology of France ("*commentaire de texte*" and "*dissertation*")

Linguistic Objectives

- Grammar
 - Conjugations: modes and tenses (uses and meanings)
 - "*Concordance des temps*": anteriority, simultaneity, posteriority
 - Expression of time, cause, consequence, goal, opposition, hypothesis
 - Direct/indirect discourse (present and past tense)
 - Articles
 - Determinants

- Simple and compound relative pronouns
- Interrogative form
- Negations
- Comparison
- Logical connectors
- Vocabulary
 - Family, friends, social relations, customs, and social codes
 - Free time, leisure, talking about tastes...
 - Everyday life: comparing individual or cultural representations
 - Intro to French for business
 - Art and History: specific vocabulary
 - Intro to French for university studies

Schedule

Week 1

- Monday
 - Morning: 2 hours of class
 - Afternoon: 2 hours of workshop
- Tuesday
 - Morning: 1.5 hours of class
 - Afternoon: Site visit
- Wednesday
 - Morning: 1.5 hours of class
 - Afternoon: 2 hours of workshop
- Thursday
 - Morning: 1.5 hours of class
 - Afternoon: Site visit
- Friday
 - Morning: 1.5 hours of class

Week 2

- Monday
 - Morning: 1.5 hours of class
 - Afternoon: 2 hours of workshop
- Tuesday
 - Morning: 1.5 hours of class
 - Afternoon: Site visit
- Wednesday
 - Morning: 1.5 hours of class
 - Afternoon: 2 hours of workshop
- Thursday
 - Morning: 1.5 hours of class
 - Afternoon: Site visit
- Friday
 - Morning: 1.5 hours of class

Week 3

- Monday
 - Morning: 1.5 hours of class
 - Afternoon: 2 hours of workshop
- Tuesday
 - Morning: 1.5 hours of class
 - Afternoon: 2 hours of workshop
- Wednesday
 - Morning: 1.5 hours of class
 - Afternoon: 2 hours of workshop
- Thursday
 - Morning: 1.5 hours of class
 - Afternoon: 2 hours of workshop
- Friday
 - Morning: 1.5 hours of class

Assessment

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