



FRENCH LANGUAGE CLASSES

GENERAL FRENCH

Description of course contents from A1 to C2

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General information on our classes

What is the difference between our different types of classes?

We offer 4 types of group classes for adults, each with its own pace and schedule.

- **Intensive French:** it means 3 hours in a row in the mornings during 4 consecutive weeks. This type of classes focuses on fast progression, half a level in a month.
- **Lunch Hour :** 1h30 twice a week at lunch in a class focused on maintaining your level and practicing your French, broaden your knowledge of French culture.
- **Saturday morning :** 2 hours once a week for those who have a busy schedule during weekdays, one semester commitment per session.
- **E-learning evening courses:** 2 hours twice a week for evening remote lessons via ZOOM. Learn French, from your desktop or tablet.

The present document explains the progression of the General French classes but can help you identify your level should you want to enrol in a class.

Each teacher chooses his/her own material that would guide your progression, there is no one single textbook but still a rigid structure, with grammar, vocabulary, oral and written communication .Those courses are all compliant with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, with the aim of offering an effective learning progress and are recommended to prepare DELF and DALF exams.

At the IFL, we have opted for the immersive method from the beginner level (A1.1) with playful activities actively used. Ask a question, write a question? Your teacher will respond or write back in French.

This method makes the student feel fully immersed and makes the brain switch to full-on French which is the fastest way to learn and practice a foreign language! Your teacher will implement all the necessary pedagogical methods to reach mutual comprehension and therefore, avoid the use of vernacular language. You will be constantly stimulated through playful and academic tasks and our teachers emphasize oral speaking to help you to improve your speaking ability while gaining fluency in the use of French.

All students from all over the world, with different mother tongues, backgrounds, cultures, ages and nationalities are more than welcome and mixed to join our collective courses; the common objective is to learn French as efficient as possible.

Our duty at Institut français du Luxembourg, is to offer a high quality service, to help students to reach their goal, providing skilled and experienced teachers with a rigorous recruitment which include native AND non-native French speakers but all talented, graduated, experienced and certified.

More than 90% of our students recommend our courses and clients reviews can be seen on our website !

A1.1



The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

A1 Level Summary

In **A1**, you will be able to:

- ✓ understand and use common expressions and basic phrases aimed at satisfying basic needs;
- ✓ introduce yourself and others;
- ✓ ask and answer questions about personal details such as where you live, people you know and things you have;
- ✓ interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

A1.1 Course Details

Prerequisites

No prerequisite. This is the entry point for people with no prior knowledge of French at all.

Indicative course contents

Learn how to greet, introduce yourself and ask basic questions on identity or location.

ACTIONS	GRAMMAR	THEMES & VOCABULARY
To introduce oneself – 1 (names, age, languages...)	Present tense for verbs “être, avoir”, verbs ending in -ER	Alphabet (pronunciation)
To greet and take leave in formal and informal ways	Present tense for some irregular verbs “aller, prendre...”	Numbers, months and days of the week
Ask simple questions (1)	Simple questioning	Identity (names, phone, nationalities...)
Easy ways to ask for buying	Close future and recent past	Shops, hotels and cities
Ask and give simple directions	Articles (definite & indefinite), gender and numbers.	Directions and weather

Our method /Textbook and Workbook used

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Questions and contact

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Classes availability

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A1.2 Course Details

Prerequisites

Having done A1.1 OR being a “false beginner” ie. having done a bit of French in the past, remembering the usual greetings and words but needing to consolidate that knowledge.

Content of Course

Introduce yourself and your family. Learn how to say what you like or don't. Talk about your daily routine.

ACTIONS	GRAMMAR	THEMES & VOCABULARY
To introduce oneself – 2 (family, tastes, hobbies...)	Frequency (<i>jamais, souvent, toujours...</i>)	Body parts and traits (words and adjectives)
Suggest an activity/invite	Pronominal verbs (reflexive)	Family
Accept/refuse an invitation	Time and chronology	Daily activities, sports and hobbies
Describe a typical day, describe simply holidays	<i>Passé composé</i> (compound past), and introduction to <i>imparfait</i> and imperative	Invitation
Say how you are/how you feel	Comparisons with adjectives	

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A2 Level Summary

In **A2**, you will be able to:

- ✓ understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment);
- ✓ communicate according to simple and routine tasks requiring simple and direct exchanges of information on familiar and routine matters;
- ✓ describe, in simple terms, aspects of your background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.

A2.1 Course Details

Prerequisites

Having done A1.2 OR having passed a A1 DELF diploma. You can join this course if you have a good command of the present tense and master the goals outlined in the description of the A1 level above.

Content of Course

Talk about past events. Talk about the weather. Make an itinerary, plan your visit.

ACTIONS	GRAMMAR	THEMES & VOCABULARY
Explain smthg or engage in general discussion	<i>L'imparfait</i> and revision of <i>passé composé</i>	Daily issues
Describe an experience	Relative pronouns " <i>qui, que, où</i> "	School and work environment
Discuss goals/ plans	Pronoun " <i>en</i> " and " <i>y</i> " for place	City/country
Talk about feelings	<i>Passé composé</i> (pronominal)	Personal and professional life
Talk about future	Futur	Hobbies
Express a wish	Obligation, Interdiction	Memories
Describe an object and what it is used for	Conseils	Landscape/weather
Express intentions, agreement/disagreement	Pronoms relatifs	Housing, furniture and DIY
	Conditionnel	Health and medicine

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A2.2 Course Details

Prerequisites

Having done A2.1. You can join this course if you do not need to revise present tense and have a good idea of how future and past work.

Content of Course

Describe what you are wearing. Learn how to order food, make your everyday shopping and more basic transactions in shops. Talk about your memories.

ACTIONS	GRAMMAR	THEMES & VOCABULARY
<p>Give advice</p> <p>Obtain and request information</p> <p>Discuss a person's physical appearance or personality</p> <p>Make a positive or negative appraisal of something</p> <p>Tell a story</p> <p>Tell an anecdote</p> <p>Tell agreement and disagreement</p> <p>- Giving advices</p> <p>Express intentions</p> <p>Describe someone</p> <p>Make a positive/negative review</p> <p>Structure thoughts and speech</p> <p>Express desires</p>	<p>Adjectives to nuance tastes and opinions (+possessive pronouns)</p> <p>Simple future (parler, prendre)</p> <p>Adverbs -ment</p> <p>Introduction to subjunctive after "il faut que"</p> <p>Structure to give advice like "Si.."</p> <p>Superlatives</p> <p>Simple future (parler, prendre)</p>	<p>Emotions and feelings</p> <p>The press, information and media technological devices</p> <p>Food and restaurants (cooking, etc.)</p> <p>Personality traits and physical appearance</p> <p>Consumerism, DIY</p> <p>Travel and tourism</p> <p>Technology and sciences</p> <p>Health and hospitals</p>

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B1 Level Summary

In **B1**, you will be able to:

- ✓ understand factual information, short stories or accounts
- ✓ grasp the key points of a report, interview or discussion on a radio programme
- ✓ identify the type of communication and determine its author's intention
- ✓ a work-related experience

B1.1 Course Details

Prerequisites

Having done A2.2 OR having passed a A2 DELF diploma. You can also have mastered the skills and competencies explained in the A2.4 description.

Content of Course

Prepare a trip and visit a location. Talk about your initial training and professional career. Answer a job offer. Commit to a cause/charity.

ACTIONS	GRAMMAR	THEMES & VOCABULARY
Recount an everyday event	The present subjunctive	Personal identity: personality, emotions, physical appearance
Talk about their personal or work situation	Past participle agreement	Family
Talk about their music tastes	The pluperfect tense	The world of work
Describe a change of circumstances	Indirect speech in the past tense and the sequence of tenses	Music and song
Outline a personal project	Narrative tenses (relative pronouns with dont)	Future and change: scientific and technological innovations
Participate in a job interview	Simple relative pronouns	Justice and law (some vocabulary)
Story of a professional career	Demonstrative pronouns	School and education
Recount a meeting with someone	The future tense	Art
Argue a point of view (explain aims, debate)	The past conditional	
Give their opinion on a film or theatre performance	Logical connectives aims, causes and effects present participles, the gerund adverbs ending in -ment	

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B1 Level Summary

In **B1**, you will be able to:

- ✓ the gist of an authentic text on subjects of either personal or professional interest
- ✓ the gist of an authentic news item

B1.2 Course Details

Prerequisites

Having done B1.1. You can also master the skills and competencies explained in the B1.1 description.

Content of Course

Discuss in length your origin and family. Talk about your job. Object to an argument.

ACTIONS	GRAMMAR	THEMES & VOCABULARY
Give advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepositions and adverbs of location and movement • The passive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media and news • Print media and news
Express obligation, permission, negation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compound relative pronouns • Nominalisation • The future perfect • The present subjunctive • The past subjunctive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The city • Travel / landscapes • Dreams and regrets, satisfaction and disappointment
Tell an anecdote (past and present)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indirect speech and the sequence of tenses • Temporal connectives • Logical connectives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather, climate and ecology • Consumption: description and functioning of services and objects
Talk about your job	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposition and concession • Emphatic structures • Double pronouns • The past historic • Sentence subject reversal • Present participles • Indirect and direct object pronouns • The pronouns EN and Y • Hypothetical statements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solidarity • Sport and health

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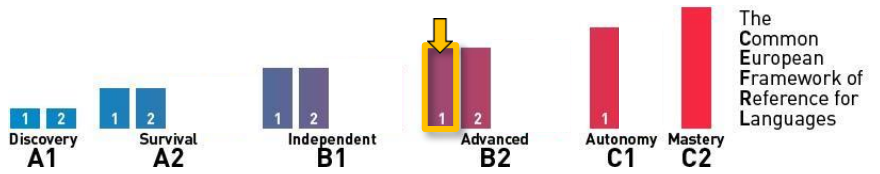
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B2 Level Summary

In **B2**, you will be able to:

- ✓ understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in your field of specialization;
- ✓ interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party;
- ✓ produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.

B2.1 Course Details

Prerequisites

Having done B1.2 OR having passed a B1 DELF diploma.

Content of Course

Express your opinion. Express feelings, certitudes and doubts.

ACTIONS	GRAMMAR	THEMES & VOCABULARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a clear and logical argument • Give a point of view on an issue by listing its pros and cons • Discuss an experience or project • Clearly express their opinion • Give a clear, pre-prepared talk • Debate, make a judgement • React to a news item and comment upon it • Relay the content of a news article • Present and comment on a political or social project • Write about themselves in a blog post • Discuss concrete and abstract subjects • Communicate with a degree of spontaneity and fluency • Defend their views and react to those of others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative tenses • Past participle agreement • Temporal conjunctions • The present subjunctive to express doubt or certitude, subjunctive to express feelings and opinions • The past subjunctive • The present infinitive and the infinitive • Temporal connectives • Logical connectives • Compound relative pronouns • The passive form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personality traits • Family and identity • Administrative processes • Health • Sport • Social/geographical mobility • a description of a living space (the city) • Press and the media • Education

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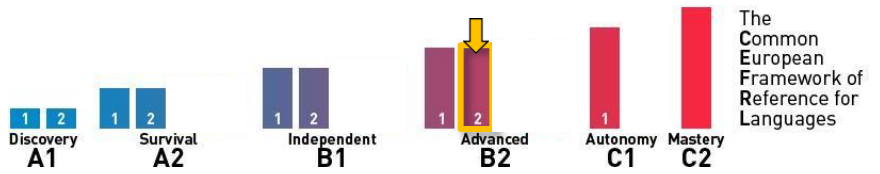
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B2.2 Course Details

Prerequisites

Having done B2.1. You can also master the skills and competencies explained in the B2.1 description.

Content of Course

Discuss, debate, give your opinions. Read and understand media.

ACTIONS	GRAMMAR	THEMES & VOCABULARY
<p>Take a well-argued personal position</p> <p>Write an essay or a report which develops an argument</p> <p>Methodically by appropriately stressing important points and pertinent details and/or by providing justifications for or against a particular point of view</p> <p>Write a criticism of a film, book or play</p> <p>Draft a formal letter</p> <p>Write a critical article</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logical articulators expressing condition • Future time • Hypothetical phrases with <i>SI</i> neutral pronouns (<i>le, en, y</i>) • Double pronouns • The proposition relating to the subjunctive • Language levels :sustained vs colloquial • Metaphors and synonyms • Raise a problem • The past historic • The future perfect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work (expatriated workers, discuss the anonymous CV) • The 5 senses • The arts (present a work of art) • Ecology and the environment • The weather, global warming • Citizen commitments, solidarity • The Internet and IT, digital tools and social networks

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C1 Level Summary

In **C1**, you will be able to:

- ✓ understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognise implicit meaning
- ✓ express yourself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions
- ✓ use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes
- ✓ produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.

PLEASE NOTE

At this level of fluency, you are not expected to progress in one term to the next "natural" class. You will discuss with the administration and the tutors to see what is your best way to progress and improve depending on your goal.

C1.1 Course Details

Prerequisites

Having done B2.2 OR having passed a B2 DELF diploma. .

Content of Course

Perfect your grammar (oral and written uses). Deepen your skills in debates and discussions. Work on the 4 competencies (Speaking, hearing, reading and writing).

At this level, there is not a clear defined programme.

The tutor will follow the needs and aspirations of the students and choose the subjects according to current affairs and news.

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C2 Level Summary

In **C2**, you will be able to:

- ✓ understand with ease virtually everything heard or read. Can summarise information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation
- ✓ express yourself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.

PLEASE NOTE

At this level of fluency, you are not expected to progress in one term to the next "natural" class. You will discuss with the administration and the tutors to see what is your best way to progress and improve depending on your goal.

C2 Course Details

Prerequisites

Having done a C1 class. You can also master the skills and competencies explained in the C1 description.

Content of Course

Work on fluency for all the competencies. Fine tuning of your French skills. Browsing French culture.

At this level, there is not a clear defined programme.

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Classes availability

Only available with private tuition classes.