

COURSE DETAIL

SEMI INTENSIVE BEGINNING FRENCH

Country

France

Host Institution

UC Center, Paris

Program(s)

French in Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

French

UCEAP Course Number

10

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

SEMI INTENSIVE BEGINNING FRENCH

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

This semi-intensive language course is roughly equivalent to the first quarter or to the first semester of beginning French language instruction on students' home campuses. It introduces basic speaking, listening, reading and writing skills to the complete beginner within a French-immersion context. This course is for absolute beginners only. The textbook for this course is MOTIFS: AN INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH by K. Jansma, 6th Edition, 2014. This course helps students develop the ability to communicate in spoken and written French. By the end of the course, students have been presented with the basic structures of French grammar and obtain a basic working vocabulary organized according to certain themes. Students are presented with information on French and Francophone culture on the following topics: greetings, identifying and describing people and things, leisure activities and sports, vacation time, family structures, schooling, the workplace, the news, eating and drinking, café life, and the geography, music, and cuisine of the francophone world. Students engage in short conversations using simple sentences and basic vocabularies, with limited use of perfect and recent past tenses and occasionally use near future tense. Covered in this course are: present, perfect, recent past, and near future tenses, along with high-frequency regular and irregular verbs, high-frequency reflexive verbs, the polite conditional mood, subject and object pronouns, articles, prepositions, possessive adjectives, interrogative expressions, and time and weather expressions. Basic oral competency skills are covered. Students are required to read, understand, and discuss short, highly contextualized and predictable texts, containing cognates and borrowed words, on very familiar topics. They also are required to write with some accuracy on well-practiced, familiar topics using limited, formulaic language in simple French. Students reflect upon basic cultural differences as reflected in a variety of French and Francophone contexts. This course involves class participation in tasks such as whole class discussion, small group and pair work, role play, games, and individual and group presentations. Cultural immersion activities are included and students may choose to pursue a personal project, such as an off-site dance or art course or similar activity, or to take part in instructor-led site visits. The course uses the city of Paris as a living laboratory to provide students with real life

scenarios to help develop their speaking and listening skills.

Language(s) of Instruction

French

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