

THE FRENCH INSTITUTE OF THE NORTH SHORE

TREATS YOU TO A TASTE OF FRANCE

Every quarter, the French Institute of the North Shore offers its students a tasting of various culinary specialties from France.

February 2nd in France is La Chandeleur, a French fête that was originally celebrated by using leftover flour from the fall harvest to make les crêpes. Because this thin pancake is golden brown like the sun, it symbolized a prosperous harvest for the coming year. The tradition is that the cook must hold a gold coin in his/her hand while flipping the first crêpe, and if he/she succeeds in perfectly flipping the crêpe in the pan, the family will have good fortune for the year. So if you're looking for a bit of good luck, join us for a delicious tasting of crêpes this February.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!

AUDIO PROGRAMS FOR LEVELS ONE, TWO, AND THREE

The French Institute's interactive audio programs reinforce each weekly lesson with 30 minutes of practice drills and instruction. These captivating audio lessons are a wonderful way to practice outside of class, and they're great to listen to while riding in your car, exercising or sitting at home. Recorded by native speakers, the series is available for levels one, two, and three.

You can purchase your audio lessons as:

- CDs - \$195 per level at the French Institute
- MP3 files - \$65 per quarter at www.storeCDBaby.com

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS: HIVER/WINTER 2020

LEVEL 1

Consists of three consecutive quarters

This beginning course introduces students to the essentials of the French language and culture. Learn practical vocabulary, key verbs in present, immediate future and past tense; how to form questions; and communicate effectively in typical situations encountered by travelers.

LEVEL 2

Consists of three consecutive quarters

Learn more extensive vocabulary, how to use and distinguish between the past and imperfect tenses. Study the necessary grammar to easily use more complex sentence structures and communicate in a variety of challenging everyday situations. Interesting cultural topics will also be discussed.

LEVEL 3

Consists of three consecutive quarters

This level introduces the future, conditional and subjunctive tenses. Increased vocabulary, including more idioms, coupled with advanced grammar structure enables students to communicate with greater ease upon completion of this course. Interesting cultural topics will also be discussed.

PRÊT-À-PARLER

LEVELS 1, 2 & 3

This course is complementary to the group level classes. Students improve their verbal expression and practice using vocabulary, all while reinforcing key points from the group level classes and keeping up to date on happenings in France.

LEVEL 4 GRAMMAR

Consists of 6 consecutive quarters

This is a 2 year grammar course, ideal for students looking for the next progressive step to perfect their language skills. While Level 4 is different from previous levels, it builds on concepts learned in Levels 1, 2 and 3. Students acquire complex grammar structures and improve both oral and written expression. **A text is required.**

LEVEL 4 CONVERSATION

Taken after completion of, or during, current enrollment in Level 4 Grammar

Using current events and cultural topics, students will put the grammar concepts learned in Level 4 into practice. This is an intermediate conversation course, designed to advance students' listening comprehension, and expand students' vocabulary and awareness of contemporary French and Francophone culture.

CONVERSATION

LEVELS 5 & 6

Using newspaper and magazine articles, and televised news as a starting point for discussion about contemporary French culture, this advanced conversation class expands students' vocabulary and repertoire of idiomatic expressions, improves students' listening comprehension and refines verbal expression.

ADVANCED GRAMMAR

LEVELS 5/6

This is an advanced grammar course for students who already have a strong command of the French language and want to fine-tune their speech. This class reviews common mistakes made by English speakers that distinguish them as non-native French speakers. Please note this is not a conversation class, however oral exercises will be used throughout the quarter. **A text is required.**

LITERATURE

LEVELS 5/6

Les mots is an autobiographical novel full of humor, self-mockery, and wisdom written by Jean-Paul Sartre in 1964. Sartre shares his journey from childhood to adulthood as well as his love for the French language. The story is divided into two parts, *Reading* and *Writing*, representing the two critical moments in his journey to acquire knowledge. With his mastery of language, the author charms his audience and shares his passion for literature with them.

COURSE SCHEDULE: HIVER/ WINTER 2020

January 6th - March 14th, 2020

There will be no classes President's Day, February 17th, 2020.

LEVEL 1

QUARTER 1 **\$315**

Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes

Wednesday 10:00am - 11:15am 11A

QUARTER 2 **\$315**

Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes

Monday 9:00am - 10:15am 12A

Tuesday 5:55pm - 7:10pm 12B

Thursday 1:00pm - 2:15pm 12C

Saturday 11:20am - 12:35pm 12D

LEVEL 2

QUARTER 2 **\$315**

Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes

Monday 1:00pm - 2:15pm 22A

Thursday 10:00am - 11:15am 22B

Saturday 8:40am - 9:55am 22C

PRÊT-À-PARLER **\$185**

Class duration 1 hour

Monday 2:20pm - 3:20pm 2PA

LEVEL 3

QUARTER 2 **\$315**

Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes

Tuesday 9:00am - 10:15am 32A

Tuesday 7:15pm - 8:30pm 32B

Saturday 8:40am - 9:55am 32C

PRÊT-À-PARLER **\$185**

Class duration 1 hour

Tuesday 10:20am - 11:20am 3PA

LEVEL 4

GRAMMAR YEAR 1 **\$315**

Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes

Tuesday 9:00am - 10:15am 41A

LEVEL 4 (CONTINUED)

GRAMMAR YEAR 2 **\$315**

Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes

Monday 10:20am - 11:35am 42A

Tuesday 5:55pm - 7:10pm 42B

CONVERSATION **\$315**

Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes

Monday 9:00am - 10:15am 4CA

Tuesday 1:00pm - 2:15pm 4CB

Saturday 11:20am - 12:35pm 4CC

LEVEL 5

CONVERSATION **\$315**

Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes

Wednesday 1:00pm - 2:15pm 5A

Saturday 10:00am - 11:15am 5B

LEVEL 5/6

ADVANCED GRAMMAR **\$315**

Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes

Tuesday 2:20pm - 3:35pm AGA

Thursday 10:00am - 11:15am AGB

Thursday 5:55pm - 7:10pm AGC

LITERATURE **\$315**

Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes

Wednesday 10:00am - 11:15am LAA

Thursday 7:15pm - 8:30pm LAB

LEVEL 6

CONVERSATION **\$315**

Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes

Thursday 7:15pm - 8:30pm 6A



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TESTIMONIALS

What your neighbors are saying about
the French Institute of the North Shore:

"I am just six weeks into my first course at the French Institute and I'm very impressed with the instructor, the course materials, and the thoughtful way the course is designed. It makes learning French more accessible than I thought it would be."

-Barbara S., Deerfield

"Such a wonderful way to reacquaint myself with French. It reinforces concepts in a friendly, non-intimidating way!"

-Kathleen L., Winnetka

"The teachers are enthusiastic, patient, great at explaining, kind when correcting, wonderful at modeling good vocabulary, and especially adept at integrating technology and props. The students are friendly."

-Lisa R., Wilmette

"A wonderful environment to learn French! The curriculum and style of teaching has helped me excel much quicker than other programs. Thank you!"

-Rebecca B., Northbrook

"I'm very impressed with the caliber of teacher. They are fun and dynamic and take learning seriously."

-Jodie S., Highland Park

"I've had so much fun in the four years I've been taking classes here that my husband decided to take French too. The classes add joy to the week and enrich our lives. We highly recommend coming here!"

-Tina M., Glencoe

REGISTRATION FORM

Name (Write above line) _____

Address _____ City, _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Class: 1st choice (class code) _____ fee _____
2nd choice (class code) _____

Class: 1st choice (class code) _____ fee _____
2nd choice (class code) _____

I am a first time student Yes No Total _____

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OUR POLICIES

- If requested in writing prior to the first class of the enrolled session, course fee is refundable for withdrawal, minus a \$25 registration fee, or deferred to the next quarter. Deferred course fee is not refundable.
- The French Institute reserves the right to cancel a class due to insufficient enrollment in which case a full refund will be given.
- Missed classes may be made up by attending another class of the same level during the week, room permitting, but requires notification to our office in advance.
- Textbooks and audio programs are not included in the course fee.
- Books and audio program sales are non-refundable.
- The French Institute reserves the right to change the placement of a student to an appropriate level compatible with their ability.
- If unable to attend a private lesson, the student must give 24 hour advance notice to the French Institute to prevent being billed