

THE FRENCH INSTITUTE OF THE NORTH SHORE

VIRTUAL COURSES, ACTUAL LEARNING

This spring, due to the pandemic, the French Institute of the North Shore offered its classes online. Teachers and students alike became confident with Zoom. Familiar faces appeared each week to break the monotony of quarantine. But best of all, conversions flourished, vocabulary was augmented, and grammatical concepts were mastered. Breakout sessions encouraged dialogue and French language skills improved. We will continue to offer online courses this summer and hope you will join us.



Professeur Adeline (top middle) and her students enjoy a conversation class.

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 the French Institute

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS: ÉTÉ/SUMMER 2020

FRENCH FOR TRAVELERS

Dreaming of a *coupe* of champagne next to the River Seine? Learn the essentials to make your trip to France more enjoyable. Students learn how to comfortably communicate in every day and travel-related situations.

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
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

Le petit Nicolas will have you laughing out loud as you follow the zany adventures of a young boy, his family, school and band of friends during the 1950's. René Goscinny, creator of the Asterix comic book series, penned these famed short anecdotal delights that entertained generations of French. Jean-Jacques Sempé, renowned for his covers of *The New Yorker* magazine, drew the whimsical illustrations that perfectly accompanied these touching stories. It's a perfect summer read in *français!*

COURSE SCHEDULE: ÉTÉ/ SUMMER 2020

June 15th, 2020 - July 18h, 2020

FRENCH FOR TRAVELERS \$195

Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes

Thursday 5:45pm - 7:15pm FTA

Level 1

QUARTER 3 \$250

Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes

Six Sessions (one week will have two classes)

Wednesday 10:00am-11:30am 13A

REVIEW \$195

Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes

Monday 9:00am-10:30am 1RA

PRÊT-À-PARLER \$100

Class duration 1 hour

Monday 10:45am-11:45am 1PA

Level 2

REVIEW \$195

Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes

Monday 1:00pm-2:30pm 2RA

Level 3

REVIEW \$195

Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes

Tuesday 9:00am-10:30am 3RA

Tuesday 7:30pm-9:00pm 3RB

PRÊT-À-PARLER \$100

Class duration 1 hour

Tuesday 10:45am-11:45am 3PA

Level 4

GRAMMAR YEAR 2 QUARTER 3 \$195

Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes

Tuesday 5:45pm-7:15pm 423A

GRAMMAR YEAR 2 REVIEW \$195

Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes

Monday 1:00pm-2:30pm 42R

CONVERSATION \$195

Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes

Monday 2:45pm-4:15pm 4CA

Tuesday 1:00pm-2:30pm 4CB

Level 5

CONVERSATION \$195

Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes

Wednesday 1:00pm-2:30pm 5A

Level 5/6

LITERATURE \$195

Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes

Thursday 7:30pm-9:00pm LAB

ADVANCED GRAMMAR \$195

Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes

Tuesday 2:45pm-4:15pm AGA

Thursday 5:45pm-7:15pm AGB

CONVERSATION \$195

Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes

Thursday 7:30pm-9:00pm 56A



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TESTIMONIALS

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

“The instructors are extremely patient and encouraging. This allows all students to progress with greater understanding of the language.”

-Bruce M., Highland

“I studied French from middle school through college. I love having a class I can attend once a week to reconnect with the French language.”

-Debby, Deerfield

“As a beginner, learning French at the French Institute is a great way to stay on track and meet new friends.”

-Franklin B., Glencoe

“Challenging, but at the same time fun, teachers are very skilled in teaching and passionate about their language.”

-Mary Beth H., Lake Forest

“I am constantly amazed at how much I’ve learned over the past seven years.”

-Sarah N., Chicago

“I look forward to coming to the French Institute because it feels more practical. It’s not a school setting with tests. It’s real life applications and you feel like you are part of the French culture. It helps that the school is intimate and decorated in a French style - as if you’re in France. It motivates me to learn French.”

-Vicky B., Skokie

Register via mail or phone (No online registration)

REGISTRATION FORM

Name (Write above line) _____ Date _____

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, tuition is refundable for withdrawal, minus a \$25 registration fee, or deferred to the next quarter. Deferred tuition 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 if room permits, and requires notification to our office in advance.
- Textbooks and audio programs are not included in the tuition.
- 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 for the lesson.