

THE FRENCH INSTITUTE OF THE NORTH SHORE

VIRTUAL COURSES, ACTUAL LEARNING

The French Institute of the North Shore has continued to offer online classes due to the pandemic. Teachers and students became confident using Zoom during the past two quarters. Familiar faces appeared each week to break the monotony of quarantine. But best of all, conversations flourished, vocabulary was augmented and grammatical concepts were mastered. Break-out sessions encouraged dialogue and French language skills improved. We hope you will join us this fall.



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: AUTOMNE/FALL 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

This quarter, plunge into *Lettres de mon moulin*, a collection of short stories by Alphonse Daudet who helped Parisians discover the beautiful south of France in the late 1800's. Leave the city haze behind and travel to Provence, the author's birthplace and source of inspiration for this literary work that transports readers to the sea and sun-soaked fields. Whether tragic or joyful, melancholic or satirical, these stories are masterpieces of mischief, poetic charm and emotion. As an extra bonus, Professor Adeline, a native of Nîmes, will share personal insights from this rich southern region that in many ways still resembles the images created by Daudet.



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PREP CLASSES

September 1st - September 10th, 2020

The fall quarter is just around the corner, and a **two-session** prep class is the perfect way to warm up your French before beginning quarter 1 fall classes.

LEVEL 2 PREP For students enrolling in Level 2 \$120
Tuesdays, September 1st and 8th 9:00am - 11:00am 2P1

LEVEL 3 PREP For students enrolling in Level 3 \$120
Thursdays, September 3rd and 10th 1:00pm - 3:00pm 3P1

LEVEL 4 PREP For students enrolling in Level 4 \$120
Thursdays, September 3rd and 10th 6:00pm - 8:00pm 4P1

COURSE SCHEDULE: AUTOMNE / FALL 2020

September 14th - November 21st, 2020

| <u>LEVEL 1</u> | | | <u>LEVEL 4 (CONTINUED)</u> | | |
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| QUARTER 1 | \$315 | | CONVERSATION | \$315 | |
| <i>Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes</i> | | | <i>Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes</i> | | |
| Wednesday | 7:30pm - 8:45pm | 11A | Wednesday | 10:30am - 11:45am | 4CA |
| Thursday | 9:00am - 10:15am | 11B | Saturday | 11:30am - 12:45pm | 4CB |
| <u>LEVEL 2</u> | | | <u>ADVANCED CONVERSATION</u> | | |
| QUARTER 1 | \$315 | | CONVERSATION | \$315 | |
| <i>Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes</i> | | | <i>Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes</i> | | |
| Tuesday | 9:00am - 10:15am | 21A | Tuesday | 1:00pm - 2:15pm | 4CC |
| Wednesday | 6:00pm - 7:15pm | 21B | <u>LEVEL 5</u> | | |
| <u>PRÊT-A-PARLER</u> | | | <u>CONVERSATION</u> | | |
| <i>Class duration 1 hour</i> | | | <i>Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes</i> | | |
| Tuesday | 10:30am - 11:30am | 2PA | Wednesday | 12:45pm - 2:00pm | 5A |
| <u>LEVEL 3</u> | | | <u>CONVERSATION</u> | | |
| QUARTER 1 | \$315 | | Saturday | 10:00am - 11:15am | 5B |
| <i>Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes</i> | | | <u>LEVEL 5/6</u> | | |
| Thursday | 1:00pm - 2:15pm | 31A | ADVANCED GRAMMAR | \$315 | |
| Saturday | 8:30am - 9:45am | 31B | <i>Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes</i> | | |
| <u>PRÊT-A-PARLER</u> | | | Thursday | 10:30am - 11:45am | AGA |
| <i>Class duration 1 hour</i> | | | Thursday | 6:00pm - 7:15pm | AGB |
| Thursday | 2:30pm - 3:30pm | 3PA | <u>LEVEL 6</u> | | |
| <u>LEVEL 4</u> | | | <u>LITERATURE</u> | | |
| GRAMMAR YEAR 1 | \$315 | | \$315 | | |
| <i>Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes</i> | | | <i>Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes</i> | | |
| Tuesday | 6:00pm - 7:15pm | 41A | Tuesday | 7:30pm - 8:45pm | 6A |
| Wednesday | 9:00am - 10:15am | 41B | | | |
| Wednesday | 2:15pm - 3:30pm | 41C | | | |

TESTIMONIALS

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

"I'd never taken French online before. It was easy! The atmosphere in my group was immediately welcoming and stimulating. The teacher did a terrific job of gauging the students' needs and interests and then incorporating them into her teaching. A great experience all around. I will definitely be back."

- Kate K., Evanston

"I took grammar and literature in the spring of this year, and for the summer session I took grammar and conversation—all on Zoom. If not for online classes, I would have keenly missed my French language experience that I have been enjoying for a long time. It is a good alternative to have now. Would I rather be in the physical classroom? Yes!! ... absolutely, but not at this time. I have never Zoomed before. Everyone is helpful and everyone can participate. And we are safe."

- Mayleen M., Chicago

"During this strange time, one bright spot has been the opportunity to connect with friends, old and new, for weekly immersion in French language and literature. Though I look forward to the day when we can return to the classroom together, the online sessions are engaging and fun. They challenge my skills while providing a much-needed diversion. Mastering Zoom was a breeze – irregular verbs, not so much!"

- Terry B., Evanston

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, 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 for the lesson.