

# THE FRENCH INSTITUTE OF THE NORTH SHORE

## VIRTUAL COURSES, ACTUAL LEARNING

The French Institute of the North Shore continues to offer online classes due to the pandemic. Teachers and students are confident using Zoom and familiar faces appear each week. Conversations flourish, vocabulary augments and grammatical concepts are mastered. Breakout sessions encourage dialogue and French language skills improve. We hope you will join us this spring.



## 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: PRINTEMPS/SPRING 2021

### 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 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

##### BONJOUR TRISTESSE BY FRANÇOISE SAGAN

This Spring, discover *Bonjour Tristesse* by Françoise Sagan, a popular book that gained instant success when published in 1954. Cécile, a happy-go-lucky adolescent, spent her childhood at boarding school. Afterwards, she and her widower father live a carefree, amoral and privileged life. However, the arrival of an intellectual and cultured woman of principles, Anne, brings change to their household and their lives forever. As new sentiments are experienced, shocking strategic plots are devised that leave the reader breathless.

# COURSE SCHEDULE: PRINTEMPS/SPRING 2021

April 5th - June 12th, 2021

## LEVEL 1

**QUARTER 2** **\$315**

*Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes*

Thursday 10:30am - 11:45am 12A

## **QUARTER 3**

Thursday 9:00am - 10:15am 13A

## LEVEL 2

**QUARTER 3** **\$315**

*Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes*

Tuesday 9:00am - 10:15am 23A

## **PRÊT-À-PARLER**

*Class duration 1 hour*

Tuesday 10:30am - 11:30am 2PA

## LEVEL 3

**QUARTER 3** **\$315**

*Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes*

Thursday 1:00pm - 2:15pm 33A

## **PRÊT-À-PARLER**

*Class duration 1 hour*

Thursday 2:30pm - 3:30pm 3PA

## LEVEL 4

**GRAMMAR YEAR 1** **\$315**

*Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes*

Tuesday 6:00pm - 7:15pm 43A

Wednesday 9:00am - 10:15am 43B

## LEVEL 4 (CONTINUED)

**CONVERSATION** **\$315**

*Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes*

Wednesday 10:30am - 11:45am 4CA

Saturday 11:30am - 12:45pm 4CB

**ADVANCED CONVERSATION** **\$315**

*Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes*

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

## LEVEL 5

**CONVERSATION** **\$315**

*Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes*

Wednesday 12:45pm - 2:00pm 5A

## LEVEL 5/6

**ADVANCED GRAMMAR** **\$315**

*Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes*

Thursday 10:30am - 11:45am AGA

Thursday 6:00pm - 7:15pm AGB

**LITERATURE** **\$336.80**

(Price includes book & sales tax)

*Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes*

Wednesday 2:15pm - 3:30pm LAA

Thursday 7:30pm - 8:45pm LAB

## LEVEL 6

**CONVERSATION** **\$315**

*Class duration 1 hour 15 minutes*

Tuesday 7:30pm - 8:45pm 6A



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# TESTIMONIALS

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

Having completed Level 1 at the French Institute of the Northshore, I can highly recommend the course to anyone interested in acquiring a working knowledge of the French language and culture. Though Covid-19 prevented us from meeting in the school's charming salon, I was happily satisfied with the individualized attention that was afforded through on-line learning. Our instructor did an excellent job of adapting the course to fit the medium, and we were able to improve our skill and understanding with each lesson. Our weekly class on Zoom was a highlight during "shelter in place" and I look forward to continuing with this protocol until we can all safely return to the classroom.

-Peggy R., Northfield

I found the virtual literature class very easy to attend and very enjoyable. The teacher did a wonderful job of making sure that each participant was able to contribute and we all learned from each other. We even had time to catch up with each other and just chat a bit before actually beginning the class work, which was fun. Added bonuses--no commuting and you can be anywhere, even out of town!

-Marti L., Evanston

"Even though I'd prefer the social aspects of seeing my teacher and classmates in person, the necessary transition to video-conferenced classes via Zoom was seamless. I love that I've been able to continue my French education each week, relaxed and safe at home. It's really a major highlight of my week! The French Institute and my teacher have done such a wonderful job of adapting the lessons to an online environment, and I don't feel I've lost out on any educational experience by having classes this way. It works really well!"

-Eryn L., Glenview

## 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.