

THE FRENCH INSTITUTE OF THE NORTH SHORE

VIRTUAL COURSES, ACTUAL LEARNING

The French Institute of the North Shore will continue to offer online classes this summer. 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 for a five-week summer session.



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 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

LES MALHEURS DE SOPHIE BY COMTESSE DE SÉGUR

Les Malheurs de Sophie by Comtesse de Ségur is a popular French children's literature classic. Sophie lives with her parents and various servants in a chateau in the French country side. She frequently has visits from her cousin Paul, but rarely sees her two friends, Camille and Madeleine, who are admired because they are "good little girls." Sadly, everything that Sophie does goes wrong and elicits a sermon from her mother. Each of the 22 chapters reveals a new misfortune in which Sophie is entangled. Without any guidance, Sophie discovers the world in her own way and suffers the consequences.

COURSE SCHEDULE: ÉTÉ/SUMMER 2021

June 15th - July 17th, 2021

LEVEL 1		LEVEL 4 (CONTINUED)	
QUARTER 3	\$195	CONVERSATION	\$195
<i>Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes</i>		<i>Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes</i>	
Thursday 10:45am - 12:15pm	13A	Saturday 10:00am - 11:30am	4CA
REVIEW		ADVANCED CONVERSATION	
<i>Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes</i>		<i>Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes</i>	
Thursday 9:00am - 10:30am	1RA	Tuesday 1:00pm - 2:30pm	4CB
LEVEL 2		LEVEL 5	
REVIEW	\$195	CONVERSATION	\$195
<i>Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes</i>		<i>Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes</i>	
Tuesday 9:00am - 10:30am	2RA	Wednesday 12:45pm - 2:15pm	5A
PRÊT-À-PARLER		LEVEL 5/6	
<i>Class duration 1 hour</i>		ADVANCED GRAMMAR	
Tuesday 10:45am - 11:45am	2PA	<i>Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes</i>	
LEVEL 3		Thursday 10:30am - 12:00pm	AGA
REVIEW	\$195	Thursday 5:45pm - 7:15pm	AGB
<i>Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes</i>		LITERATURE	
Thursday 1:00pm - 2:30pm	3RA	\$210	
PRÊT-À-PARLER		(Price includes book & sales tax)	
<i>Class duration 1 hour</i>		<i>Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes</i>	
Thursday 2:45pm - 3:45pm	3PA	Wednesday 2:30pm - 4:00pm	LAA
LEVEL 4		Thursday 7:30pm - 9:00pm	LAB
GRAMMAR YEAR 1	\$195	LEVEL 6	
<i>Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes</i>		CONVERSATION	
Tuesday 5:45pm - 7:15pm	4RA	<i>Class duration 1 hour 30 minutes</i>	
		Tuesday 7:30pm - 9:00pm	6A



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TESTIMONIALS

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

"My experience at the French Institute has been phenomenal. The teachers are fun and patient. The material is presented in a relevant and interesting way."

- Linnette W., Winnetka

"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

"Such a wonderful way to reacquaint myself with French. It reinforces concepts (I knew and forgot) 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 speech, adept at integrating technology and props; and the students are friendly!"

- Lisa P., Wilmette

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.