

Course description A1

French A1.1/A1.2

This course is designed for students with no prior knowledge of French.

In this class, we will work on five competences: oral - writing production / oral - written comprehension and interaction. You will learn how to fulfill simple everyday life tasks in French. For example, amongst other competences, you will be able to introduce yourself in a professional or a personal setting, to book a train ticket, understand somebody indicating you an itinerary or order something in a restaurant.

Grammar structures will also be studied, but the focus will be on the use of grammatical form to enable you to perform concrete tasks: describe your activities, your habits, understand a cooking recipe or talk about your hobbies.

Your final grade will be divided into:

Attendance (compulsory) + participation in class: 10%

Presentation: 25% (i.e short presentation of a celebrity, a country...)

Role-plays: 25%

Final exam: 40%

This grading system is given as an example; it may be changed by the instructor.

Attending this course you can reach language level A1.

After completing this course successfully, you can take the corresponding DELF A1 examination at the Institut Français in Bremen.

Please check the website for more details on the examination system:

<https://bremen.institutfrancais.de/franzoesisch-lernen/delf-dalf>

Textbook: Alter ego 1, ISBN 978-3-19-003324-9, Hachette FLE.

The textbook may be changed by the instructor in the beginning of the semester. Even though the course will be based on a textbook, further material will be regularly worked with. It will include exercises or activities from additional sources: announcements, posters, advertisements...

Course description A2

French A2.1/A2.2

This course is designed for students with basic knowledge of French (a course of A1 or equivalent)

This course will provide you with more confidence using familiar and new structures and patterns in order to communicate in familiar everyday situations and dealing with short, simple texts. You will learn to understand the most relevant facts in conversations and texts (e.g. advertisements, diagrams, radio news and interviews); to make and react to suggestions; to express desires and preferences.

You will learn to use future tenses and past tenses (imparfait and passé composé), as well as the conditional. You will learn more basic forms and structures, such as declension of adjectives, comparative and superlative forms, giving opinions and explaining your reasons (parce que).

Topics will be: family, home and neighbourhood, work and career, sport and fitness, holidays and travel, media and means of communication.

Your final grade will be divided into:

Attendance (compulsory) + participation in class: 10%

Presentation: 25%

Role-plays: 25%

Final exam: 40%

This grading system is given as an example; it may be changed by the instructor.

Attending this course you can reach language level A2.

After completing this course successfully, you can take the corresponding DELF A2 examination at the Institut Français in Bremen.

Please check the website for more details on the examination system:

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Textbook: Alter ego 2, ISBN 978-3-19-003328-7, Hachette FLE.

The textbook may be changed by the instructor in the beginning of the semester. Even though the course will be based on a textbook, further material will be regularly worked with. It will include exercises or activities from additional sources: newspapers, magazines, websites...

Course description B1

French B1.1/B1.2

This course is designed for students with an intermediate knowledge of French (A2.2 class or equivalent).

In this class, we will work on five competences: oral - writing production / oral - written comprehension and interaction. The aim of this class is to provide a view on the French and the francophone culture, discuss it and compare it with the students' cultural backgrounds. We will work on press articles, abstract of novels or films on a variety of topics such as shared apartments, music festivals and university or work environment in France and francophone countries. At the end of the B1 level, students should be able to cope with most of the situations one might be faced to on a trip in a country where French is spoken.

Grammar structures will also be studied, but the focus will be on the use of grammatical form to enable you to, for example, describe your academic background to a future employer (use of past tenses), give your point of view and debate on a variety of subjects (different ways of expressing consequences, aims...) or help you to understand the main points of a radio or a TV broadcast.

Your final grade will be divided into:

Attendance (compulsory) + participation in class: 10%

Presentation: 25%

Debate: 25%

Final exam: 40%

This grading system is given as an example; it may be changed by the instructor.

Students attending this course can reach language level B1 (according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). After a successful completion of this course, you can take the corresponding examination DELF B1 at the Institut Français in Bremen. Please check the website for details on the examination:

<https://bremen.institutfrancais.de/franzoesisch-lernen/delf-dalf>

Textbook: Alter ego 3, ISBN 978-3-19-003329-4, Hachette FLE.

The textbook may be changed by the instructor in the beginning of the semester. Even though the class will be based on a textbook, further material will be regularly worked with; it will include exercises or activities from additional sources: TV, newspapers, advertisement, comics, sketches... Instructors will also discuss current issues according actuality.

Course description B2

French B2.1/B2.2

This class is opened to students with an intermediate knowledge of French (B1.2 class or equivalent).

In this class, we will work on five competences: oral - writing production / oral - written comprehension and interaction. The aim of this class is to provide a view on the French and the francophone culture, discuss it and compare it with the students' cultural backgrounds. We will work in depth on press articles, documentaries, and abstract of novels or films on a variety of topics. At the end of the B2 level, students should be able to have a normal conversation with a native speaker, present their opinions and develop an argumentation on a wide range of topics.

Grammar structures will also be studied, but the focus will be on the use of grammatical form to enable you to, for example, understand and express your opinion on a TV or radio interview, comment a press article on social phenomenon, write a movie synopsis...

Your final grade will be divided into:

Attendance (compulsory) + participation in class: 10%

Presentation: 25%

Debate: 25%

Final exam: 40%

This grading system is given as an example; it may be changed by the instructor.

Textbook: Alter ego 4, ISBN 978-3-19-003350-8, Hachette FLE.

The textbook may be changed by the instructor in the beginning of the fall semester. Even though the class will be based on a textbook, additional material will be regularly worked with; those will include exercises or activities from further sources: TV, newspapers, advertisement, comics, sketches... Instructors will also discuss current issues according actuality.

Course description B2

Second year B2.3/ B2.4

This course is designed as an advanced intermediate course for students who have completed the first year of the B2 course, ie B2.1/B2.2

Course objectives are to further increase your proficiency in the four skills (speaking, reading, listening, writing), dealing with detailed, more complex texts covering a broad range of topics, including topics outside your own professional and personal interests.

Speaking: coping successfully with relatively complex situations, delivering a prepared presentation understandably, repeating information from lengthy texts in summarized form, contributing actively to discussions, explaining your own viewpoint and developing arguments in order to participate in a debate.

Reading: understanding almost fully the information, arguments or opinions in texts from various sources (newspaper articles, novels, websites...)

Listening: understanding the relevant information in more challenging programs (news, current affairs programs, interviews), following the arguments in a discussion and understanding in detail the points emphasized by the speaker.

Writing: writing a well-structured and opinionated comment on a given text or topic

Topics will be chosen by teachers according to current issues in the French media.

Students attending this course can reach language level B2 (according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). After a successful completion of this course, you can take the corresponding examination DELF B2 at Institut Français de Brême. Please check the website for details on the examination:

<https://bremen.institutfrancais.de/franzoesisch-lernen/delf-dalf>

No particular textbook required

Course description C1

French C1.1/C1.2

Thème: Faits & actualités de l'espace francophone

This course is designed for students with an advanced knowledge of French (courses of B2 level, DELF B2 or equivalent)

The objective of this course is to further develop your ability in speaking, reading, writing, and listening, dealing with detailed complex texts in unexpected situations outside your own field or areas of interest even when idiomatic expressions are used.

Speaking: You will learn to express yourself almost effortlessly, spontaneously and fluently, giving clear and detailed descriptions, to precisely express your thoughts and opinions thanks to a good command of a broad range of language, making few mistakes in word usage.

Listening: You will learn to follow extended speech, group discussions and debates even when the unfamiliar topic is abstract and complex.

Reading: You will learn to understand in detail a wide range of lengthy complex texts likely to be encountered in social, professional or academic life.

Writing: You will learn to write clear, well-structured texts on complex subjects with considerable accuracy where errors are rare and difficult to spot.

In courses of the C1 level, idioms and semantics play an increasing role in relation to grammar. Topics will be chosen by the teacher according to current issues in French speaking medias. The use of extracts from literature works or important texts relating to French history or politics will also be frequent, as the focus will be on French civilisation as a whole, past and present. For example, we will study the relationships of France with the other European countries, the possible future of French political parties after the next important election (April 2017), terrorism and religion in French speaking countries...

Students attending this course can reach language level C1.1 (according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). After a successful completion of this course, you can take the corresponding examination DALF C1 at l'Institut Français in Bremen. Please check the website for details on the examination:

<https://bremen.institutfrancais.de/franzoesisch-lernen/delf-dalf>

No particular textbook necessary