

DESCRIPTION OF EVENING COURSE IN FRENCH Beginner level (discovering) Elementary level (improving)

Target Audience

This training is aimed mainly at PhD students, postdoctorals and researchers.

Aims

- Communication and Vocabulary:
 - To interact in French in everyday life situations
 - To face up to any immediate or urgent need
- Language: to acquire grammar basics to express yourself
- Sociocultural: to learn the communication codes and social skills in France

Methodological Approach and Teaching Method and Tools

- Teaching is focused on communicating, interacting and apprehending cross-cultural differences.
- The learning aims, process and contents are based on the CECRL (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).
- Working on all the language skills (speaking, listening, writing and reading)
- Various course material: authentic documents, documents created by teachers, teaching sheets from textbooks and French as a Foreign Language websites
- In addition to the training, students can access the Language Center (books, magazines, DVDs, computers, conversation clubs, speaking workshops, individual counselling) and to the self-learning platform called EDOlang

Content Examples

- Pronunciation in French
- Meeting people; greeting, saying goodbye, thanking, apologizing
- Asking or giving personal information; to offer, to invite, to accept, to refuse...
- Shopping, getting somewhere, getting smth, counting, taking care of oneself...
- Talking about your daily activities
- Finding your bearings in time and space : time schedule, indication of place...
- Making a simple description: place, person, thing
- Expressing yourself simply about your tastes and your plans
- Greetings, social expressions, rituals
- Verbal tenses : présent, futur proche, passé composé
- Types of sentences: affirmative, negative, interrogative
- The grammatical gender and number of nouns and adjectives
- The prepositions of time and place

Organisation of the Training

This evening course in French is a 40-hour unit (4 hours per week for 10 weeks)

There are **20 students per group** at the most.

The training is face-to-face, on the CLSH campus (building J).

Assessments System

Attendance (maximum of 5 justified absences by e-mail) and provided personal work