

French as a Foreign Language Intensive Program

Course syllabus 2017

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Course Duration:	4 weeks
Credit Units:	4 ECTS per course
Levels:	4 courses, from A1 to B2

1. Description

The 4-week intensive French language course has been created to facilitate the students' cultural, social and academic integration at the UTT and in France. It takes place before the start of each semester and can be complemented by other French classes (from 4 to 8 hours) throughout the semester.

For students with a good language level, these courses will enable them to further develop their French while for others it will provide them with the necessary skills to adapt and interact within everyday situations.

These courses are also accessible to teachers, professors and/or administrative staff from partner universities however a limited number of places are available.

2. Organisation

This program is run before the start of every semester:

- Last week of January to third week of February,
- First week of August to last week of August.

Every student's level will be evaluated upon arrival in Troyes and allocated to the course that is best adapted to meet his or her needs:

- SFA1 (European level A1 - discovery)
- SFA2 (European level A2 - elementary)
- SFB1 (European level B1 - threshold)
- SFB2 (European level B2 - independent user)

Outside classroom hours, extracurricular activities such as excursions, tastings and tours are organized to enable students to discover Troyes, the Champagne region and all it has to offer. This also includes a 2-day stay in Paris.

3. Course objectives (as defined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

1. SFA1 (European level A1 - discovery): *From the moment of their arrival, this course gives the basic foundations of communication skills to foreign students that have never taken French classes, so that they can handle very simple interactions in everyday life*
 - To master basic interactive communication: get in touch with someone, greet, present yourself, answer and ask simple questions, ask someone about himself, fix a date, etc...
 - To understand and use stereotypical vocabulary and expressions used to give information about yourself, and deal with basic needs
 - To understand slowly spoken information and instructions
2. SFA2 (European level A2 - elementary): *This intensive course allows students that have already studied French to further develop their communicative skills in order to further facilitate their everyday interactions*
 - Focus on communicative roleplays to improve simple everyday life transactions: shopping, bank and administration procedures, trip planning, transportation use, etc...
 - To be able to describe your future and past activities, while using adequate vocabulary and expressions
 - To comprehend essential information in short audio extracts
3. SFB1 (European level B1 - threshold): *To master and call up your French knowledge during different oral communication situations*
 - To be able of actively interact about the news on familiar subjects, to express personal convictions within group meetings, for example through group project management
 - To be able to gather information about a technical or abstract subject, to be able to explain why something is malfunctioning
 - To describe procedures, and give detailed instructions
 - To acquire the self-confidence necessary to course speak ups
4. SFB2 (European level B2 - independent user): *This course will have students develop their skills through particular communication sets: interviews, continuous speak up, surveys, etc...*
 - To be able to fluently participate in a debate, to efficiently conduct a reasoning around abstract subjects (societal problems, ethical choices, scientific conclusions, etc...)
 - To easily express themselves on various subjects, general or professional
 - To be able to extract the information from long discourses (courses, conferences, radiophonic documents, TV reports, etc...) and identify the orator's attitude.

4. Bibliography

5. Grading plan

Coursework will be weighted as follows:

- continuous assessment = 60 %
- Final exam = 40 %

6. Divers

Course tuition fees are waived for students and staff coming from partner universities (depending on the exchange balance).

To apply for this intensive course, students can register online on the UTT website and send their completed application form to the International Center at UTT.