

Academic Year 2025-2026
Fall semester

**Course syllabus
French A1 For Staff
[Group 1 - Beginner]**



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La Tour Eiffel, Paris

Course : French as a Foreign Language (FFL) – general French

Remote synchronous class for international staff (40 hours)

Target Level: A1 (Beginner)

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Meeting Days and Time:

Tuesday and Friday, 1:30-2:30 p.m. (two weekly sessions)

Zoom link: <https://univ-eiffel.zoom.us/j/84403585700>

Padlet link: click [here](#)

Mode of instruction :

Synchronous remote Zoom class of two weekly one-hour sessions.

Learning objective:

The course aims at gaining basic knowledge in French language and working your way towards the A1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages ([CEFR](#)). The A1 level is usually reached after completing two terms – A1.1 and A1.2 – of 36 hours each.

CEFR A0 level of at the beginning of the course: *no knowledge of French language.*

General descriptor of the CEFR A1 target level [upon completion of two semesters]:

"The learner can understand and use familiar daily expressions and very basic phrases whose goal is to satisfy all practical needs. They can introduce themselves and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where they live, people they know and things they have. They can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help."

Fall semester schedule :

Registration : June 19 to September 15, 2025

Placement test deadline : September 29, 2025

Beginning of class: week of October 6, 2025

Toussaint Mid-Term Recess: week of October 27, 2025

Armistice Day (Public holiday, no class): November 11, 2025*

Final Exam/Last day of classes: week of Monday, December 15, 2025

*class will be made up at a later date (details to follow)

Certificate of achievement:

Upon completing both terms of the course, and provided you have maintained regular attendance, you will receive **a certificate of achievement** stating your level of French.

Attendance policy:

Attendance to class is mandatory. In case of an absence, notify the administrative staff at fle.international@univ-eiffel.fr

Contact for your administrative questions:

Service des Relations Internationales (SRI), Pôle Français Langue Etrangère (FLE)

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Our webpage: <https://www.univ-gustave-eiffel.fr/international/cours-de-francais-langue-etrangere-fle>

Complaint Form:

If you would like to file a complaint about your French course, you can download a complaint form on our webpage. Fill out the form – available in French and English – and email it back as an attachment to fle.international@univ-eiffel.fr. We will respond to your complaint as soon as possible.

End-of-semester course survey:

Course participants are kindly asked to submit their assessment of the course they have taken via a Wooclap survey link at the end of the semester. Note that this survey is anonymous. The feedback we receive helps us assess and improve the quality of our French courses.

French As a Foreign Language certification:

If you need or want to get your language level of French officially certified, you can find information about the DELF – *Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française* – on France Education International's website [DELFL tout public - niveau A1 | France Education international \(france-education-international.fr\)](https://france-education-international.fr).

Café français:

If you are based on the Marne-la-Vallée campus, you are encouraged to attend the *Café français* conversation workshop every other week. This is a great way for you want to practice your French and meet other international students in an informal setting. Check out the schedule on our webpage: [Cours de français langue étrangère \(FLE\)/Cours de français langue seconde \(FLS\)](#) .

Outline of the A1.1 online French course for staff*

Class	Themes (in French) Language objectives*
1 Oct 7	« Phonie-graphie » ▪ Reading and pronouncing French
2 Oct 14	« Les nombres » ▪ Counting
3 Oct 21	« Le calendrier » ▪ Situating oneself in time (the calendar)
4 Nov 4	« L'identité » ▪ Introducing oneself
5 Nov 11 = to be made up	« La famille » ▪ Talking about one's family
6 Nov 18	« En ville » ▪ Situating oneself in space (the city)
7 Nov 25	« L'itinéraire » ▪ Getting around
8 Dec 2	« La météo » ▪ Talking about the weather
9 Dec 9	« Les loisirs » ▪ Talking about one's leisure
10 Dec 16	« Le bilan » ▪ Writing a message

* All information subject to change

Resources :

Internet :

La conjugaison des verbes français (*French verb conjugation*)

<https://www.youtube.com/c/LaConjugaisonFran%C3%A7aise>

Français facile

<https://www.francaisfacile.com>

Karambolage

<https://www.youtube.com/@karambolagefr>

Tout en Français

<https://www.youtube.com/@Toutenfrancais>

Un jour, une question

<https://www.youtube.com/c/InfoouMytho>

Textbooks :

Edito A1, Didier, 2022.

Grammaire progressive du français débutant, CLE International, 2005