



# Exchange programme Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

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## Exchange

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam offers many English-taught courses in a variety of subjects, ranging from arts & culture and social sciences, neurosciences and computer science, to economics and business administration.

The International Office is responsible for course approval and course registration for exchange students. For details about course registration, requirements, credits, semesters and so on, please [visit the exchange programmes webpages](#).

# French 1

Course Code	L_AABAGES213
Credits	6
Period	P1
Course Level	100
Language Of Tuition	English
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Course Coordinator	dr. P.H.F. Bos
Examiner	drs. A. Scharff
Teaching Staff	drs. A. Scharff
Teaching method(s)	Seminar

## Course Objective

- The students are able to successfully handle uncomplicated oral and written tasks in a wide number of basic social situations;
- The students are able to understand uncomplicated speech and texts about some basic topics;
- The students can describe in simple (yet grammatically correct) terms aspects of their background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need;
- The students can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters;
- The students can write short, simple texts; their grammar and spelling are correct;
- The students master the most basic structures of French grammar and are able to explain them in their own words;
- The students gain basic knowledge of French-speaking countries or settings, and are able to handle some intercultural communication skills.

The aimed CERF level at the end of the course is A1 (basic).

## Course Content

This is an online course. Students learn to handle a variety of basic communicative tasks, including understanding spoken French, speaking French, reading texts and writing short – yet grammatically correct – texts. Students will train sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e. g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, food). Students learn essential verbs, nouns and cases while working to build vocabulary and learn the basics of French grammar, syntax and spelling. Students practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Students will also be introduced to French culture through short texts and videos from the internet, TV, magazines and newspapers.

## Additional Information Teaching Methods

Seminars (2x2 hours per week): discussion of assigned readings and language exercises; practical training; self study.

## Method of Assessment

Mandatory weekly assignments (25%) and final oral exam (75%). Contrary to the standard exam schedule, resits of the oral exam French 1 will take place in week 7 of period 2. In this way, students will have the possibility to retake the French 1 exam before they participate in the French 2 exam.

## Literature

- Édito A1 Course book (newest edition, 2022): ISBN 978-2278104468.
- Édito A1 Exercise book (newest edition, 2022): ISBN 978-2278103652.

You must have your own copy of both books before the start of the course.

IMPORTANT: Please make sure that you purchase the right edition (2022): check the ISBN!

## Additional Information Target Audience

Anybody who is interested in discovering their French;  
BA 2 students in History and International Studies.

## Additional Information

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- This is a 100% online course.
- This course is worth 6 EC. According to European regulations, 1 EC represents 25 to 30 hours of study (including class attendance, mandatory weekly assignments, and exams). This means that you will need to spend 150 to 180 hours if you want to pass, even if you have prior knowledge of French.
- This course is highly focused on grammar.
- Some students may experience this course as challenging.

If you decide to enroll in this course, you have read and understood this Course Description and the Study Guide (the latter will be available on Canvas end of July).