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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 2

Course Code	L_AABAGES217
Credits	6
Period	P2
Course Level	200
Language Of Tuition	English
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Course Coordinator	dr. P.H.F. Bos
Examiner	dr. P.H.F. Bos
Teaching Staff	drs. A. Scharff
Teaching method(s)	Seminar, Lecture

Course Objective

- The students are able to successfully handle oral and written tasks in a wide number of social situations;
- The students can understand the main ideas of more complicated texts on concrete topics;
- The students can produce short texts on a range of issues. Their grammar and spelling are correct;
- The students master more basic structures of French grammar and are able to explain them in their own words;
- The students gain basic knowledge of culture in French-speaking countries and are able to handle some intercultural communication skills.

The aimed CEFR level at the end of the course is advanced A1/early A2.

Course Content

This online course aims at improving and developing skills and strategies to enable students to handle successfully more demanding oral and written tasks in French (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages level A1+/early A2). Students will learn to understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Students will learn to handle many situations likely to arise whilst traveling in an area where the language is spoken. Students will learn to produce simple, yet grammatically correct texts on topics that are familiar or of personal interest. They can describe experiences and events, and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans. Students will increase their general vocabulary of verbs, nouns, articles and prepositions while gaining a greater knowledge of complex problems in French grammar, syntax and spelling. Students will continue to learn about French culture through a range of authentic documents.

Additional Information Teaching Methods

Seminar (2×2 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%).

Entry Requirements

Mandatory prerequisite: French 1 (L_AABAGES213)

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.

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

Additional Information Target Audience

Anybody who wants to improve their French and has passed FRENCH 1;
BA 2 students in History and International Studies.

Additional Information

- Entry requirement: French 1.
- 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). 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 October).

Recommended background knowledge

Recommended entrance level: A1 (CEFR). Please contact the teacher if you have questions.