

Alliance Française de Chicago

Fall-Winter 2017



toast to French!

mais oui!

French Classes

All ages & levels • REGISTER ONLINE!

Fast Track courses begin Nov. 6

8-week session: Nov. 13–Jan. 29

First 4-week session: Nov. 13–Dec. 14

Second 4-week session: Jan. 2–Jan. 29

★ **New brochure format**

Full class listing on our new website

FREE Trial Classes

Nov. 8–11 • see p. 2 for details

Open House

Tue. Nov. 7 • see p. 2 for details



Chicago's French cultural and learning center dedicated to the study of French language, cultural exchange and friendship between Americans and French-speaking people.

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The Alliance Française de Chicago is a non-profit 501(c)(3) institution

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membership

Join the French-speaking community in the heart of Chicago!

We invite you to become a member of Chicago's vibrant French-speaking community. Founded in 1897, the Alliance Française de Chicago is not only one of the city's oldest cultural organizations; it also is one of Chicago's most active centers for language training and cultural events. Whether you wish to enhance your language skills, take courses in cooking and wine tasting, watch award-winning films, or browse our library of over 19,000 titles — it's all available to you six days a week and just steps from North Michigan Avenue.

Membership benefits include:

- Discounts on all Alliance language classes, cooking classes, and cultural programs — including the Chez Kids Academy.
- Discounts on meals, desserts, and beverages from the Alliance's many partners around the city.
- Full, free borrowing privileges at the Brown Library/ Médiathèque — the largest non-university library of French language media materials in the Midwest.
- Free participation in all discussion cafés including Café Conversation and Café Littéraire.
- Unlimited access to Culturethèque, an online treasure trove of French language gems: award-winning literature, music, documentaries, crime novels — even the major newspapers and magazines! 24/7 from the comfort of your home.
- The satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting an organization that has been promoting cultural exchange in Chicago for nearly 120 years.



Join today! Call (312) 337-1070 for complete information

OPERATING HOURS

Mon. – Thu. : 9:00 a.m. – 9:55 p.m.
Fri. : 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sat. : 9:00 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.
Sun. : closed

Special operating hours:

Mon., Nov. 20 & Tue., Nov. 21: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 18 – Thu., Dec. 21: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Alliance will be closed:

Wed., Nov. 22 – Sat. Nov. 25
Fri., Dec. 22 – Mon., Jan. 1
Classes resume on Tue., Jan. 2

fête de fin d'année

Friday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Members & Current Alliance Students \$20 / Non-members \$30 · 54 W. Chicago Ave. entrance

Laughter & Libations! At the end of our 120th anniversary, come celebrate the closing of another year with Renée-Claude Theriault and Frogprov, live music, delicious food, and *vin chaud* with the whole Alliance gang! Be sure to register early for this popular event.



Chicago international children's film festival

Saturday, November 4 at 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

Children \$7 / Adult \$10 for 1 film · Children \$10 / Adult \$15 for 2 films · 54 W. Chicago Ave. entrance

The Alliance Française de Chicago presents a special selection of the very best French-language children's films from Belgium, France, and Switzerland in partnership with the Chicago International Children's Film Festival and the Cultural Service of the French Consulate in Chicago... All French, all ages: *À ne pas manquer !*

A Festive Wind / Un vent de fête

Ages 7 and under at 9:15 a.m.

(66 min., French with English subtitles)

Like Pages In a Book / Comme les pages d'un livre...

Ages 8 and older at 11:00 a.m.

(72 min., French with English subtitles)



film retrospective 2017–18

At a time when alternative facts are all the rage, we return to *cinéma-vérité* and the documentary form at large to examine the world we live in and the people we live with.



\$7 Members / \$10 Non-Members including a glass of French wine. All French films with English subtitles. Please enter via 54 W. Chicago Avenue.

Swagger

Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Olivier Babinet (2016, 84 min.)

With Robert Katz, award-winning film producer

Shot in bold colors with breathtaking aerial photography, *Swagger* illustrates the dreams of eleven middle school students from the Parisian suburbs' projects. Speaking directly to the camera as if it were a long-trusted confidante, these extraordinary young people talk about love, being French, life in the projects, and their visions of the future.



Les pépites / Little Gems

Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Xavier de Lauzanne (2016, 98 min.)

With Kai-Duc Luong and Asian Pop Up Cinema

Today, they are 25 years old and have finished school or already started working. When they were children, they all had to scavenge for survival in the trash dump of Phnom-Penh. This is where a couple of French travelers, Christian and Marie-France, met them for the first time. They have worked relentlessly ever since to change more than 10,000 children's lives and help them build their future.



"Les Pépites is one of those documentaries, and there are not so many, giving us faith in humanity." — *Telerama*

Hitchcock Truffaut

Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Kent Jones (2015, 79 min.)

With Mimi Plauché, Chicago International Film Festival

François Truffaut once interviewed Alfred Hitchcock over eight days in 1962 Hollywood and then published *Cinema According to Hitchcock*. The critically acclaimed cinematic version of this book highlights both iconic directors' legendary ideas and filmmaking experiences, and includes commentary from contemporary directors and filmmakers such as Arnaud Desplechin, Olivier Assayas, Martin Scorsese and Wes Anderson. A must for all film buffs!



"Will thrill you and change the way you watch movies." — *Esquire.com*

en français



Une duchesse américaine, avec Olivier Lebleu

Vendredi 3 novembre à 12h30

Entrée libre · Médiathèque

Olivier Lebleu, traducteur des mémoires d'une femme singulière, *Une duchesse américaine, New York-Londres-Paris*, viendra nous faire connaître Consuelo Vanderbilt Balsan (1877–1964), une riche héritière américaine qui a notamment inspiré la série télévisée *Downton Abbey*. Il nous présentera, en mots et en images sa vie romanesque : fréquentation de l'élite artistique et intellectuelle, ainsi que les têtes couronnées, mais aussi son action sociale et philanthropique en faveur des plus démunis et ses combats pour l'émancipation des femmes. Cet événement sera animé par **Isabelle David**. Une rencontre en toute intimité et à ne pas manquer.



Jeanne Gang

Jedi 7 décembre à 18h30

En conversation avec Isabelle David

Gratuit pour les membres / \$10 pour les non-membres

Récipiendaire de la Légion d'honneur, membre de la fondation MacArthur et de l'Académie Américaine des Arts et des Sciences, l'architecte américaine Jeanne Gang a fondé Studio Gang en 1997. En partenariat avec l'agence française Chabanne-Architecte, Studio Gang était un des deux finalistes du concours pour la rénovation de la Tour Montparnasse de Paris qui devrait s'achever à l'horizon 2023.

En partenariat avec la seconde Biennale d'Architecture de Chicago.

art de vivre



Taste of Terroir: Champagne & Beyond

**A wine and cheese tasting with sommelier
Scott Komplin • In English**

Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Members \$40 / Non-members \$50

Nothing enhances the taste of wine more than the right cheese pairing, and nothing makes cheese taste more glorious than the right wine. Join our very own Scott Komplin and his *joie de vivre* to explore the *terroirs* and regions of France, discover new *cuvées*, and toast tradition with new friends. Each session starts with a regional welcome drink and closes with a blind tasting.

CLASSES

Initiation Fast track:

Monday, November 6–Thursday, November 9

Eight-week session:

Monday, November 13–Monday, January 29 (once-a-week)

1st Four-week session:

Monday, November 13–Thursday, December 14 (twice-a-week)

2nd Four-week session:

Tuesday, January 2–Monday, January 29 (twice-a-week)

Next session: February 5–March 31

Open House with complimentary refreshments

Tuesday, November 7 at 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:15 p.m.) · Take a free sample class, find out your level and have fun while enjoying complimentary refreshments.

RSVP at af-chicago.org

Free Trial Classes November 8–11

Initiation levels

Wed. Nov. 8
10:00–10:45 a.m.
5:40–6:25 p.m.
Thu. Nov. 9
7:45–8:30 p.m.
Fri. Nov. 10
12:00–12:45 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 11
1:00–1:45 p.m.

Beginners levels

Thu. Nov. 9
10:00–10:45 a.m.
5:40–6:25 p.m.

Intermediate levels

Thu. Nov. 9
12:10–12:55 p.m.
6:30–7:15 p.m.

Advanced levels

Wed. Nov. 8
6:30–7:15 p.m.

Free Placement, November 6–10

Mon.–Thu.	10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.	Nov. 6–9
Fri.	10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	Nov. 10

Let our teachers find the best class for you by taking a brief placement online, onsite or over the phone.

Course prices in this brochure reflect the “early bird” rate and are in effect if you REGISTER BEFORE Saturday, Nov. 11 by 12:00 p.m.! Registrations after that date will include a \$15 surcharge.

For the second 4-week session, register before Tuesday, January 2 at 12:00 p.m. for the “early bird” rate. Register for both 4-week sessions at the same time and receive an extra \$20 discount.

school policies

By registering for a class, students acknowledge that they agree to the school policies as stated on the Alliance Française de Chicago’s website, www.af-chicago.org/school-policy. You may have to purchase a textbook for some classes.

our teaching philosophy

For 120 years, the Alliance Française de Chicago has offered French classes and programs in a welcoming, social environment:

- Classes are small to allow as much communication and guidance as possible
- We emphasize speaking with lots of interaction
- Grammar, vocabulary and phonetics are taught creatively
- Our teachers are certified and French native or bilingual French speakers with broad experience
- Our method is the world standard for language learning and proficiency
- You have FUN while you are at the Alliance!

our classes



General French A1–C2

Follow a precise textbook and target all skills: speaking, listening, reading, writing.



Topical Classes A1–C2

Address one or two skills in particular that revolve around a specific domain, for instance: literature or phonetics.

our levels

The Alliance Française uses the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
Remember: you can always change your class within the first week



A1.1 INITIATION

Book: Interactions 1

- For students who have never studied French.
- Learn to communicate on simple, personal, and concrete matters (yourself, your tastes and your activities).
- Discover basic vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammatical structures.



B1 INTERMEDIATE

Book: Saison 3

- Cope with most situations likely to arise while traveling in French-speaking countries.
- Convey your plans, hopes and dreams.
- Express opinions, provide explanations, and defend ideas.
- Build a more precise vocabulary with topics such as society, culture, technology and history.



A1.2 BEGINNERS

Book: Saison 1

- For students who have taken some French before.
- Learn to communicate about familial, professional and social environments.
- Keep building on your vocabulary, and start using past and future tenses.



B2 INDEPENDENT

Book: Alter Ego 3+

- Understand the main idea of complex texts on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in your professional field.
- Interact with fluency and spontaneity with native speakers.
- Produce clear, detailed texts and speeches on a wide range of subjects.
- Develop your viewpoints with nuanced opinions and arguments.



A2 ADVANCED BEGINNERS

Book: Saison 2

- Learn to communicate about your memories, thoughts and objectives.
- Express your disagreement, your interests and your feelings.
- Develop your vocabulary and learn to form complex sentences.
- Talk about topics such as work, news, tourism, how to be a consumer, and more.



C1/C2 PROFICIENT

Books: Alter Ego 4 & Alter Ego 5

- Understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognize implicit meaning.
- Express yourself fluently and spontaneously using idiomatic language.
- Use language effectively for social, academic and professional purposes.
- Produce clear, well-structured, detailed texts and speech about complex subjects, showing controlled use of organizational patterns.

There will be no classes Monday, Nov. 20 thru Saturday, Nov. 25 in observance of Thanksgiving.
There will be no classes Monday, Dec. 18 thru Monday, Jan. 1 in observance of the end of year holidays.

A1.1 initiation

2-hour classes · 16 teaching hours total

INITIATION

fast track \$255 new student package
12 teaching hours · textbook included for 101i only

This intensive course covers Unit 1 of our Initiation level in just 4 days. You will be introduced to basic grammatical structures, vocabulary and pronunciation while focusing on communication.

Monday Nov. 6 – Thursday Nov. 9 6:00–9:00 p.m. Class code: 101i

8-week session initiation · once-a-week

Book for sale at reception: \$30

	Dates	Time	Teacher	Class code
Interactions 1 · Unit 1	Tuesday Nov. 14–Jan. 23	5:40 p.m.	Julien	101a
\$299 New student offer for unit 1	Thursday Nov. 16–Jan. 25	10:00 a.m.	Julien	101b
	Thursday Nov. 16–Jan. 25	7:45 p.m.	TBD	101c
	Saturday Nov. 18–Jan. 27	9:00 a.m.	Erald	101s
	Interactions 1 · Unit 2	Tuesday Nov. 14–Jan. 23	7:45 p.m.	Geoff
	Wednesday Nov. 15–Jan. 24	10:00 a.m.	Elodie	102b
	Wednesday Nov. 15–Jan. 24	5:40 p.m.	Jamal	102c
	Saturday Nov. 18–Jan. 27	11:10 a.m.	Julien	102s
Interactions 1 · Unit 3	Thursday Nov. 16–Jan. 25	5:40 p.m.	Geoff	103b
	Saturday Nov. 18–Jan. 27	9:00 a.m.	Julien	103s
	Saturday Nov. 18–Jan. 27	1:40 p.m.	Camille	103u
Interactions 1 · Unit 4	Wednesday Nov. 15–Jan. 24	5:40 p.m.	TBD	104c

8-week session initiation · twice-a-week

\$299 New student offer · NEW OFFER!

Interactions 1 · Unit 2	Tue./Thu.	Nov. 14–Jan. 25	12:10–1:10 p.m.	Élodie	12.02a
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1st 4-week-session initiation · twice-a-week

\$295 New student offer for Unit 1

Interactions 1 · Unit 1	Tue. / Thu.	Nov. 14–Dec. 14	5:40 p.m.	Philippe / Julien	12.1a
Interactions 1 · Unit 2	Mon. / Wed.	Nov. 13–Dec. 13	5:40 p.m.	Jamal / Erald	12.2b
Interactions 1 · Unit 4	Mon. / Wed.	Nov. 13–Dec. 13	7:45 p.m.	Camille / Julien	12.4b

2nd 4-week-session initiation · twice-a-week

\$295 New student offer for Unit 1

Interactions 1 · Unit 1	Mon. / Thu.	Jan. 4–Jan. 29	5:40 p.m.	Erald	12.1c
Interactions 1 · Unit 2	Tue. / Thu.	Jan. 2–Jan. 25	5:40 p.m.	Philippe / Julien	12.2c
Interactions 1 · Unit 3	Mon. / Wed.	Jan. 3–Jan. 29	5:40 p.m.	Jamal / Erald	12.3c

A1->A2 beginners

2-hour classes · 16 teaching hours total

BEGINNERS

8-week session beginners · once a week

Book for sale at reception: \$65

	Dates	Time	Teacher	Class code
Saison 1 · Unit 2	Tuesday Nov. 14–Jan. 23	5:40 p.m.	Camille	102as
	Wednesday Nov. 15–Jan. 24	10:00 a.m.	Julien	102bs
	Thursday Nov. 16–Jan. 25	7:45 p.m.	Julien	102cs
	Saturday Nov. 18–Jan. 27	1:40 p.m.	Adam	102us
Saison 1 · Unit 3	Monday Nov. 13–Jan. 29	5:40 p.m.	Julien	103as
Saison 1 · Unit 4	Wednesday Nov. 15–Jan. 24	5:40 p.m.	Geoff	104bs
	Thursday Nov. 16–Jan. 25	10:00 a.m.	Geoff	104cs
	Saturday Nov. 18–Jan. 27	1:40 p.m.	Julien	104us
Saison 1 · Unit 5	Tuesday Nov. 14–Jan. 23	10:00 a.m.	Adam	105as
	Tuesday Nov. 14–Jan. 23	5:40 p.m.	Jamal	105bs
Saison 1 · Unit 6	Tuesday Nov. 14–Jan. 23	7:45 p.m.	Camille	106as
	Thursday Nov. 16–Jan. 25	5:40 p.m.	Jamal	106bs2

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Saison 1 · Unit 7	Thursday	Nov. 16–Jan. 25	10:00 a.m.	Jamal	107as
	Saturday	Nov. 18–Jan. 27	11:10 a.m.	Jamal	107us
Saison 1 · Unit 9	Monday	Nov. 13–Jan. 29	10:00 a.m.	Adam	109as
	Wednesday	Nov. 15–Jan. 24	5:40 p.m.	Julien	109cs

2nd 4-week-session beginners · twice-a-week \$310 members · \$355 non-members

Saison 1 · Unit 2	Mon./Wed.	Jan. 3–Jan. 29	7:45 p.m.	TBD / Julien	12.2cs
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A2->B1 advanced beginners 2-hour classes · 16 teaching hours total

ELEMENTARY **A2**

NEW: Le Bootcamp · \$175 · 7 teaching hours

Sat. Nov. 11 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 200i

A class designed for motivated students who wish to take advantage of the in-between sessions break, whether they missed a session or are looking for ways to practice. With a maximum of 10 students per group, each person has the opportunity to engage, participate and improve. The workshops will focus on known challenging areas to comprehensively and efficiently answer students' needs and help them move on to the next level!

8-week session advanced beginners · once-a-week · \$330 mbrs · \$375 non-mbrs

Book for sale at reception: \$65	Dates	Time	Teacher	Class code
Saison 2 · Unit 1	Saturday Nov. 18–Jan. 27	1:40 p.m.	Jamal	201us
Saison 2 · Unit 2	Tuesday Nov. 14–Jan. 23	10:00 a.m.	Élodie	202as
	Saturday Nov. 18–Jan. 27	9:00 a.m.	Camille	202us
Saison 2 · Unit 3	Tuesday Nov. 14–Jan. 23	5:40 p.m.	Geoff	203as
	Wednesday Nov. 15–Jan. 24	7:45 p.m.	Adam	203bs
Saison 2 · Unit 5	Tuesday Nov. 14–Jan. 23	5:40 p.m.	Erald	205as
Saison 2 · Unit 6	Monday Nov. 13–Jan. 29	7:45 p.m.	Julien	206as
	Saturday Nov. 18–Jan. 27	9:00 a.m.	Jamal	206us
Saison 2 · Unit 8	Wednesday Nov. 15–Jan. 24	5:40 p.m.	Adam	208as

1st 4-week session advanced beginners · twice-a-week · \$310 mbrs · \$355 non-mbrs

Saison 2 · Unit 2	Mon. / Wed.	Nov. 13–Dec. 13	7:45 p.m.	Adam / Jamal	22.s2
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2nd 4-week session advanced beginners · twice-a-week · \$310 mbrs · \$355 non-mbrs

Saison 2 · Unit 3	Mon. / Wed.	Jan. 3–Jan. 29	7:45 p.m.	Adam / Jamal	22.s3
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B1->B2 intermediate 2-hour classes · 16 teaching hours total

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8-week session intermediate · once-a-week \$330 members · \$375 non-members

Book for sale at reception: \$65	Dates	Time	Teacher	Class code
Saison 3 · Unit 1	Tuesday Nov. 14–Jan. 23	5:40 p.m.	Adam	301as
Saison 3 · Unit 4	Saturday Nov. 18–Jan. 27	11:10 a.m.	Adam	304us
Saison 3 · Unit 5	Wednesday Nov. 15–Jan. 24	5:40 p.m.	Philippe	305as
Saison 3 · Unit 7	Monday Nov. 13–Jan. 29	5:40 p.m.	Camille	307as
	Tuesday Nov. 14–Jan. 23	10:00 a.m.	Camille	307bs

1st 4-week session intermediate · twice-a-week · \$310 mbrs · \$355 non-mbrs

Saison 3 · Unit 3	Mon. / Thu.	Nov. 13–Dec. 14	7:45 p.m.	Jamal / Adam	32.3as
Saison 3 · Unit 9	Mon. / Wed.	Nov. 13–Dec. 13	10:00 a.m.	Élodie / Camille	32.9as

2nd 4-week session intermediate · twice-a-week · \$310 mbrs · \$355 non-mbrs

Saison 3 · Unit 4	Mon. / Thu.	Jan. 4–Jan. 29	7:45 p.m.	Jamal / Adam	32.4cs
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B2->C1 independent 2-hour classes · 16 teaching hours total

B2
INDEPENDENT

2nd 4-week session independent · twice-a-week \$310 mbrs · \$355 non-mbrs

Book for sale at reception: \$65	Dates	Time	Teacher	Class code
AE3+D1	Mon. / Wed. Jan. 3–Jan. 29	10:00 a.m.	Élodie / TBD	42.1cs

C1->C2 proficient 2-hour classes · 16 teaching hours total

C1
PROFICIENT

C1 · 8-week session proficient · once-a-week \$330 members · \$375 non-members

Book for sale at reception: \$70	Dates	Time	Teacher	Class code
AE4+D1	Saturday Nov. 18–Jan. 27	11:10 a.m.	Camille	501a
AE4+D2	Saturday Nov. 18–Jan. 27	11:10 a.m.	Geoff	502a
AE4+D5	Monday Nov. 13–Jan. 29	5:40 p.m.	Adam	505a
AE4+D6	Saturday Nov. 18–Jan. 27	11:10 a.m.	Anie	506a
AE4+D7	Monday Nov. 13–Jan. 29	5:40 p.m.	Tim	507a

C2 · 8-week session proficient · once-a-week \$330 members · \$375 non-members

Book for sale at reception: \$75	Dates	Time	Teacher	Class code
AE5-D2	Thursday Nov. 16–Jan. 25	5:40 p.m.	Tim	602a
AE5-D4	Tuesday Nov. 14–Jan. 23	5:40 p.m.	Tim	604a

C2 · 1st 4-week session proficient · twice-a-week \$310 mbrs · \$355 non-mbrs

AE5-D8	Mon. / Wed. Nov. 13–Dec. 13	10:00 a.m.	Julien / Adam	62.8a
TBD	Tue. / Thu. Nov. 14–Dec. 14	10:00 a.m.	Jamal / Adam	71.3a

C2 · 2nd 4-week session proficient · twice-a-week \$310 mbrs · \$355 non-mbrs

AE5-D9	Mon. / Wed. Jan. 3–Jan. 29	10:00 a.m.	Julien / Adam	62.9c
TBD	Tue. / Thu. Jan. 2–Jan. 25	10:00 a.m.	Jamal / Adam	71.4c

topical classes classes are 2 hours unless specified

TOPICAL
CLASSES

Please note that you may have to purchase a textbook for some classes. Please visit our website for textbook or materials fee information.

CERTIFICATIONS

\$330 members / \$375 non-members · 16 teaching hours · \$25 discount for students registered for general language classes in the same session. We offer certification prep courses and exams for all levels. Prep courses are available **ON DEMAND**. For more information, please contact certifications@af-chicago.org or call our office.

You have come a long way as a French speaker! Reward your efforts with an internationally recognized lifelong diploma. This course can help you get all the tools to succeed at the DELF/DALF exam. Levels offered **ON DEMAND**

PHONETICS AND COMMUNICATION · 1 hour / week · 8 teaching hours

\$175 members / \$205 non-members · \$20 discount for students registered for general language classes in the same session.

Practice makes perfect! Work on your pronunciation and learn the (literally) life changing difference between "poison" and "poisson".

All levels

We offer phonetics classes **ON DEMAND** and based on your availability. To schedule your class or for more information email gruiz@af-chicago.org or call our office.

Book: *Les 500 exercices de phonétique, Niveau A1-A2 or Niveau B1-B2*

DOING THINGS WITH GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

\$330 members / \$375 non-members · 16 teaching hours

Feeling a little rusty? Enjoy the immediate benefits of this grammatical review and enrich your speaking and writing skills.

C1	Saturday Nov. 18–Jan. 27	9:00 a.m.	Adam	590A
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Books: *Vocabulaire progressif du français · Niveau perfectionnement*
Grammaire en dialogues · Niveau avancé

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CONVERSATION · Comprehension and expression

\$175 members / \$205 non-members · 8 teaching hours

\$20 discount for students registered for general language classes in the same session.

Meet with our instructors and your fellow students to discover and discuss cultural and social topics. Reading the entire encyclopedia is not a requirement for this class.

A2	Thursday	Nov. 16–Jan. 25	4:30–5:30 p.m.	Domitille	190A
B1, B2	Wednesday	Nov. 15–Jan. 24	7:45–8:45 p.m.	Geoff	390A

~~THE ART OF LISTENING · Comprehension and pronunciation~~

~~\$330 members / \$375 non-members · \$10 materials fee · 16 teaching hours~~

~~“What was that?” Take this class to get rid of that sometimes frustrating feeling when dealing with oral comprehension.~~

B1	Thursday	Nov. 16–Jan. 25	5:40 p.m.	Camille	390B
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PARLONS D'ACTUALITÉS ! · (TV5MONDE) *with online supplementary activities*

\$330 members / \$375 non-members · \$10 materials fee · 16 teaching hours

Come discover a piece of world news by watching and discussing a clip from francophone TV.

B2	Tuesday	Nov. 14–Jan. 23	12:10 p.m.	Adam	390C
B2	Thursday	Nov. 16–Jan. 25	7:45 p.m.	Jamal	390C2

CLUB DE LECTURE · Houellebecq, le contemporain

\$330 members / \$375 non-members · 16 teaching hours

B2	Friday	Nov. 17–Jan. 26	1:00 p.m.	Adam	490A
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Book: Soumission, Michel Houellebecq

THÉÂTRE VIVANT · Vercors

\$330 members / \$375 non-members · 16 teaching hours

C1	Monday	Nov. 13–Jan. 29	12:10 p.m.	Anie	590B
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Book: Zoo ou l'assassin philanthrope, Vercors (ed. Magnard · classiques et contemporains)

BRUSH-UP · Grammar and speaking

\$330 members / \$375 non-members · 16 teaching hours

A2	Thursday	Nov. 16–Jan. 25	5:40 p.m.	Adam	290A
B2	Tuesday	Nov. 14–Jan. 23	11:00 a.m.	Anie	490B

Book: La Grammaire en Dialogues (niveau avancé), Claire Miquel

AUTOUR DE LA LITTÉRATURE · Festival Georges Simenon

\$330 members / \$375 non-members · 16 teaching hours

B2	Tuesday	Nov. 14–Jan. 23	1:10 p.m.	Anie	490C
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Book: Maigret et l'ombre chinoise, Georges Simenon

LITTÉRATURE & HISTOIRE

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Develop the ability to read and critique works of classic and contemporary French literature.

B2-C1	Wednesday	Nov. 15–Jan. 24	12:10 p.m.	Anie	490D
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Book: Hexagone—sur les routes de l'histoire de France, Lorant Deutsh (ed: M. Lafon 2013)

LECTURES LITTÉRAIRES · La Francophonie

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B2-C1	Thursday	Nov. 16–Jan. 25	12:10 p.m.	Anie	490E
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Book: Littérature progressive de la francophonie, N. Blondeau & F. Allouache (ed: CLE Intern

FRENCH FOR TRAVELERS · Prepare your next trip to France

\$330 members / \$375 non-members · \$10 materials fee · 16 teaching hours

This custom-made course is specifically designed to provide you with the necessary tools to travel in France or in francophone countries. You will learn practical phrases and comprehension strategies to function easily in a French setting.

B1	Friday	Nov. 17–Jan. 26	10:10 a.m.	Anie	390D
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TRAVELING WITHOUT MOVING · French civilisation

\$330 members / \$375 non-members · 16 teaching hours

B1	Saturday	Nov. 18–Jan. 27	1:40 p.m.	Anie	390E
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Book: Civilisation progressive du français avec 400 activités

There will be no classes Monday, Nov. 20 thru Saturday, Nov. 25 in observance of Thanksgiving.
There will be no classes Monday, Dec. 18 thru Monday, Jan. 1 in observance of the end of year holidays.

private lessons

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lecture series

 in English, with a complimentary glass of wine

Les Châteaux de la Loire

A Getaway to Chambord, Chenonceau, and Amboise

\$45 members / \$55 non-members · 1 hour 30 minutes

Thursday January 4

6:00 p.m.

Élodie

990G

Discover the most regal of all the Châteaux with a local! Élodie is from Chargé, a village right next to Amboise.

She will tell you the little and big stories behind those three castles located in the same area...

If my favorite French writers could tweet

A French lit' anthology for (non-) dummies

\$45 members / \$55 non-members · 1 hour 30 minutes

Thursday January 25

6:00 p.m.

Geoff

990F

What if Hugo, Baudelaire, Proust, Vian and Camus had used Twitter? What would they have said, and why? Let us look at some of aphorisms and *petites phrases* to learn more about the authors, their time, their style and the French language — 140 characters at a time!

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Make friends and learn French! Classes are arranged by age and level.



Ages 1–2
Moms Pops and Tots!
No previous French required.
Sat., Nov. 18–Jan. 27
Wed., Nov 15–Jan. 24



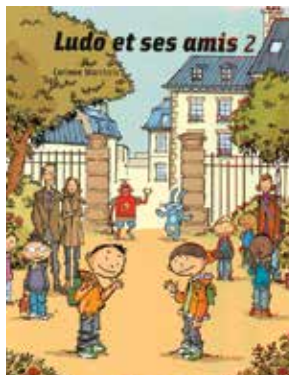
Ages 3–4
French For Youngsters!
No previous French required.
Sat., Nov. 18–Jan. 27



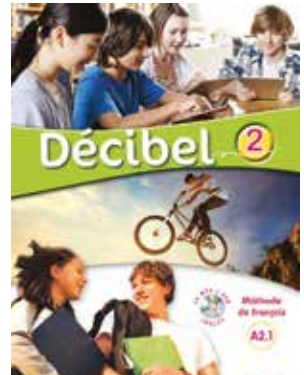
Age 5
Speak French with
Tatou le matou !
No previous French required.
Sat. Nov. 18–Jan. 27



Age 6
Let's speak French with Ludo
et ses amis 1!
No previous French required.
Sat., Nov. 18–Jan. 27



Age 7–9
Let's speak French with Ludo
et ses amis 2 and 3!
Level assessment required.
Sat., Nov. 18–Jan. 27



Age 10+
Let's speak French with
Décibel 1, 2 and 3!
Level assessment required.
Sat., Nov. 18–Jan. 27

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS

New Programs!

Activites in French for all levels, all ages.



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Play and perform *en français*! A great way to build up vocabulary and confidence. There will be a performance at the end of the session!

No previous French required.

Mondays: Nov. 13–Jan. 29 / Ages 7–9

Thursdays: Nov. 16–Jan. 25 / Ages 10–12

Family chef with Isabelle: mini dessert series!

Every first Wednesday of the month, follow our chef and prepare a yummy dessert with your child!

No previous French required. Ages 5 and up



Dec. 6 at 4:30 p.m.
Financiers



Jan. 3 at 4:30 p.m.
Madeleines



Feb. 7 at 4:30 p.m.
Tartelettes au chocolat

Tell me a French story with Mathilde!

Once a week, Mathilde takes your child into a new adventure! No previous French required, ages 1 and up.

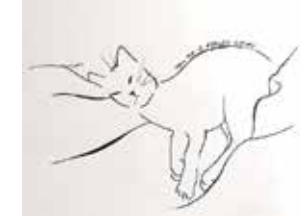
1st series: Register individually or for all three



Dec. 2 at 10:45 a.m.
Babar



Dec. 9 at 10:45 a.m.
Bébé arrive / Baby is on its way



Dec. 16 at 10:45 a.m.
Nos meilleurs amis / Our best friends

2nd series: Register individually or for all three



Jan. 13 at 10:45 a.m.
Les loups / Wolves



Jan. 20 at 10:45 a.m.
Le corps / The body



Jan. 27 at 10:45 a.m.
Voyage voyage / Let's travel

Wed. Dec. 13, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Spécial Noël / Holiday season →



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cooking workshops

BEING A CHEF: FRENCH COOKING LESSONS!

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Madelaine has been teaching French cooking techniques at Chez Madelaine Cooking School for over 30 years. She also organizes trips to France to help participants unveil the mysteries of French cuisine.



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HOLIDAY PIE UPDATE

\$70 members / \$80 non-members · \$15 materials fee

Saturday November 11 11:15 a.m.–2:15 p.m. Madelaine 990A

Our favorite pumpkin and apple fillings get a mini-makeover and we practice basic baking skills in this hands-on class. We will add crushed pecans to Pumpkin Pie in a shortening crust; enrich apple pie with a layer of tart cranberries for a *pâte brisée sucrée* and mix chunks of butternut squash with apples and brown sugar before baking them in frozen puff pastry. It's not too late to start a new tradition!



CHRISTMAS IN ALSACE

\$70 members / \$80 non-members · \$15 materials fee

Saturday December 9 11:15 a.m.–2:15 p.m. Madelaine 990B

The hearty cuisine of Alsace satisfies holiday appetites with its rustic blend of German meat and potatoes with French *savoir faire*. We will prepare these regional specialties: *flammenküche* (sauteed onions, smoked bacon and cream on a thin crust), *backenoff* (lamb, pork and beef layered with potatoes and simmered in riesling) and apple strudel.



HOLIDAY MACARONS

\$70 members / \$80 non-members · \$15 materials fee

Saturday December 16 11:15 a.m.–2:15 p.m. Madelaine 990C

Let smooth, shiny red macarons filled with raspberry jam and green ones with pistachio buttercream brighten your holiday table. Students will learn how to mix, shape and bake Italian meringue cookies and prepare the flavored buttercream filling. Take some home for inspiration!



BASIC KNIFE SKILLS / RAPID RAGOÛTS

\$70 members / \$80 non-members · \$15 materials fee

Saturday January 13 11:15 a.m.–2:15 p.m. Madelaine 990D

Learn how to shop for, handle, maintain and store the most important tool in your kitchen. We will then practice our chopping skills preparing a Rich Vegetable Stock for a pair of special winter stews: Lamb *Ragoût* with Artichoke, Peas and Lentils with Mint and Cannellini Beans, Winter Squash and Kale with Couscous.



NO-KNEAD BREAD AND MORE

\$70 members / \$80 non-members · \$15 materials fee

Saturday January 27 11:15 a.m.–2:15 p.m. Madelaine 990E

We will bake spectacular breads, no kneading allowed! Mix the dough, let it rise, refrigerate it and bake when you're ready. It's simple and fail-safe. Recipes include French *boule* master recipe, cranberry walnut bread and challah. While the bread bakes, we will make lemon ginger marmalade from *Artisanal Preserves* to serve on our warm breads.

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CAFÉ CONVERSATION DU MARDI (intermediate to advanced level)

Weekly · 4:00–5:00 p.m. · 4h floor · November 7, 14, 21, 28 · December 5, 12, 19 · January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

CAFÉ CONVERSATION DU MERCREDI (beginner to intermediate level)

Twice monthly · 6:30–7:30 p.m. · in the Library · Nov. 1, 15 · Dec. 6 · Jan. 10, 24

CAFÉ LITTÉRATURE (advanced level)

Membership required · 5:30–7:00 p.m. · in the salon · check in with reception upon arrival.

Nov. 27: *Le Canapé rouge* by Michèle Lesbre

Jan. 29: *Gouverneurs de la rosée* by Jacques Roumain

The Novel of the Century: Hugo's Masterpiece Explored

Thursday, November 9 at 6:00 p.m.

In French and English

In the library · Free admission

The Novel of the Century: The Extraordinary Adventure of Les Misérables. Written by the renowned scholar of French literature David Bellos, this book explores not only the story and themes of Hugo's great novel, but also the context of turbulent 19th century French politics. **Randy Williams**, former Alliance Française President, will explore the themes of Bellos's book, illustrated by excerpts from *Les Misérables* and its many adaptations on the stage and screen. Wine and lite bites will be served.



Heures d'ouverture :

Mon.–Thu. 11:30 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Fri. 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Sat. 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. · Sun. CLOSED

Please note that the Médiathèque closes for lunch

Mon.–Thu. 2:30–3:30 p.m.

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