



Alliance Française  
Chicago

# Spring 2019

## Frolic in French!



*mais oui!*

### **French Classes**

All ages & levels • REGISTER ONLINE!

**8-week session: Apr. 13–Jun. 10**

**First 4-week session: Apr. 15–May 9**

**Second 4-week session: May 13–Jun. 10**

### **Le Bootcamp**

Sat. Apr. 6 • Details inside

### **FREE Trial Classes & Placement**

Apr. 6–12 • Details inside

# French classes

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## **NEW:** Le Mixer · Free class & apéritif

**Thursday, March 28 · 5:30–8:30 p.m. (classes go from 5:40 to 7:40 p.m.)**

Sit in on a class for free and see for yourself how you like it. Then, talk to teachers and students while enjoying complimentary refreshments. If you sign up for a class on that same day, you will get a 12% discount. When you arrive, we will direct you to the best class for your level, based on whether or not you have taken French before. You can also register online to save your spot (35 spots available). All levels welcome!

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## Free Trial Classes April 6–12

### Initiation levels

**Mon. Apr. 8**

10:00–10:45 a.m.

5:40–6:25 p.m.

**Wed. Apr. 10**

7:45–8:30 p.m.

**Sat. Apr. 6**

11:00–11:45 a.m.

### Beginners levels

**Mon. Apr. 8**

6:30–7:15 p.m.

**Wed. Apr. 10**

5:40–6:25 p.m.

**Thu. Apr. 11**

10:00–10:45 a.m.

**Sat. Apr. 6**

12:00–12:45 p.m.

### Intermediate levels

**Tue. Apr. 9**

5:40–6:25 p.m.

### Advanced levels

**Tue. Apr. 9**

6:30–7:15 p.m.

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## Free Placement April 6–12

Sat.

April 6

10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Mon–Thu.

April 8–11

10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Fri.

Apr. 12

10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

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

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## Fast Track for new learners

**Monday April 8–Thursday, April 11, 6:00–9:00 p.m.**

This intensive course covers Unit 1 of our Initiation level in just 4 days. You will be introduced to essential grammatical structures, vocabulary and pronunciation. Speak French from the very first class! · 12 teaching hours · \$255 (reusable textbook included!)

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## Le Bootcamp for Advanced Beginner and

**Intermediate levels · Sat. Apr. 6, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**

Workshops include a grammar brush-up, pronunciation, vocabulary, and oral comprehension and expression. They will focus on challenging areas to launch students to the next level.

7 teaching hours · \$175

# French classes

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## What to expect in the classroom:

- We are certified specialists and **native speakers**.
- We lead through **best practices**.
- We emphasize oral communication so that you can **interact in French from the beginning**.
- We keep **classes** small to provide maximum guidance.
- We teach **creatively and efficiently**; no more pointless verb lists to memorize.
- We make learning an **enriching and fun** experience.

For 120 years, the Alliance Française de Chicago has offered French classes and programs in a welcoming, social environment while providing the best learning experience.

## Select your pace:

**Once-a-week: 8-week course:** Sat. Apr. 13–Mon. Jun.10

**Twice-a-week: 4-week course:** Mon. Apr. 15–Thu. May. 9 (1st 4-week session)  
**and/or:** Mon. May. 13–Mon. Jun. 10 (2nd 4-week session)

## Select the type of class you want:

**General French:** available at all levels (A1–C2)

Follow a precise textbook. Learn and master fundamentals as you practice all skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing).

**Topical Classes:** available at the A2 level and up

In this special course, hone one or two skills through study of specific topics, such as literature, current affairs, or phonetics.

**Private Classes:** Meet your specific learning goals with one-on-one instruction.

**Workshops:** Enjoy a vast array of activities (cooking, wine tasting, etc.) with hands-on classes or presentations (in French and English). More at: [af-chicago.org/workshops](http://af-chicago.org/workshops)

## Select your level:

**All levels available (A1–C2)**

Go online for more information: [af-chicago.org/class-levels](http://af-chicago.org/class-levels). Remember, you can always change your class within the first week and do MAKE-UPS if you miss a class.

**Early bird discounts:** For classes starting April 13, register before noon on April 12. For classes starting May 13, register before 4:00 p.m. on May 11.

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. You may have to purchase a textbook for some classes. More at [af-chicago.org/school-policy](http://af-chicago.org/school-policy)

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**Next session: June 20–August 17**

## Events

Sat. April 13 · 1:30 p.m.

### Ciné-Samedi · Le samouraï

Jean-Pierre Melville, France, 1967 · French with English subs  
\$7 Members / \$10 Non-Members  
Hosted by Randy Williams



Thu. April 25 · 6:30 p.m.

### Film Retrospective · La cérémonie

Claude Chabrol, France, 1995 · French with English subs  
\$7 Members / \$10 Non-Members  
With Milos Stehlik, film critic and Facets director



Jeudi 2 mai à 18h30

### John Shedd Reed Lecture

*L'histoire de France, maintenant*  
avec Patrick Boucheron, Collège de France  
En français · Entrée libre pour les membres / \$10 non-membres



Vendredi 3 mai à 14h30

### Avec l'Auteur · Laurent Gaudé

En conversation avec Isabelle David · En français  
Entrée libre pour les membres / \$10 non-membres



Tue. May 21 · 6:30 p.m.

### Film Retrospective

#### Un beau soleil intérieur / Let the Sunshine In

Claire Denis, France, 2017 · French with English subs  
\$7 Members / \$10 Non-Members  
With Polly Mangerson, DePaul University, and John Ireland, U of I-Chicago



Thu. May 30 at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

### Salon Series · Airs de cour :

#### Music and Poetry by Renaissance Women

With Nathalie Colas, Soprano, and Deborah Fox, Lute  
Comments in French at 1:30 p.m., in English at 6:30 p.m.  
\$20 Members / \$30 Non-Members



## Symposium on the Arts of France



### Les Dames Extraordinaires: Passion and Art in the Lives of Three Parisiennes

Wednesday, May 8, May 22 and June 5 at 11:30 a.m.  
\$45 per lecture

Join us for our annual Spring fundraiser and lecture series. This year's edition will delve into the lives of fascinating women who drank in life and surrounded themselves with art during a time in Paris when art, fashion, photography (and personalities) were in the midst of a renaissance. (Misia Sert, Sarah Bernhardt and Mona Bismarck)

## Workshops

### Wine Tasting with Scott Komplin

In English · Members \$55 / Non-members \$65

**SOLD OUT! Wed. April 17 · 7:00 p.m.**

### Setting the Standard: Master, Bordeaux Rouges

Yes this one is sold out...

But we have added a new date for this popular series!

**NEW! Wed. June 12 · 7:00 p.m.**

### Setting the Standard: Tour de rosé !



What better way to end this year's series than with a tasting of the ultimate summer favorite: *le rosé*. So let's set out on a *tour de France* to discover the many types of Rosé available. You'll be surprised by the depth and variety of this lovely wine!

### Workshops with Madelaine Bullwinkel

In English · Members \$70 / Non-members \$80 · Material fee: \$15



Sat. April 27 · 11:15 a.m.

### Go to Galettes

Get hands-on experience baking spring produce in a rustic free-form pastry called a galette. Fillings include: asparagus, onions and cheese; strawberry rhubarb; citrus with marmalade.



Sat. May 11 · 11:15 a.m.

### Spring Sauce Makeover

Update your sauce repertoire for warm weather meals. Spice up basic vinaigrette, flash saute cherry tomatoes for sauce, add garlic confit to aioli, red pepper and saffron to hollandaise. We will pair each with a salad, roasted vegetable or meat.



Sat. June 1 · 11:15 a.m.

### Apéro Dining

Learn to prepare an *apéritif dînatoire* of assorted tartines, *verrines* and tasty finger foods, including sweets: cornmeal madeleines with caviar, smoked salmon and cucumber, and tartines of tapenade. and asparagus. Then wait for friends to arrive!

Thu. June 20 · 6:30 p.m.

### Trivia Night · A Tour of France

Admission \$5 · In English · In the Médiathèque



## Preschool Programs

Our Spring Session starts March 30  
Registration Is Open for Back to School 2019!

Prepare your child for a lifetime of language learning with an immersive French Preschool Program.  
Mornings for 3 to 4 years old, azAfternoons for 4 to 5 years old  
Monday through Friday



## Kids Classes

Spring session: April 13–June 8

Make friends and learn French! Classes are arranged by age (1–12 years old) and level.



## French Summer Camp 2019

Cooking, crafts, field trips and more! Make this summer a French one!

Register early to guarantee your spot. Sign up for 1–8 weeks.

Jun. 17–Aug. 9



## Family Cooking on Demand

Learn how to prepare a delicious French dish with your kids, or surprise them with a birthday cooking class! Choose from a wide selection of kid-friendly meals your little ones will love. Contact us for details and to register.



## The Brown Library

Put a spring in your step with fresh selections from the library. The 18,000+ item collection offers something for everyone, in both English and French! Browse the *Culturethèque* digital library from your device, or thumb through books in our ongoing book sale. *Bonne lecture !*

### New Library Hours:

Mon.–Thu. 12:00–1:00 p.m. & 1:30–8:00 p.m.

Closed Friday · Sat. 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.



### Café conversation

Join our café to practice French · All levels welcome  
Free for Members · \$5 one-time trial for non-members  
6:30–7:30 p.m. Apr. 10, 24; May 8, 22; Jun. 12, 26

### Café littérature

Enjoy engaging discussions in our cozy salon.  
Advanced level French · Members only · Refreshments served at 5:30 p.m.

Mon. Apr. 29 · 6:00 p.m. *Leurs enfants après eux* de Nicolas Mathieu

Mon. Jun. 3 · 6:00 p.m. *Le rouge et le noir (Part 1)* de Stendhal



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## Fundraiser 2019



·Eyes of **af** Morocco  
*Regards du Maroc*

Wednesday, May 15  
6:30 pm (VIP starting at 5:30)  
Ticket: \$295, VIP \$350

*A black and white fundraiser  
to support the Alliance.*

**With Sandro Miller, presenting his series of  
Moroccan Portraits · LIVE AUCTION**

To receive an invitation, please email [lesula@af-chicago.org](mailto:lesula@af-chicago.org)

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**Free Trial Classes & Placement**

April 6 – 12

**Le Bootcamp**

April 6

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**Parking discount:** \$9 for 12 hours  
Parking available only two blocks away  
at 100 W. Chestnut St.