Course title: Survival French
Course code: NONCR FREN PAFR
Programs offering course: Paris Open Campus Block
Language of instruction: French
U.S. semester credits: 0
Contact hours: 15
Term: Spring Block II 2020

Course Description

This course is designed for students who:

Have little or no previous knowledge of the French language.

Are NOT interested in continuing their study of French into the future, and only wish to learn basic skills in communicating during their study program in Paris.

Desire a simplified introduction to the fundamentals of French grammar, syntax, and vocabulary.

Practice using language in everyday situations through role-playing, excursions, etc.

This language course provides the linguistic tools necessary for students to make themselves understood and to gain a better understanding of the way of life in Paris. Successful communication is the main goal. Lessons will be sequenced, from presentation activities to guided practice activities to communicative activities. Because language practice should be meaningful, the course will be communicative in nature and based on situations with an emphasis on 'real-life' language.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will:

• Develop students’ practical knowledge of the French language.
• Allow students to manage “everyday situations” (i.e. restaurants, shops, ticket inspections, dorm, etc.) so as to allow greater integration within French culture and society.
• Promote greater confidence in speaking French.
• Provide the most basic foundation necessary for gaining conversational ability, limiting the amount of formal grammar study to the minimum, and focusing instead on situations, pronunciation, and understanding basic phrases.

Upon the completion of this course, the students reach the following levels:

• Listening: Student can understand familiar words and very basic phrases, concerning him / herself; his / her family and immediate surroundings when people speak slowly and clearly.
• Reading: Student can understand familiar names, words and very simple sentences, for example on notices and posters or in catalogues.
• Spoken Interaction: Student can interact in a simple way provided the other person is prepared to repeat or rephrase things at a slower rate of speech and help him / her formulate what he / she is trying to say. He / she can ask and answer simple questions in areas of immediate need or on very familiar topics.
• Spoken Production: Student can use simple phrases and sentences to describe where he / she lives and people he / she knows.
• Writing: Student can fill in forms with personal details; for example entering his / her name, nationality and address at a hotel registration.

Course Prerequisites

None

Methods of Instruction

This course centers on participation and active practice of grammatical and lexical points in personal expression. Assessment is regular and is designed to reinforce learning by providing students with feedback on how well they are doing.

Attendance

Even though Survival French is a non-credit course, we are expecting a personal commitment and regular attendance from the students expressing interest in and registering for the course. Not only does this show respect for the work of the
instructor, it also contributes to the success of your study abroad program. With the introduction to French it offers, and without the pressure of a grade, Survival French allows you to experience everyday life in Paris through the lens of language and be more than tourists passing through.

N.B. Course schedule is subject to change due to study tours, excursions, or local holidays. Final schedules will be included in the final syllabus provided to students on site.

Weekly Schedule

Week 1
Class 1.1 No class

Week 2
Class 2.1 session 1
Greetings and politeness // Saluer et utiliser les formules de politesse
Introducing oneself // Se présenter
Numbers from 1 to 25
‘Avoir’ and ‘Être’
‘Tu’ or ‘Vous’

Week 3
Class 3.1 session 2
How to order at the Café // Commander au café
Money Food Drinks // L’argent – la nourriture – les boissons
Customer service // Le service clients
Outing: At the café // Au Café
Week 4
Class 4.1 session 3

How to order at the Café // Commander au café

Money Food Drinks // L’argent – la nourriture – les boissons

Customer service // Le service clients

Outing: At the café // Au Café

Week 5
Class 5.1 session 4

How to ask directions // Demander son chemin

Parisian districts / Paris: les arrondissements

Outing: Scavenger Hunt

Week 6
Class 6.1 session 5

Final review and oral presentations.

Course Materials
Readings

Course materials will be handed out by the lecturers based on the progress of the group and the students’ individual interests.