
GENERAL FRENCH – ELEMENTARY LEVEL A1

DEL F A1 Preparation

Standard Course = OP/OC/WP/WC/Grammar/Culture and civilization
Intensive Course = Continuation of the work on OP/OC/WE/Culture and civilization
Mini group = Continuation of the work on OP/Culture and civilization
45 hours module course– 3 weeks [57 hours in MG - 69 hours in IC]

MAIN OBJECTIVES

- To develop the 4 linguistic skills in order to allow the learner to get familiarized with the French speaking environment, to encourage the student to profit from the genuine linguistic immersion in Antibes and to establish real social basic exchanges
- To establish an atmosphere where the student feels at ease and confident starting the learning process of a new foreign language
- To provide the student with essential cultural reference points in order to move about in this new French speaking environment
- Constant work on pronunciation

DETAILS OF COURSE CONTENT : OBJECTIVES FOR EACH COMPETENCE

I- Skills in oral expression (OP)

Consolidation of the language skills of the A0 level allowing to deal with everyday basic situations

To know how to communicate in order to introduce oneself and describe one's personal environment (home town, people, things, everyday actions ...), how to word simple requests (personal needs, basic information ...)

(How to introduce oneself / how to describe one's environment and people / how to locate in time and space / asking questions / time, numbers / shops, shopping / simple procedures ...). Awareness of the French language particular sounds.

Pronunciation, repetition and phonetical improvement.

II- Aural skills (OC)

(To develop an awareness of the perception of the rhythm and tone of the language / how to identify simple messages / how to understand few everyday questions / how to understand short answers provided for requests concerning concrete information...)

III - Skills in written production (WP)

Written French is not necessarily used. Oral is the main focus in the first steps of the learning process – how to master the simple sentence using simple keywords

(how to write short simple messages (postcards) / with instructions (from sheets or forms, eg : hotel ...) : production of short written texts ...)

IV – Skills in written compréhension (WE)

To bring the student to comprehend everyday short messages– To develop a capability to understand information from authentic short and simple texts and documents

V- Grammar (grammar teaching should not exceed 30% of the course)

(The simple sentence with keywords / Present tense of regular basic verbs / partitive articles / Modal verbs / the simple negation / Possessive adjectives / simple and everyday questions / Relative simple pronouns / reflexive verbs / The Near Future tense / The Impérative tense / The « Passé composé » tense / « Le la les » pronouns / structures to express duration / the « vous » and « tu » uses)

VI- Culture and Civilization

(French politeness code / aspects of the French and regional culture (during the 3rd week communication with local people in Antibes through simple surveys and meetings) / Everyday life in France, French typical daily life, timetables and prices... / Simple activities dealing with everyday needs : in a restaurant, shopping, asking for directions...)

TEACHING METHODS

Active educational methods to trigger learning motivation–Interactive pair work activities – Role-plays

Use of varied educational tools. Authentic oral and written documents (ads–registration forms, postcards, photos and images...) as well as tools and documents created by our teaching team or from books and manuals for FFL...

ASSESSMENTS – FOLLOW-UPS

Language assessment to identify level

Weekly follow-up assessment – Weekly student personalized follow-up – Mock exams for Delf students – Long Program follow-up (for students staying over 3 weeks)

Attendance : A minimum of 80% in class attendancy gives 2 ECTS per week

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Work from authentic documents and books for FFL

Grammatical guide devised by the Centre International d'Antibes

Educational web site of the Centre International d'Antibes www.cia-France.com/francais-et-vous