



Summer Session 2025-2026

Course Code & Title:	FREN1000 A FRENCH I 12 May - 3 June 2026
Language of Instruction: French / English	Units: 3

Course Description

As the first in a series of six language courses, this course invites students without prior knowledge of French to explore the basic features of the French language. Supported by audiovisual aids, students will receive intensive practice in spoken and written French through interactive class work, homework and online exercises. They will become familiar with the basic concepts of French grammar and learn how to interact in some simple everyday situations.
Note: if you have studied French before, please contact the teacher.

Learning Outcomes

After taking this course, students are expected to:

- master the basic communication skills such as greeting somebody;
- exchanging basic personal information with someone in a social gathering;
- describing a room and locating an object.

Course Syllabus

Lesson	Speech Acts	Grammar & Structures	Topic/Culture
Leçon 1 Bienvenue ! (Welcome!)	INTRODUCING ONESELF/SOMEONE (1) - Greetings (1). - Inquiring/Giving info.: - Name. - Nationality.	- <u>Verbs</u> : être + nationality/name; s'appeler + name - <u>Presentatives</u> : C'est + a person. - <u>Questions</u> : Yes or no questions; Questions with <i>Qui (who)</i> : "Qui est-ce?"; Questions with <i>Comment (how) (1)</i> for the name: "Comment tu t'appelles?"; Questions with tonic pronouns: "Et toi?", "Et vous?" - <u>Pronouns</u> : 2nd pers. : tu vs vous (informal vs formal) ; 3rd pers.: il vs elle (masculine vs feminine) ; tonic pronouns moi/toi/vous. - <u>Connectors</u> : et. - Numbers from 0 to 10. - Informal/Formal: Tu/Vous.	Understanding formal and informal situations of communication in French.
Leçon 2 Qui est-ce ? (Who is it?)	INTRODUCING ONESELF/SOMEONE (2) - Inquiring/Giving info.: - First name. - Last name. - Profession. - University major. - City. - Country of residence.	- <u>Verbs</u> : Habiter ; Étudier ; Travailler. - <u>Noun group (1)</u> : noun gender (masculine vs. feminine); definite article (le/la/l'/les) + noun; compound noun with "de/d'" : e.g. "le cours de français" (the French course). - <u>Adjective's agreement (1)</u> : gender and number. - <u>Connectors</u> : ou, avec. - <u>Pronouns</u> : tonic pronouns lui/elle - <u>Structures</u> : habiter + à/au/aux/en + country/city ; étudier + article + major ; être étudiant/étudiante en + major. - Numbers until 29. - Informal/Formal: Ton/Ta and votre.	Knowing different countries.

<p>Leçon 3 Ça va bien ? (How are you?)</p>	<p>MEETING AN OLD FRIEND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greetings (2). - Inquiring/Giving info.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Age. - Family members. - Email. - Address. - Phone number. - Languages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Verbs and structures</u>: <i>aller</i> for greetings; <i>avoir</i> + noun group; <i>parler</i> + language; - <u>Possessive adjectives</u> : <i>mon/ton/son/ma/ta/sa/votre</i>. - <u>Noun group (2)</u>: indefinite article (<i>un/une/des</i>) + noun. - <u>Questions and structures</u>: questions with <i>Comment</i> (2) for greetings; - Types of questions with <i>Quel(le)</i> (what); - Questions with <i>où</i> (where); - Numbers until 99. 	<p>Catching up with an old acquaintance.</p>
<p>Leçon 4 Correspond@nce (Correspondence)</p>	<p>FINDING A PEN FRIEND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Talking about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Likes. - Dislikes. - Preferences. - French speaking countries (<i>francophonie</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Verbs and structures</u> : <i>aimer/adorer/détester/préférer</i> + definite article + hobby ; <i>chercher</i> + a person. - <u>Negation</u> (1): <i>ne/n'...pas</i>; e.g. : <i>Je n'aime pas...</i> - <u>Adverbs</u>: <i>souvent/un peu/beaucoup</i>. - <u>Connectors</u> : <i>mais</i>. 	<p>French speaking countries.</p>
<p>Leçon 5 Trouvez l'objet (Find the object)</p>	<p>FINDING AN OBJECT IN A ROOM</p> <p>Naming and locating common objects and furniture in a room.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Prepositions</u>: Prepositions and adverbs of place. - <u>Articles</u>: Definite vs Indefinite articles (2). - <u>French presentatives</u> : <i>Il y a ... (there is/are)</i> vs <i>C'est...</i> (it is) - <u>Question</u>: <i>Qu'est-ce que/ Qu'est-ce qu'</i> (what) + sentence ; <i>Où est</i> + noun. 	<p>French teenager bedroom.</p>

Course Components			
Teaching Mode			
On-site face-to-face interactive classwork: 100%			
Learning Activities			
Interactive classwork[1] (hr) in / out class	Extra-curricular activities (hr) in / out class	Web-based teaching (hr) in / out class	Homework / Self-study (hr) in / out class
3	0.5	1	3
M	O	M	M

M = Mandatory / O = Optional

[1] Interactive classwork focuses on student-centered activities such as pair work, group work, role-playing and student-teacher interaction.

Assessment Type		
Task nature	Description	Percentage
Participation	Punctuality, active participation. Occasional homework (details given in class).	10 %
Listening Comprehension	In-class listening test. Students will listen to a dialogue/dialogues and answer questions about it/them on an answer sheet.	25 %
Written Expression	In-class writing task (approx. 220 words, 30 minutes), on a topic related to the lessons content.	30%
Oral Expression	The oral test takes place on the last day of the course. Students will come at a given timeslot to the classroom by pairs. Pairs and timeslots will be decided earlier in the term. The test will last less than 10 minutes and will include 2 parts. - Part A: Answer your teacher's questions. - Part B: Role play by teams of 2.	35%

Notes:

- Students are required to arrive on time.
- Students are required to attend at least 75% of the class. Treat 75% attendance as the minimum, not the maximum.
- **Should a student miss more than 25% of the class, he/she will automatically fail the course.**
- If a student is unable to attend, he/she should review the content and homework that are missed and make them up him/her-self.
- **For missed tests, make-up tests will not be arranged unless the student can provide an official supporting document, such as a medical certificate.**

Learning Resources

Required Readings and Course Materials:

- Textbook: *Méthode de français Le nouveau Taxi 1*, Ed. Hachette, Français Langue étrangère.
- Workbook: *Cahier d'exercices Le nouveau Taxi 1*.

Textbooks are available at The Commercial Press bookstore, on CUHK campus.

IT Resources:

- cuhk.start.me

This webpage is the French Common Room: students will find a lot of contents for the different levels (Audio, online exercises; etc.) as well as information on upcoming events.

Recommended Readings & Library Resources:

Free French/English dictionaries with pronunciation:

- On Internet: <http://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/french-english>
- On Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ascendo.android.dictionary.fr.free>
- On iOS: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/free-french-english-dictionary/id323683333?mt=8>

Workbook:

- Grammaire Progressive du Français. Niveau débutant, Maia Gregoire, CLE International

Assessment Rubrics

General Grade Descriptors:

A	B	C	D	F
<p>Outstanding performance in all learning outcomes and meeting all specified assessment requirements.</p> <p>Can fully understand and appropriately use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases aimed at the fulfilment of needs of a concrete type.</p> <p>Can ask and answer questions about personal details in a competent way. Can interact in areas of immediate need or on familiar topics appropriately.</p>	<p>Good performance in all learning outcomes Can understand and mostly appropriately use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases aimed at the fulfilment of needs of a concrete type.</p> <p>Can ask and answer questions about personal details in a suitable way. Can interact in areas of immediate need or on familiar topics mostly appropriately.</p>	<p>Satisfactory performance in the majority of learning outcomes. Can partially understand and use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases aimed at the fulfilment of needs of a concrete type. Can ask and answer questions about personal details in a basic way. Can interact in areas of immediate need or on familiar topics partially appropriately.</p>	<p>Barely satisfactory performance in a number of learning outcomes. Can rarely understand and use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases aimed at the fulfilment of needs of a concrete type. Can hardly ask and answer questions about personal details. Can poorly interact in areas of immediate need or on familiar topics.</p>	<p>Unsatisfactory performance in a number of learning outcomes and/or failure to meet specified assessment requirements. Cannot understand and use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases aimed at the fulfilment of needs of a concrete type. Cannot ask and answer questions about personal details. Cannot interact in areas of immediate need or on familiar topics.</p>

Course Schedule (Subject to change):

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	11 May	12 May	13 May	14 May	15 May
1	NO CLASS	Lesson 0	NO CLASS	Lesson 1	NO CLASS
	18 May	19 May	20 May	21 May	22 May
2	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 3
	25 May	26 May	27 May	28 May	29 May
3	NO CLASS Day following Buddha's Birthday	Lesson 3 In-Class Listening Comprehension (L1-2)	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 4
	01 June	02 June	03 June		
4	Lesson 5 In-Class Written Expression (L1-4)	Lesson 5 Revision French Food Tasting & Movie Show	In-Class Oral Expression (L1-5)		

Class sections and teachers' contact details:

Class	Time	Classroom	No of weeks	Teacher	Email
FREN1000A	Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	YIA 511	4 (Only Tuesday 12/05 And Thursday 14/05 on week 1)	Louis MUNSCH	louis.munsch@cuhk.edu.hk

For further information and inquiries, you are welcome to contact:

Contact	Telephone	Email	Office
Louis MUNSCH (Course coordinator)	3943 1550	louis.munsch@cuhk.edu.hk	Rm G23, Leung Kau Kui Building (KKB) Office Hours: Monday: 12-1 p.m. Thursday: 12-1 p.m.
Linguistics and Modern Languages Department General Office	3943 7110	lin@cuhk.edu.hk	Rm G17, KKL Building Office Hours: Monday to Thursday: 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday: 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Details of Course Website

CUHK Blackboard: <https://blackboard.cuhk.edu.hk>
and/or start.me : <https://fr.about.start.me/>

Feedback for Evaluation

Our language programme highly values students' feedback and comments and is happy to use them for reflection on our teaching and improvement. Students are very welcome to provide comments and feedback on the course any time to their course teacher or the course level coordinator through email or in personal conversation. In addition, students' feedback will be collected in the middle of the term through an open-end questionnaire and the teacher will discuss the feedback in class and make improvements if necessary. The course will also follow the university's course evaluation exercise at the end of the term, and students' feedback will be used for future course planning and teaching.

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

- Attention is drawn to university policy and regulations on honesty in academic work, and to the disciplinary guidelines and procedures applicable to breaches of such policy and regulations. Details may be found at <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>.

- With each assignment, students will be required to submit a signed declaration that they are aware of these policies, regulations, guidelines and procedures.

- In the case of group projects, all members of the group should be asked to sign the declaration, each of whom is responsible and liable to disciplinary actions, irrespective of whether he/she has signed the declaration and whether he/she has contributed, directly or indirectly, to the problematic contents.
- For assignments in the form of a computer-generated document that is principally text-based and submitted via VeriGuide, the statement, in the form of a receipt, will be issued by the system upon students' uploading of the soft copy of the assignment.
- Students are fully aware that their work may be investigated by AI content detection software to determine originality.
- Students are fully aware of the AI approach(es) adopted in the course. In the case where some AI tools are allowed, students have made proper acknowledgment and citations as suggested by the course teacher.

- Assignments without a properly signed declaration will not be graded by teachers.

- Only the final version of the assignment should be submitted via VeriGuide.

- The submission of a piece of work, or a part of a piece of work, for more than one purpose (e.g. to satisfy the requirements in two different courses) without declaration to this effect shall be regarded as having committed undeclared multiple submissions. It is common and acceptable to reuse a turn of phrase or a sentence or two from one's own work; but wholesale reuse is problematic. In any case, agreement from the course teacher(s) concerned should be obtained prior to the submission of the piece of work.

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Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools in Teaching, Learning and Assessment

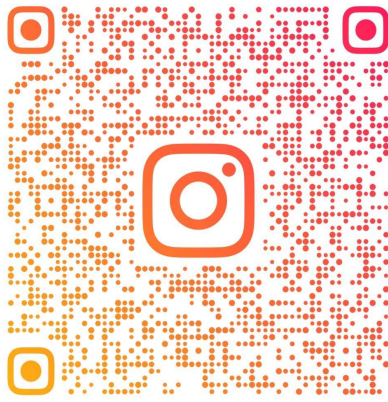
All use of AI tools is prohibited in assignments and assessment tasks

For assignments and assessment tasks that count towards the final course grades, students are not allowed to submit work which is produced with the collaboration of or supported by the use of any generative AI tools (e.g. ChatGPT)*.

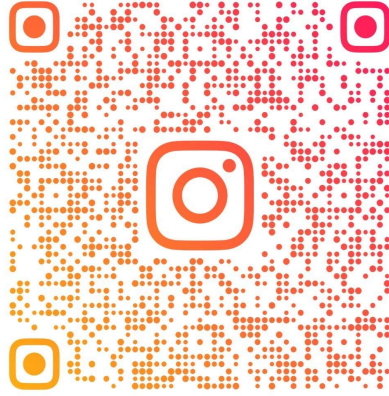
Any breach of the regulations will be considered an act of academic dishonesty and will be handled according to the University's *Procedures for Handling Cases of Academic Dishonesty*.

In case of queries, students should seek advice from the course teacher

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