



CIEE Toulouse, France

Course name:	Communicative French
Course number:	FREN 0001
Programs offering course:	Business and Culture
Language of instruction:	French
U.S. Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	15
Term:	Summer 2019
Course meeting times:	TBD
Course meeting place:	Toulouse CIEE Study Center, 11 rue Pharaon
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Course Description

The Communicative French course is a beginning language course which exposes the learner to acquire functional French language knowledge to use in daily interactions. The course covers the basics of grammar (present tense, interrogation and negation), and helps student learn the speech acts essential to daily life (like speaking about oneself, asking for information).

General Objectives

By the end of the course, students should be able to understand some simple face-to-face conversations on practical issues and be able to “function” in France on a daily basis.

Course prerequisites

None

Methods of instruction

The course will be focusing almost exclusively on oral skills and will train students to master simple practical interactions by using a diversity of methodology including role playing, phonetics exercises, videos and field trips.

Assessment and Final Grade

- Oral participation and personal involvement during sessions (20%)
- Final exam (80%)

Course Requirements

Students are expected to participate at all times and will be assessed on their willingness to do so and their ability to take corrections and advice into account.

The final exam will be an oral evaluation in the form of a role-play involving using all materials seen in class.



Schedule

Sessions 1 Course Introduction – focus on creativity, observation, memorization and oral interaction. Survival French in class and outside.

(1.5 hour) Vocabulary: date, days of the week, moments of the day
Grammar: “je m’appelle”, words for questioning (how, where, when, what, how many)
French pronunciation: alphabet, the sound of vowels

Sessions 2 Presenting oneself (nationality, age)
(1.5 hour) Grammar: être/avoir, introduction to feminine/masculine
Vocabulary: numbers (1-30)
Pronunciation: mute consonants at the end of a word

Session 3 Making purchase – numbers (30-100), price, asking politely
(2 hours) Vocabulary: stores, means of payment, aliments
Immediate practice: off to the Carmes market!

Sessions 4 Making an appointment
(2 hours) Asking, understanding and giving hours (3 French ways)
Expressing (un)availability – agreeing on an activity and time slot
Pronunciation: the rhythm of French I

Sessions 5 Getting around in town – asking your way/understanding
(1.5 hour) Vocabulary: public transportation, orientation
Pronunciation: the rhythm of French II

Sessions 6 Making a train reservation
(1.5 hour) Vocabulary: travelling by train, hours (review), price (review)
Pronunciation: the French syllables (oral/written)

Sessions 7 Speaking of one’s likes and dislikes – asking for information
(1.5 hour) Grammar: French expressions for likes/dislikes, negation simple (ne...pas) and complex (ne...rien, ne...jamais, etc.)

Session 8 Expressing oneself about a short film
(1.5 hour) Vocabulary: emotions, weather, landscape
Grammar: expressing hypothesis and opinion

Session 9 Evaluation:
(2 hours) - oral comprehension (making purchase),
- discussion with Teacher (presentation, hobbies, likes/dislikes, explaining one’s way in Toulouse),
- train reservation role-play