

Chez Vous Normandy

French Course Descriptions

Note: For any course, and for a small fee, students may add an optional online conversation session with a French national – to enhance personal progress OR for a 4th “lab” credit.

Offered Live Online during the school year . . .

Basic French I – Beginning (3 credits) 100 Level

A student’s typical 1st semester of college-level French, this course is an introduction to approximately one-fourth of the phonetics, grammar, and vocabulary needed to adequately express the target language. Study includes a balanced focus among the four basic language skills of reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Prerequisite: None

Basic French II – Beginning (3 credits) 100 Level

A student’s typical 2nd semester of college-level French, this course is an introduction to approximately the second-fourth of the phonetics, grammar, and vocabulary needed to adequately express the target language. Study includes a balanced focus among the four basic language skills of reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Prerequisite: Basic French I.

French Grammar and Culture – Intermediate I (3 credits) 200 Level

A student’s typical 3rd semester of college-level French, this course provides intensive work in all four language skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Study includes both review and expansion of grammar and phonetics foundational to oral and written communication, along with substantial engagement with French culture, target-language materials, and scripture. Taught in French as much as possible. Prerequisite: Basic French II or equivalent.

Offered every summer in France AND Live Online during the school year . . .

French Grammar and Conversation – Intermediate II (3 credits) 200 Level

A student’s typical 4th semester of college-level French, this course emphasizes the fundamentals of French while providing intensive work in all four language skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Students apply these skills through substantial engagement with French culture, target-language materials, and scripture. Taught in French. Prerequisite: Intermediate I or equivalent.

Offered every summer in France . . .

French Conversation and Phonetics – (3 credits) 300 Level

This course continues to strengthen the student’s foundation in French grammar and syntax, while also engaging the student in extensive verbal interaction around class content consisting of French culture, history, civilization, and spiritual life. Students will make considerable

progress in verbal skills, listening comprehension, vocabulary, and phonetics. Taught in French.

Advanced French Conversation and Phonetics – (3 credits) 300 Level

This course continues to strengthen the student's foundation in French grammar and syntax, while also engaging the student in extensive verbal interaction around class content consisting of French culture, history, civilization, and spiritual life. Students will make considerable progress in verbal skills, listening comprehension, vocabulary, and phonetics. Taught in French.

Offered Even-Numbered summers in France . . .

Contemporary French Society and Culture – (3 credits) 300 Level *(400 Level Track E1*)*

This course concentrates on the evolution of French life since World War II. Particular attention is given to social, political, and economic structures, along with trends in art, media, and daily life. Includes substantial classroom interaction with continuing development of writing skills. Taught in French. **400 Level-Track E1: Includes 7-week term project in conjunction with Spiritual Life in France Today.*

Spiritual Life in France Today – (3 credits) 300 Level *(400 Level Track E1*)*

This course provides students with an overview of spiritual belief and practice in today's France, including its current struggles with "laïcité." A special focus on Christianity explores current Catholic and Protestant expressions of faith, along with the significant recent developments in evangelicalism. Students will gain a greater facility for understanding the spiritual perceptions of French people. Includes substantial classroom interaction and continuing development of writing skills. Taught in French. **400 Level-Track E1: Includes 7-week term project in conjunction with Contemporary French Society and Culture.*

Offered Odd-Numbered summers in France . . .

French Civilization and History – (3 credits) 300 Level *(400 Level Option Track E1*)*

This course introduces students to the historical development of French civilization (through WWII), then connects various historical threads to current institutional, political, and social aspects of modern France. Includes substantial classroom interaction and continuing development of writing skills. Taught in French. **400 Level-Track E1: Includes 7-week term project in conjunction with French Christian History.*

French Christian History – (3 credits) 300 Level *(400 Level Option Track E1*)*

From legendary stories of the Apostle Paul and St. Denis in France, through medieval church mysteries, the Reformation, and the post-WWII missionary enterprise – the sweeping arc of Christianity has exerted profound influence on French history and culture. This study gives students a deep understanding of the rich spiritual heritage Christianity enjoys through France. Includes substantial classroom interaction with continuing development of writing skills. Taught in French. **400 Level-Track E1: Includes 7-week term project in conjunction with French Civilization & History.*