



COURSE SYLLABUS

French Pre-Intermediate 3 - Spring Term 2022

Center for Academic Writing – Foreign Languages
Central European University (CEU)

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Level: Pre-Intermediate 3

Number of sessions: 12 (2x90 min./week)

For Pass/Fail or Grade

Open to all CEU students, alumni, faculty, staff and visitors

Course Description

French is spoken on six continents and has a centuries-long history as an international language of literature, culture, diplomacy and science. French is the primary or second language of many international organizations.

The aim of the course is to improve the learners' oral and written communication, pronunciation, reading and listening comprehension skills during structured and dynamic classes and through a wide variety of tasks and exercises, together with authentic readings, visual and audio materials.

Prerequisite: French Pre-Intermediate 2 or Placement test.

Learning Outcomes

Increasing active vocabulary, reinforcing mastery of basic grammar, dealing with more complex structures (verbal phrases, subordinate clauses), and using some patterns of indirect speech (e.g., repeating or relaying messages, giving reports, summarizing). French Pre-Intermediate 3 is foremost a review of some of the basic grammar items with an emphasis on exceptions to rules and new vocabulary items to improve conversation skills. Conversation, reading and writing skills are taught in order for students to improve their knowledge and usage of the language. French Pre-Intermediate 3 reviews and improves usage of regular verbs and of the irregular verbs. Adjectives, articles and basic

question patterns form also the core of the review and improvement taught in the class. Shorter original texts and videos serve as the basis for oral discussion. Main conversation topics include: talking about arts, medias, politics and cultural aspects of the French speaking world.

Course Requirements and Assessment

Regular attendance (at least 10 sessions out of 12) is mandatory. The course is evaluated on a PASS/FAIL or GRADE basis, based on attendance, active participation in class, completion of required written and oral assignments and end of the term test.

Course Outline or Schedule

Topics and proportion are subject to change according to the learners' previous knowledge, actual needs and fields of interest.

Le bricolage
Les adjectifs et pronoms démonstratifs
Les pronoms Y et EN
La météo, le climat
Le comparatif
La fac, le système universitaire
Demander une opinion, donner son opinion
Le Passé récent
La subordonnée relative
L'Art
Le Passif
Raconter