

Languages, Arts and Culture: French Beginner Part One

Course Overview and Syllabus:

Our evening language courses are built around an arts and culture context. You will explore a variety of topics including architecture, cuisine, culture, design, fashion, society and more.

Over the 8 weeks of the **French Beginner Part One** course, you will:

- be introduced to asking and answering simple questions on familiar topics as well as explore less familiar topics
- learn functional language and vocabulary related to food, the city, travelling, professions, leisure and your home
- learn the days of the week, numbers, countries, nationalities, colours and more
- work on your interactional, listening and speaking skills through dialogues, role plays and pair/groupwork
- gain confidence in using the language to talk about yourself, your family and your immediate surroundings, as well as and the topics outlined in the syllabus
- learn basic verb forms, tenses, and articles
- learn about different aspects of French and francophone arts and culture

There is a focus on oral communication and pronunciation as well as using language for functional and practical purposes.

Week number and Topic	Language Content and Arts and Culture Content*
1. Introduction to Language, Arts and Culture	<p>Language Content Greetings and introductions The alphabet and numbers Spelling and pronunciation Nationalities</p> <p>Arts and Culture Content Overview of French, Arts and Culture Quiz on French art and design</p>
2. Cuisine and Culture	<p>Language Content Food and groceries Articles Ordering food and levels of formality</p> <p>Arts and Culture Content Regional cuisine The history of the baguette The effect of the Columbian Exchange on French cuisine</p>
3. Art and Politics	<p>Language Content Jobs and Professions Asking for and giving personal information Conjugation of 1st group verbs</p> <p>Arts and Culture Content Art, propaganda and war Graffiti Cartoons and satire</p>
4. Urban Spaces	<p>Language Content Places in the city Countries and prepositions of place Contractions in articles</p> <p>Arts and Culture Content The changing cityscape Urbanisation The Haussmann's renovation of Paris</p>
5. Movement and Time	<p>Language Content Review: greetings, numbers, conjugation Construction: il y a Travel experiences Hobbies and interests</p> <p>Arts and Culture Content Cinema through the ages Music and dance Travel and Photography</p>

<p>6. Modernism</p>	<p>Language Content Activities in a city The near future negative form Numbers from 70 to 99</p> <p>Arts and Culture Content 'La Défense' in Paris Les HLMs, Le Corbusier and Brutalism 'Les Banlieues' in France</p>
<p>7. Fashion and Society</p>	<p>Language Content Colours Describing clothes Expressing opinion '-er' verbs related to fashion</p> <p>Arts and Culture Content Aesthetics and generation Clothing and politics French sub-Cultures and caricatures</p>
<p>8. Design and Architecture</p>	<p>Language Content Describing your home Stating your preferences Rooms and activities at home</p> <p>Arts and Culture Content The evolution of Parisian architecture Architecture and Versailles French architectural styles</p>

*Please note: these are some possible topics you will cover and may differ according to student needs and interests