



Presidency University
86/1 College Street, Kolkata 700 073

A Course on French Language and Culture (I)
[Offered in Four Year Undergraduate Program (FYUP)]
At the Main Campus

Course Objective:

Students will be able to :

- 1) Attain a very basic and fundamental understanding of the language, allowing him/her to use simple expressions to introduce himself/herself, state personal details, and handle very familiar topics.
- 2) To communicate in French, if spoken slowly and clearly.
- 3) To survive in any French speaking country.

Course Outcome:

- Able to comprehend French language at the preliminary level through linguistics. Students can master basic grammar and vocabulary, read and write simple texts, basic knowledge of conversation, listening and comprehension, etiquette and manners.
- The Course is suitable for all undergraduate students (Humanities and Social Sciences, Natural and Mathematical Sciences)

1	Paper Name	French Language and Culture I
2	Paper Code	LANG104MC01C
3	Paper Type	Minor Course (MC)
4	Offered at	Semester I
5	Total Credits	06
6	Mode of Evaluation	End Sem + Mid Sem Examinations : Total Marks 100 (70 End Sem + 30 Mid Sem/IA)
7	Course Type	Taught
8	Total Nos. of Lectures	60

Module I :

45 Lectures

French Language

Topics :

1. Introduce oneself.
2. Spell and count.
3. Communicate in class.
4. Ask for and give information.

5. Talk about countries, nationalities.
6. Objects- shapes, colour, size, material.
7. Describe a person.
8. Talk about family.
9. Talk about weather.
10. Talk about transport & commute.
11. Ask and give direction to go to a place.
12. Asking and giving information about date and time.
13. Talk about accommodation- rent.
14. Talk about hobbies.
15. Shopping – asking about price, things and quantities.
16. Markets- groceries-food-gastronomy -talk about food habits, recipes.
17. Dialogues in a restaurant – placing order, food preferences, talk about food allergies, appreciating meals, paying bills.
18. How to talk politely in a formal situation.
19. Inviting someone – accepting or rejecting invitations.
20. Talk about past events.
21. Talk about future projects.
22. Talk about daily activities.

15 Lectures

Grammar :

- Noun- gender, number.
- Articles- definite, indefinite, contracted, partitive.
- C'est, Il y a.
- Auxiliary verbs – être (to be), avoir(to have).
- Expressions of être and avoir.
- Sentences- affirmative, negative, interrogative.
- Adjectives – positions.
- Qualitative adjectives.
- Possessive adjectives.
- Demonstrative adjectives.
- Verb groups – regular, irregular verbs- infinitive and indicative mood.
- Verb conjugations of common verbs.
- Imperative.
- Pronominal verbs.
- Pronouns- subject pronouns, reflexive pronouns, stressed pronouns.
- Common prepositions.
- Common adverbs.
- Tense – present, passé compose, future proche.

15 Lectures

Vocabulary :

1. Alphabets and accents.
2. Greetings.
3. How to address each other.
4. Forms of politeness.
5. Common objects in a classroom/ workplace.
6. Numbers- 1-100.
7. Days, Months, Seasons.

8. Country-Nationality-Language.
9. Profession.
10. Family relationships.
11. Colour.
12. Shapes.
13. Materials.
14. Nature- natural elements.
15. Farm and wild animals, insects.
16. Climate – weather.
17. Sports.
18. Parts of a House.
19. Rooms- furniture.
20. Body parts.
21. Garments – male and female fashion.
22. Meals.
23. Utensils.
24. Food – fruits and vegetables, meat, cheese, wine, dessert.
25. Transport.
26. Common shops.
27. Public places.

15 Lectures

Module II :

French Culture:

1. France – Francophonie.
2. Neighbour countries; important cities in France.
3. French flag, French devise/mantra.
4. Paris – places to visit.
5. French Gastronomy.
6. French Fashion.
7. Introduction to French literature.
8. Introduction to French cinema.

15 Lectures

Text Books:

1. **G Mauger** Cours de Langue et de Civilisation Française- **Book 1**
Publisher- Hachette,
2. **Inspire 1** : Livre de l'élève + Cahier d'activités (Set of 2 Books)
Publisher : GOYAL Publishers & Distributors Pvt. Ltd (2025 Edition)

List of References :

1. Collins French Grammar and Practise
2. Larousse French-English and English-French bilingual dictionary
3. Le Petit Prince – Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
4. Short stories in French – Olly Richards and Richard Simcott.



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A Course on French Language and Culture (II)
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Course Objective:

Students will be able to:

- 1) Attain the elementary level i.e. they can understand and use simple expressions and sentences related to familiar topics like daily routines, personal information, and immediate needs.
- 2) To use more complex sentence structures and wider vocabulary for daily interactions and travel.

Course Outcome:

- Able to comprehend French language at the elementary level through linguistics. Students can master basic grammar and vocabulary, read and write complex sentences, basic knowledge of conversation, listening and comprehension, etiquette and manners.
- The Course is suitable for all undergraduate students (Humanities and Social Sciences, Natural and Mathematical Sciences)

1	Paper Name	French Language and Culture II
2	Paper Code	LANG154MC02C
3	Paper Type	Minor Course (MC)
4	Offered at	Semester II
5	Total Credits	06
6	Mode of Evaluation	End Sem + Mid Sem Examinations : Total Marks 100 (70 End Sem + 30 Mid Sem/IA)
7	Course Type	Taught
8	Total Nos. of Lectures	60

Module I :

45 Lectures

French Language :

Topics :

1. Likes and dislikes.
2. Complex calculations.
3. Communicate in neighbourhood.

4. Ask for and give information in details.
5. Talk about environment.
6. Describe a person.
7. Describe an event.
8. Compare objects.
9. Talk and compare qualities and defects.
10. Talk about habits and routines.
11. Talk about past activities and experiences.
12. Talk about plans and arrangements.
13. Present oneself.
14. Present someone.
15. Write recipes.
16. Create websites and social network in French.
17. To talk about social life and social skills.
18. Writing e-mails.
19. Writing paragraphs.
20. Talk on telephone- give and receive messages.
21. Book tickets for train and flights.
22. Hotel reservation.
23. Dialogues related to travel and vacation.
24. To ask for help.
25. To talk about health condition.
26. Dialogue in a pharmacy and a clinic.

15 Lectures

Grammar :

- Revision – nouns, articles, verbs.
- Adjectives – positions.
- Comparative adjectives.
- Superlative adjectives.
- Imperative negative.
- Pronominal verbs & imperatives.
- Pronouns- COD, COI, en, y.
- Relative pronouns – qui, que, où dont.
- Prepositions – à, en, de.
- Position of adverbs.
- Tense – imparfait, futur simple.

15 Lectures

Vocabulary :

1. Big numbers.
2. Work related terms.
3. Internet.
4. Social networking.
5. Diseases.
6. Environment.
7. Conservation.
8. Pollution.
9. Leisure & Arts.
10. Accommodation.
11. Travel related terms.

15 Lectures

12. Literature related terms.

13. Film related terms.

14. Technology.

15. Artificial Intelligence.

Module II :

15 Lectures

French Culture:

1. France – Geography, climate.
2. Important rivers and mountains in France.
3. French stereotypes.
4. Paris – History.
5. French Gastronomy – wine and cheese.
6. French Fashion – Coco Chanel, Perfumes.
7. French literature – Voltaire, Hugo, Maupassant, Baudelaire.
8. French cinema – Nouvelle Vague ; Truffaut, Godard.

Text Books:

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2. **Inspire 2** : Livre de l'élève + Cahier d'activités (Set of 2 Books)
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2. Larousse French-English and English-French bilingual dictionary
3. Works of Voltaire, Victor Hugo
4. Poems of Baudelaire
5. Stories by Maupassant

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