

Chez Vous Normandy French Course Descriptions

Note: For any Live Online 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 . . .

FR101 Basic French – Beginning I (3 credits)

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

FR102 Basic French – Beginning II (3 credits)

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.

FR201 French Grammar and Culture – Intermediate I (3 credits)

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.

FR202 French Grammar and Conversation – Intermediate II (3 credits)

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: FR201 or equivalent.*

Offered every summer in France . . .

FR301 French Conversation and Phonetics – (3 credits)

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. *Pre-requisite FR202, offered online spring semester.*

FR302 Advanced French Conversation and Phonetics – (3 credits)

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 . . .

FR311 Contemporary French Society and Culture – (3 credits) (FR411 option*)

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. *Pre-requisite: FR301 or FR302.*

**400 Level-Track: Includes 7-week term project in conjunction with Spiritual Life in France Today.*

FR321 Spiritual Life in France Today – (3 credits) (FR421 option*)

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. *Pre-requisite: FR301 or FR302*

**400 Level-Track: Includes 7-week term project in conjunction with Contemporary French Society and Culture.*

Offered Odd-Numbered summers in France . . .

FR312 French Civilization and History – (3 credits) (FR412 option*)

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. *Pre-requisite: FR301 or FR302*

**400 Level-Track: Includes 7-week term project in conjunction with French Christian History.*

FR322 French Christian History – (3 credits) (FR422 option*)

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. *Pre-requisite: FR301 or FR302*

**400 Level-Track: Includes 7-week term project in conjunction with French Civilization & History.*