# DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE COURSE IN FRENCH

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

# AFF 00I: Introduction to the French - Speaking World: French Language and Culture

Summary of France geography and history; specificities of the French culture; French as an international language; French speaking countries in the world; introduction to French Language (alphabet, sounds, pronunciation, phonetics system).

#### **AFF 002:** Conversational French I

Greetings and basic courtesies: Getting to know others (expressing likes and dislikes, disagreements; expressing negative ideas...) Getting information: asking questions; Identifying objects; Introducing people and things, counting, asking how much/how many?...

Having and sharing (talking about friends, family, and professions...) Asking the way and directions; Giving directions.

#### **AFF 003:** French Grammar I

Definite and indefinite articles

Study of nouns: singular and plural, gender

Adjectives: possessive adjectives, adjective of qualification, demonstrative adjectives, conjugation of the verbs "ETRE" and "AVOIR" in simple tenses.

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Adverbs expressing time; place, frequency quantity, negation) Useful prepositions. The simple sentence. The negative form -

#### **AFF 004:** Language Practice: Structural Exercises I

From a given basic French structure, students will do as many exercises as possible to acquire language skills: Interrogative transformation; Exclamative transformation; Negative transformation;

The use of some presentatives "Voici" voilà, il y a ..., c'est....

### **AFF 005:** Reading and Listening I

Getting used to pronounce french sounds by listening to tapes and repeating.

Reading appropriate texts, summarising them, answering Questions to test comprehension. Memorization and recitation of french texts.

#### **AFF 006:** French Verbs I

Conjugation of regular verbs in different tenses; The use of present, past, future, active voice; Personal pronouns, number and gender. Characteristic expressions -

#### **AFF 007:** Conversational French II

French in specific contexts: through oral drills, role plays presentation, to improve one's spoken French in specific situations of communication: In the restaurant, at the bus station, in the market, at the hospital, at the airport, in the classroom/school.

#### AFF 008: French Grammar II

Study of French sentence (coo-rdination, juxtapposition, subordination); The subordinate clause; Indefinite adjective; Adjective degree; Adverbs of intensity; Pronouns, Expressing opinions, orders, and ideas.

#### **AFF 009: Language Practice: Structural Exercises II**

Exercises to improve written and spoken expression skills: Passive transformation; Reduction; Inversion; Amplification; Impérative transformation; Substitution;

#### **AFF 010:** Reading and Listening II

Exercises of listening and summarising more advanced texts Reading, memorization and recitation of texts; Reading and Listening Comprehension exercises.

#### **AFF 011: Writing in French**

Written expression; Description of a person, object, scene

Written communication: - Private letters; Simple official letters; Asking for an official document, commercial order; Invitations; Simple Advertisements:

## AFF 012: French Verbs II

Conjugation of irregular verbs in different tenses; passive and pronominal voices; Relative pronouns; The use of different tenses of the past; Tense agreement; Characteristic expressions