

# DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

## FRENCH FOR BEGINNERS COURSE

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

#### **AFB 001: FRENCH FOR BEGINNERS 1**

French and Francophone world; the alphabet in French and French sounds; Introducing oneself and others, basic description of people, one's environment and daily activities; Simple sentences in the present tense in both the affirmative and negative; parts of speech: nouns and articles with respect to gender and number, personal pronouns, prepositions, conjunctions, adjectives; use of '*Voici, voilà, il y a* and, *c'est*'; conjugation of regular verbs and of '*être*' and '*avoir*' in the present tense, greetings, wishes, feelings, likes and dislikes, and comments on and reactions to various day to day happenings and experiences.

#### **AFB 002: FRENCH FOR BEGINNERS 2**

Short comprehension texts in French such as advertisements, documentaries, and events and experiences; French sounds in various contexts, stress and intonation; Short write-ups such as friendly letters, notes, e-mails, invitation cards, daily and weekly programmes, questionnaires and forms; Conjugation of irregular verbs in the present, simple past and past continuous tenses; transformation of sentences in the passive and active voices, negation and verb-subject inversion; use of relative pronouns and connectors in compound sentences and tense agreement.

#### **AFB 003: FRENCH FOR BEGINNERS 3**

Short poems and stories to enhance comprehension and pronunciation; invitations, offers, appointments, interviews, official letters and Curriculum Vitae; enquiries and explanations about one's opinion, routine activities, directions, purchases, traveling and procedures such as recipes and manuals; vocabulary related to shops, hotels and restaurants, offices, hospitals, travel points and recreational facilities; the present, past and future tenses: relative pronouns, connectors and adverbials of time, place and manner; the conditional and imperative modes; description and comparison of places, goods and services.