

Erasmus Academy Summer Language Program 2020

**French for Reading *Online* May
18 – July 9, 2020 (8 weeks)**

Instructor: Mr. Rivière

Purpose

This intensive course is designed for graduate students preparing to take the French proficiency exams for master and doctoral programs, and for persons needing to conduct research in the language. It is also open to college students, adults or motivated high school students desiring to read and begin speaking in French. This course provides a thorough presentation of French grammar and methods for reading, comprehending, and translating from French to English. It includes extensive practice in reading, with sources drawn from literature, history, philosophy, music, religion, art, archaeology, current events and other examples of expository prose. No previous knowledge of the language is required. The objective of the course, approximating a year of college instruction, is to bring the student to an intermediate reading level, enabling him or her to read modern scholarly articles and to converse in French.

Course Structure

As a distance learning course, students may take this class from any location or from the convenience of their home. They will need to have access to the Internet. The course meets in *real time*: students log on at specific times and are expected to attend all the scheduled sessions. Each participates in the class by listening and speaking, translating and posing questions. Assignments are emailed to the Instructor. The 8-week course meets two times a week (Mondays and Thursdays), 6:15 pm-9:15 pm EST; it comprises 48 hours of instruction. Each 3-hour session includes grammar, strategies for analyzing French sentences, vocabulary review, conversation exercises, and sight-reading. Presuming 4 hours of outside preparation for each hour in class, 30 hours (6 + 24) a week should be available for study.

Required Textbook

French for Reading. 1997. Karl C. Sandberg and Edison C. Tatham. Cost: \$57 new. Order from any major bookstore or online (new or used). An additional textbook may be required. Please consult with the Instructor.

Background of Instructor

Mr. Rivière, a native speaker of French, grew up in Toulouse, France. He received his BA in Modern Languages, Literatures and Civilizations (2004) and a MA in World Languages (2005) both from the University of Toulouse. He did graduate research in French and German Studies at Ramapo College, New Jersey (2006) and spent a year completing a postgraduate Certificate in Education from Cambridge University, England (2007). Currently Mr. Rivière serves as an Adjunct Professor of French and Global Studies at Ramapo College and a French teacher in the Goshen Public School District, New York.

Registration, Course Fee and Refund Policy

The fee for Summer French Online is \$1050, payable in full to the Erasmus Academy no later than May 1, 2020. To reserve a place in the course, an enrollment form and a non-refundable deposit of \$75 must be submitted to the Admissions Office of the Erasmus Academy NY anytime between Nov. 1, 2019 and May 1, '20. Early application is recommended due to space availability. The maximum number of students in this online course is 20. There are "Early Bird" registration options: if full payment is made by February 15, 2020, the fee for the course is \$850. If full payment is made by March 15, '20, the course fee is \$900; and by April 15, '20, the course fee is \$950. Students may make payments and register online, at the website below. To complete the Enrollment Form, please download it, fill out, scan and return it by email attachment.

If, after the first two weeks of classes, a student wishes to discontinue the French course, a letter to this effect must be received by the Erasmus Academy Office by 4:00pm on Friday, May 29, 2020. Thereupon, a refund of the entire course fee paid, less \$75, will be returned to the student. There are no refunds after May 29, 2020.

Registration Deadline: May 1, 2020

For information and enrollment form, write to:
Erasmus Academy Admission Office
320 7th Avenue #101
Brooklyn, New York 11215

For any inquiries, contact the Instructor, Mr. Fabien Rivière
Call 845-270-4098 or Email: fabienriviere@gmail.com

You may also register and make payments online:
www.erasmusacademy.com