

Erasmus Academy Summer Language Program 2021

French for Reading *Online*
May 24 – July 15, 2021 (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 per course is \$1250. Please complete the Application for Enrollment form above and submit it, together with the non-refundable deposit of \$75, by May 1, 2021. This reserves for you a place in the course. You may download this Application for Enrollment form, complete, scan and return by email attachment as indicated below. Payments are made online, on the website. The balance of \$1175 is due by May 10, 2021, two weeks prior to the first class, on May 24, '21. There are "Early Bird" registration options. If the full payment is made by February 15, 2021, the total fee for the course is \$1050. If full payment is made by March 15, 2021, the course fee is \$1100. If full payment is made by April 15, 2020, the course fee is \$1150. Thereafter the normal course fee of \$1250 applies. These options are found on the website's Online Store, Refund Policy: If, after the first two weeks, a student wishes to discontinue a course, a letter to this effect must be received by the Erasmus Academy Office (via the email below) by 4:00 pm ET on Friday, June 4, 2021. Thereupon, a refund of the total amount paid less the non-refundable deposit of \$75 will be returned to the student. There are no refunds after June 4, 2021.

Registration Deadline: May 1, 2021

For information and enrollment form, write to:
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You may also register and make payments online:
www.erasmusacademy.com