

FR102-30 Modern French Language I

Beginners

21/22

Department

School of Modern Languages and Cultures

Level

Undergraduate Level 1

Module leader

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Credit value

30

Module duration

30 weeks

Assessment

100% coursework

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

This module is offered to students with no prior knowledge of French.

Due to the 'accelerated' nature of the module, evidence of prior linguistic achievement (e.g. a high GCSE grade or A2 CEFR level in another European language) is essential.

Students will learn the basics of the French language.

This will offer an opportunity for students to develop their communicative competence in French.

For those students intending to travel to France or French-speaking countries, either for study or on work placements, this fast-paced module can promote confidence-building for communicating with native speakers abroad and helps you achieve a higher level of proficiency in one year than in non-accelerated modules.

Successful completion of French Beginners Accelerated qualifies students to progress to

Module aims

- to understand and communicate in familiar and routine situations, using frequently used expressions;
- to develop strategies for language learning;
- to achieve A2 of the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference)

- to enable students to develop strategies to work independently on an open-ended project;
- to enable students to develop strategies to communicate some information coherently and effectively to a specific audience within an open-ended project

Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

See webpage (to be created)

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- apply a basic knowledge of grammar
- gain insight into everyday life in the relevant countries
- apply strategies for understanding gist and short descriptions
- interact about familiar topics and activities
- write simple texts giving background information and relating to areas of immediate need
- develop strategies to work independently on an open-ended project
- develop strategies to communicate some information coherently and effectively to a specific audience within an open-ended project

International

All modules delivered in SMLC are necessarily international. Students engage with themes and ideas from a culture other than that of the UK and employ their linguistic skills in the analysis of primary materials from a non-Anglophone context. Students will also be encouraged to draw on the experiences of visiting exchange students in the classroom and will frequently engage with theoretical and critical frameworks from across the world.

Subject specific skills

This module will build students' linguistic skills through activities that stimulate authentic target language production and develop sensitivity to the transference of meaning across languages. Students will work towards the production of nuanced, accurate and contextually sensitive materials through a range of language classes and guided independent learning.

Transferable skills

All SMLC culture modules demand critical and analytical engagement with artefacts from target-language cultures. In the course of independent study, class work and assessment students will develop the following skills: written and oral communication, creative and critical thinking, problem solving and analysis, time management and organisation, independent research in both English and their target language(s), intercultural understanding and the ability to mediate between languages and cultures, ICT literacy in both English and the target language(s), personal

responsibility and the exercise of initiative.

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Supervised practical classes	21 sessions of 4 hours (28%)
Online learning (scheduled sessions)	21 sessions of 1 hour (7%)
Private study	195 hours (65%)
Total	300 hours

Private study description

Private study will include language learning work such as grammar exercises; oral practice and other appropriate tasks.

Online study will include an hour of asynchronous grammar work per week.

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Assessment group A

	Weighting	Study time
Individual project	30%	
Students must complete a project related to topics studied in class and present the information and results coherently and effectively.		
Interim test	10%	
In-class test to assess progress in term 1		
Combined reading/writing test	30%	
Integrated reading/writing test		
Oral exam	30%	
Students will be expected to talk in French for up to seven minutes.		

Feedback on assessment

Verbal feedback is provided to the class regarding regular formative tasks set for homework and activities completed in class; individual written feedback is also provided for written work which has been handed in by students. Feedback is also provided orally and in writing on practice test papers. Feedback on interim test is given in class week 1 of term 2

Availability

Courses

This module is Core optional for:

- Year 1 of UPOA-M163 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and French

This module is Core option list A for:

- Year 1 of ULNA-RR14 Undergraduate French and German
- Year 1 of ULNA-R4RF Undergraduate Hispanic Studies and French

This module is Core option list E for:

- Year 1 of ULNA-R9L1 Undergraduate Modern Languages and Economics (4-year)