French Threshold or Intermediate B1.1

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Course Description
This 84 unities course is designed to allow you to reach the B1.1 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for languages.

The aim of this course
At the end of this course, the learner:

- Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc.
- Can deal with most situations likely to arise while travelling in an area where the language is spoken.
- Can produce simple connected text on topics that are familiar or of personal interest.
- Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

Course Materials
G. Capelle, N. Gidon: Reflets Méthode de français 2, avec vidéo intégrée Hachette FLE
Grammaire progressive du français, Niveau intermédiaire, CLE international
Exerçons-nous, Grammaire, 350 exercices Niveau B1, Hachette

Note: You will work with Reflets 2 and Grammaire progressive Niveau Intermediaire (Blue Grammaire) that you’ll check out from the Library. These books belong to the Bard College Berlin library and need to be returned at the end of the semester. Try to avoid writing in these loaned books. If you have to, however, make sure to use a pencil and erase your notes prior to returning the books. Or you can either copy the exercises into your own notebook or make a photocopy of the pages you’re asked to work on.
You will receive photocopies of some of the pages of the two other books.
Recommended

- We encourage you to make use of the language learning materials on the Bard Center for Foreign Languages and Culture website at http://cflc.bard.edu/frenchlanguage
- If you are in for a challenge, you can tune in on Radio France Internationale (RFI): www.rfi.fr
- TV5 Monde at www.tv5.org.
- You might find very useful the comprehensive language site: www.lepointdufle.net

Learning and Testing

- **Active and consistent classroom participation** is crucial to your success at acquiring the language.
- Make sure to always bring a **hardcopy** of your written **homework** to class. Assignments should be **double-spaced** and have **margins of about 3 cm** on each side for comments and corrections.
- In the semester you will take **6 vocabulary tests**.
- The tests must be taken on the announced test days. The only acceptable means of rescheduling a test are: (a) prior arrangements with me in the case of religious holidays, pressing personal or family matters, or (b) written notification from a doctor or from the Dean of Bard College Berlin following the absence. (Tests that are missed and not excused under these terms will not be rescheduled, and will receive a score of “0%.”)
- **Six small grammatical evaluative tests** will take place after each big chapter ("Dossier").
- Your mid-term grade will be determined by the mid-term test taken Week 6.
- At the end of the semester there will be a final examination, contents TBA.

Grading

Your Grade will be based on class attendance, quality of participation, written homework assignments, and tests:

- **Class Participation** 25%
- **Homework, written (6)** 25%
- **Grammar and Vocabulary Test (6)** 25%
- **Final Exam** 25%

Most classroom interaction will be in French, because input and use are the chief engines of foreign language acquisition.

Attendance

Since interaction is critical for language learning, we take class attendance very seriously. If you come three times late, it will make one absence.
You will be allowed no more than three unexcused absences during the semester. (An absence counts as excused only if you can provide a doctor’s note or a note from the Dean of Bard College Berlin, Prof. Catherine Toal.)

Please be punctual and considerate.
Switch off your mobile phone before each class, and keep bathroom breaks to a minimum. Interruptions are bad for everybody’s concentration.

***Any additional unexcused absence will result in automatic failure of the course.***

Syllabus

This syllabus is subject to change. You are responsible throughout the semester for knowing what you have to do for each class.

Course times:
Mon 17:00 - 18:30, Wed 15:15 - 16:45, Fri 10:45 - 12:15

Avec vidéo intégrée Hachette FLE

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