

Global Learning Semesters

Course Descriptions



Term: Spring

Host Institution: University of Paris IV (Sorbonne)

Language and Civilization, “Business French” option – 15 Weeks

Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
T21	Language and Civilization, “Business French” option	12-15
Contact Hours	Prerequisites	Language of Instruction
193-241 (120 Language, 25 Phonetics, 24 by Civilization lecture – 48 for 2 topics, 96 for 4 topics)	2 Semesters of College-level French	French

From Monday to Friday, this course offers:

Language Classes that allow students to progress in learning French (grammar, verb conjugation, spelling, vocabulary, approach to literary texts, written and spoken expression) and Business French (composition of business documents, study of economics articles...)

Organization:

- 2 hours per day, in the morning or the afternoon
- 5 days per week
 - 2 Business French classes
 - 3 French-language classes
- Level test after registration
- Choice of timetable at the time of testing, depending on the level

Levels available:

- Advanced 1
- Advanced 2

Assessment of prior knowledge:

For the Certificat de Langue française (French language certificate)

- Continual assessment: regular evaluation of work and progress
- Final exam: written papers, speaking test

For the Paris Chamber of Commerce’s diploma

- Exam

An adapted pedagogy:

- The same teacher conducts the language and Business French classes for the whole session
- About twenty students per group

Phonetics Classes that allow students to improve their pronunciation and also their comprehension and expression skills.

Organization:

- 1 hour per day
- 5 days per week, every second week
- Level test after registration
- Courses proposed at 6 different levels depending on the test results and the student’s mother tongue
- Choice of timetable at the time of testing, depending on the level

Assessment of prior knowledge:

- Continual assessment: regular evaluation of work and progress

An adapted pedagogy:

- The same applied linguistics teacher for the whole session
- Linguistic groups to better meet each student's specific needs
- About twelve students per group

Weekly Lectures on various aspects of French Civilization

Organization:

- The lectures last 2 hours
- Each lecture is held weekly
- The lectures are held throughout the session
- The subjects covered are different from one session to the next

Assessment of prior knowledge:

- Optional final exam

An adapted pedagogy

- For the advanced level, the lecturers are eminent specialists of the subject
- For the intermediate level, the lecturers are specialists of the chosen subject with a broad experience of teaching non-French speakers
- For the elementary and intermediate levels, the lecturers use various visual, video and audio materials