

The objective of this course is to enhance written and oral skills while stimulating interest in francophone culture. The skills gained throughout this course will be useful for students wishing to advance to higher levels, travel to France, and enjoy daily life in French. The theory and exercises will reflect authentic settings in different domains (personal, public, professional, educational). By the end of this course, the student should be well on the way to acquiring the A1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages and Diplôme Initial de Langue Française (DILF/DELF).

Textbook

'Alter Ego' niveau A1 - éditions Hachette (Français Langue Étrangère), 2012 edition, Dossier 4 to 6.

Assessment

Continuous assessment, three marked homeworks, and a final oral presentation.

This syllabus is a frame for reference only and will be adapted to the level, learning rhythm and interests of the class. The textbook serves as a guideline, and other tools, such as multimedia, presentations, and class exercises, will be used to enhance the learning experience. Unforeseen circumstances may result in changes to areas covered and materials used.

Week	Grammar content	Topic - Vocabulary	Skills practised	Materials used
1	Verbs: il faut, devoir Prenominal verbs (se réveiller, se coucher, etc.)	Time Habits	Talk about your daily activities, and what time they take place Answer and ask questions	Coursebook: Dossier 4, Leçon 1
2	Pronoun (on) Verbs: the near future tense, pouvoir, vouloir	Meetings Activities Social events	Make plans with people, both formal and informal Give instructions Refusing and accepting invitations	Coursebook: Dossier 4, Leçon 2
3	Verbs: passé composé/perfect past tense	Daily activities The past	Talk about past events which happened at a specific time Describe daily activities	Coursebook: Dossier 4, Leçon 3
4	Verbs: present tense -ir and -er endings	Holidays Traditions Questions	Ask questions Conjugate and use regular verbs	Coursebook: Dossier 5, Leçon 1



5	Verbs: recent past, imperative and near future	Phone calls Advice Travel	Give and respond to advice Talking on the phone	Coursebook: Dossier 5, Leçon 2
6	Verbs: past tense – l'imparfait Adjectives (c'est, il est)	Physical description Biography	Describe someone physically and note resemblances Talk about past events	Coursebook: Dossier 5, Leçon 3
7	Verbs: écouter, goûter, entendre, etc. Faire in relation to the weather	Emotions Weather and seasons Colours	Describe the weather Describe colours Describe emotions and state how you are feeling	Coursebook: Dossier 6, Leçon 1
8	Pronoun (y) Qualifying adjectives	Geography Outside activities	Talk about activities Locate and describe a place	Coursebook: Dossier 6, Leçon 2
9	Individual oral presentations	n/a	n/a	n/a
10	Verbs: the simple future tense, and the continuous present tense Masculine and feminine adjectives Pronoun (on)	Hobbies Travel Ongoing action	Plan a trip Describe an experience while writing a letter	Coursebook: Dossier 6, Leçon 3