

Module title: French II Intensive

Module code: FRE5206

Credit value: 30

Level: 5

Pre-requisite modules:

Content Description

Entry level in French: A2, exit level: B2 (CEFRL). Module designed to provide students with a deeper and more specific knowledge of French grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation and to further develop the four key language skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking. The course is well balanced between the presentation of the main grammatical concepts by the tutor in seminars and by activity-based, mixed-skills classes which incorporate oral expression and comprehension as well as reading comprehension, written expression and translation. The module is intended primarily for students doing a BA in Modern Languages involving French (Single or Joint Honours degree).

Module Aims

1. This module is preparation for the Year Abroad with a view to increasing fluency in French in Listening, Reading, Writing and Oral communication.
2. By the end of this module, students should feel confident in speaking, listening, reading and writing in a variety of situations, such as living and working in a French-speaking environment and/or attending modules in a French University and completing the Year Abroad Assessment.
3. The main aims of the module are to allow basic users of French (A2) to become independent users (B2) by:
 - Providing a sound grammatical basis for further study of the French language
 - Widening students' lexis and knowledge and understanding of registers
 - Developing the skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking in French
 - Introducing students to different aspects of francophone culture and history
 - Encouraging an enthusiasm for French language and francophone culture

Learning Outcomes

Academic Content:

A1 On completion of this module, students should be able to speak, understand, read and write French with a degree of fluency compatible with an intermediate level of study (B2).

A2 On completion of this module, students should have a sound knowledge of the essential grammatical concepts of French which will permit further study at upper intermediate level.

A3 On completion of this module, students should have acquired an appropriate range of French vocabulary and a good knowledge and understanding of registers to deal with a number of different communicative situations.

A4 On completion of this module, students should be able to communicate confidently on a broad range of possible every-day life situations as well as on some more abstract topics, in both oral and written form.

Disciplinary Skills – able to:

B1 Understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Understand the main point of many radio or TV programmes on current affairs or topics of personal or professional interest when the delivery is moderately slow and clear. (Listening Comprehension)

B2 Communicate in everyday situations requiring a direct exchange of information and requests for information. Can initiate, maintain and close simple face-to-face conversation on a variety of topics that are familiar, of personal interest or pertinent to everyday life (e.g. family, hobbies, work, travel and current events). (Spoken Interaction)

B3 Produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest, displaying greater control of grammatical structures. (Written Expression)

B4 Describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes & ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans both in spoken and written French. Can narrate a story or relate the plot of a book or film and describe different reactions, impressions and points of view. (Spoken and Written Expression)

B5 Understand texts that consist mainly of high frequency everyday language. Understand the description of events, feelings and wishes. (Reading Comprehension)

Attributes:

C1 Learn Continuously in a Changing World.

C2 Engage Critically with Knowledge.

C3 Clarity of Communication.

Activity Hours

Activity Type	Time spent (hours)
Lecture	11
Seminar	11
Guided independent study	128
Total	150

Indicative Reading List

- The course is supplemented by learning materials, weekly handouts and assessed grammar quizzes prepared by the tutors and available via QMPlus.
- The main grammar book is: Modern French Grammar, A practical Guide (Second Edition) by Margaret LANG and Isabelle PEREZ, Routledge.