



FRENCH LANGUAGE I

Subject code	HUM 123
Subject title	French Language I
Type of course	Elective / mandatory
Year of study	Undergraduate
Credits	48 hours, 114 individual, 2 hours of consultations
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ECTS	6
Teaching mode	Full time
Prerequisites	None
Language of tuition	English

Course description

Learning French language is becoming increasingly popular and useful for those who are planning to work in the field of international business or in the European institutions. The interest in French has grown considerably lately, especially after Brexit. Therefore French is becoming a very important way of communication in the international business.

Course aim

The purpose of the French language 1 level (A1.1) program is to familiarize the beginners to learn the language with the essentials of pronunciation, intonation, spelling, lexis and the grammar, exercise the minimum skills of listening, reading, writing and speaking, as the abilities and expertise fit the European Language A1 levels in listening, reading, writing and speaking in French. By reaching this level students will gain the essentials of listening, reading, speaking and writing skills, will understand the most common language structures and use them in the spoken and written language.

Course learning outcomes

To provide the students the essentials of the French language in level A1 at the layers of all linguistic skills capacity (listening, reading, speaking and writing), required when communicating in every day and professional situations.

Objects of the study (LO)	Methods of the study	Evaluation methods
LO1. To be able to dispose the necessary vocabulary for the program topics, to understand the main words and the most common phrases about themselves and the closest environment, explanations, short and simple applications and indications, questions and expression of companion, consisted of known words and phrases, short applications and indications, To extract the required information in the chat or monologue text, when it is slowly spoken and clearly pronounced in standard language, and if the companion adapts and tries to help;	Lecture, individual and group tasks, homework	Intermediate test, exam
LO2. To learn the basic phonetic rules and develop reading techniques and ability to understand short narrative or descriptive texts based on visual information and related to the topics of the program if the vocabulary and grammatical structures are known, that has predominantly visual elements and there can be a little unfamiliar words and grammatical structures.	Lecture, individual and group tasks, homework	Intermediate test, exam
LO3. To be able to speak with familiar words and phrases about themselves and the closest environment, participate in a simple conversation related to the topics under the guidance of a teacher, to understand the orders and instructions related to the lecture's activity, to use the basic phrases of	Lecture, individual and group tasks, homework	Intermediate test, exam



etiquette (to thank, to respond to a thank, to apologize, to respond to apology etc.), to participate in a brief and simple chat, for the purpose of communication to briefly tell about themselves, the family, hobbies and the closest surroundings.		
LO. To be able to write short texts from known words and phrases, to provide information about themselves when filling in questionnaires and forms (to write the name, surname, address, age etc.), to communicate in writing according to the topics and situations (neatly tell and describe), to write a short letter, note or postcard according to the example.	Lecture, individual and group tasks, homework	Intermediate test, exam

Quality management

The quality of the course is assured by the variety of teaching and learning methods, interim knowledge assessment through mini tests, continuous discussions of individual and group work, other assignment results, as well as by supply of learning materials to students.

Cheating prevention

Individual tasks assigned for homework, which should be prepared in a written form (as a report) and presented in a class with the MS PowerPoint technology. During the exam, some assistance is expected from the teaching staff (e.g. PhD students).

Content

Session week	TOPIC: GRAMMAR AND CONTEXT	Classroom hours	
		Theory	Practice
1-2	Introduction to the course content and requirements. Greetings and introductions. Topic 1. French alphabet / to spell the words Phrases of courtesy Numbers to 20	2	2
3-4	Topic 2. Verbs <i>être</i> (to be) and <i>avoir</i> (to have) Questions : <i>Qui est-ce?</i> / <i>Qu'est-ce que c'est?</i> Genders of the nouns and number features: definite and indefinite articles. Nationalities. French speaking countries. Numbers from 20 to 69	4	4
5-6	Topic 3. Basic personal information: name, surname, nationality, age, marital status, profession, email, address, foreign languages, date of birth, etc. Numbers from 70 to 1000 Weekdays and months	4	4
7-8	Intermediate test No.1 (Topics 1-3). Topic 4. Verbs of 1st group (present tense): positive and negative forms.	2	2
9-10	Topic 5. Verbs <i>aimer</i> and <i>détester</i> to express the opinion Main expressions to talk about weather To write a short letter about the holidays or work in the foreign country The verb <i>aller</i> + countries / generic nouns - partial article (<i>à l' / au / à la / aux</i>) Vocabulary needed to tell about their city and the most favorite place in the city.	4	4
11-12	Intermediate test No.2 (Topics 4-5). Topic 6. To talk to the phone Verbs <i>vouloir / pouvoir / devoir</i>	4	4
13-14	Topic 7. To invite – to accept or to refuse Vocabulary needed to accept and refuse the invitation.	4	4
	Total	24	24



Self-study and assessment

Assignment	Number of self-study hours	Percentage of the total grade (%)
Intermediate tests (2 tests, 10% each)	30	20 (2*10%)
Attendance	30	10
Exam	40	40
Oral test	10	30
Tutorials	4	
Total	114	100

Course Assignments

The attendance is very important. It weighs 10% of the final mark. The students have the right to be absent at 4 lectures. If the student is absent from 4 to 6 lectures, he will get 5% for the attendance, more than 6 lessons - 0%.

Intermediate writing tests during the session course (2 tests 30 minutes each). Those are relatively small tests. During the test the hearing is examined (1-2 audio records), it is required to write a short and simple letter, to fill simple forms by using basic grammatical and syntactic structures, the main past tenses, basic phrases. Tests are to be made during the classes. The influence of the test to the total mark is 10% each intermediate test. It is not possible to condition the test.

The oral exam is given at the end of the semester one week before the final exam during 2 last lectures. It weighs 30% of the final mark. It consists of communication skills acquired during the semester and covering topics of the whole course material.

The final exam is written during the exam session. Students receive a test with the hearing, reading comprehension, grammatical knowledge and writing tasks. The influence of the exam to the total mark is 40 %.

Re-take examination is taken by the students in the case of negative mark. The re-take examination weighs 60 %. In the case of retaking the exam, oral exam (30%) and intermediate tests (20%) will be counted as well.

Literature

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