

MICC 107

**CERTIFICATE COURSE IN BASIC FRENCH
SKILLS**



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COURSE BACKGROUND:

French is an international language spoken by more than 300 million people on the five continents. The OIF, an international organization of French-speaking countries, comprises 88 member States and governments. It is both a working language and an official language of the United Nations, the European Union, UNESCO, NATO, the International Olympic Committee, the International Red Cross and international courts. French is the second most widely learned foreign language after English and the fifth most widely spoken language in the world. French is also the only language, alongside English, that is taught in every country in the world.

French is a modern language because of its rank as the fourth most used language on the Internet and as the third most used language in business and as the second language of international information in the media. French is an international language of cooking, fashion, theatre, the visual arts, dance and architecture. A knowledge of French offers access to great works of literature in the original French, as well as films and songs.

Learning French is the pleasure of learning a beautiful, rich, melodious language that is often called the language of love. French is also an analytical language that structures thought and develops critical thinking, which is a valuable skill for discussions and negotiations.

France is the world's top tourist destination and attracts more than 87 million visitors a year. The ability to speak even a little French makes it so much more enjoyable to visit Paris and all the regions of France, and offers insights into France's culture and way of life. French also comes in handy when travelling to French-speaking parts of the world.

Course Objectives and Outcomes:

The focus of this course will be on real-life language use, the integration of French and Francophone culture and language, and the acquisition of the four skills: reading, listening, writing, and speaking.

Listening: The student can recognize familiar words and very basic phrases concerning themselves, their family and immediate concrete surroundings when people speak slowly and clearly.

Reading: The student can understand familiar names, words and very simple sentences, for example on notices or posters or in catalogues.

Spoken Interaction: The student can interact in a simple way, provided the other person is prepared to repeat or rephrase things at a slower rate of speech and help the student to formulate the intended thought. The student can ask and answer simple questions in areas of immediate need or on very familiar topics.

Spoken production: The student can use simple phrases and sentences to describe where he or she lives and people such as friends or family.

Writing: The student can write a short, simple postcard, for example sending holiday greetings. The student can fill in forms with personal details, for example entering name, nationality, and address on a hotel registration form.

Course Syllabus: The Course is divided into 4 modules.

Module 1: Grammar

1. Nouns
2. Articles
3. Prepositions
4. Negation
5. Interrogatives
6. Irregular verbs (Present tense): être
7. Regular verbs (Present tense)
8. Expressions : c'est, ce sont, il y a.
9. Imperative mood
10. Irregular verbs (present tense) : avoir, aller, faire, venir, écrire, lire, recevoir.
11. Adjectives
12. Possessive adjectives

Module 2: Vocabulary

1. Alphabet and pronunciation
2. Numbers, days and months
3. Colours
4. Countries and nationalities
5. Parts of the body
6. Family
7. Feelings
8. Fruits and vegetables
9. Festivals

Module 3: Communicative Skills

1. How to greet
2. How to introduce oneself
3. Telling time
4. How to ask and answer questions
5. How to talk about the weather
6. How to talk over the telephone
7. Locating objects and places

Module 4: Civilisation

1. Greetings
2. Etiquettes
3. Facts about France
4. Monuments in France
5. Geography of France
6. European Union and France

Eligibility: Any student of Mar Ivanios College (Autonomous) is eligible to join. Preference will be given to final year students.

Intake: Each batch will be limited to a maximum of 40 students.

Evaluation and Grading: Attendance, active participation, and individual preparation outside of class are essential for the successful completion of the course. The final assessment of the course will be the evaluation of the students in the five areas of assessment: listening, reading, spoken interaction, spoken production and writing.

Grades will be awarded according to the marks obtained in the assessment, as follows:

Marks	Grade	Performance
≥ 90%	A+	Outstanding
80% - 90%	A	Excellent
70% - 80%	B	Very Good
50% - 70%	C	Good
40% - 50%	D	Satisfactory
< 40 %	E	Need to Improve

Certificates will be issued to all those who successfully complete the course.

Mode of Learning: Blended Mode.

Duration of the course: 30 hours.

Course Fee: Rs. 1000/- (Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the course is offered free of charge during 2020-21).

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