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### **Beginner 1.3**

**January 12th – March 20th, 2026**

**Facilitator:** Ramona Pál-Kovács  
**Online Live Meetings:** Tuesdays, 11:30 – 12:30 pm  
**Course Access:** Via Talent LMS and Zoom. Links will be made available.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE**

This introductory French language course is tailored for professionals within the PEI Public Service, Health PEI, and other sectors across Prince Edward Island who are eager to embark on their French language learning journey. Ideal for individuals with minimal French proficiency, the course offers a foundational introduction to the language.

Structured over 10 weeks, this non-credit program combines weekly live Zoom sessions with engaging homework assignments. Participants will also benefit from virtual conversation groups, designed to enhance pronunciation and basic conversational skills. These groups provide flexible scheduling options to accommodate various availability and proficiency levels.

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- Understand familiar words and expressions when pronounced slowly and clearly;
- Identify themselves and answer questions concerning, for example, their identity, nationality, age, place of residence, place of work and profession, and ask questions of this type;
- Briefly talk about their family, work and hobbies;
- Talk about the weather and time;
- Find information in simple texts.

#### **ESSENTIAL MATERIAL**

- Computer
- Reliable internet connection
- Internet browser
- Zoom + MS Teams
- Microphone and speakers/headset
- Web camera
- French or Canadian French keyboard
- A quiet place

## **GRADING AND COURSE COMPLETION**

Participants in this course will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- **Course Attendance**

Regular attendance is expected. Participants must attend at least 80% of classes (no more than 2 absences for 10-week courses or 1 absence for 6-week courses). If a class is missed, students should attend a virtual conversation group to make up for the absence. Exceptions may be made for extenuating circumstances if the participant remains actively engaged through homework and conversation group attendance.

- **Written Assignments / Homework**

Weekly homework is an essential part of language acquisition. Participants are expected to complete all assigned homework, submitted either through the online platform or by email, as applicable. Occasional missed assignments will be considered if the participant demonstrates consistent overall engagement.

### **Final Grade: Pass (P) or Incomplete (INC)**

At the end of the course, participants will receive either a Pass (P) or an Incomplete (INC).

A Pass (P) is awarded to participants who:

- Meet attendance expectations,
- Submit the majority of written assignments, and
- Demonstrate active effort and participation throughout the course.

An Incomplete (INC) is given if:

- Attendance falls below 80% without accommodation,
- There is insufficient homework submission or engagement, or
- The participant does not meet the minimum criteria for participation.

Participants who successfully complete the course will receive an official Letter of Completion from the UPEI Office of Continuing Education and Professional Development.