



UNIVERSITY
of Prince Edward
ISLAND

Office of
CONTINUING EDUCATION *and*
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Beginner 3A

January 12th – March 20th, 2026

Facilitator: Mélanie Morin
Online Live Meetings: Thursdays, 11:00 AM – 12:00 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. It is designed for those who have completed Beginner 2 courses or have a good basic understanding of French from past experiences, whether from school or university.

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 the main points of clear standard speech on familiar matters;
- deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling;
- produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar;
- describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans;
- read authentic texts (found in a newspaper or on a website) and understand the basic idea and context of it.

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.