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CENTRE d'EXCELLENCE
en FRANÇAIS

FR PD1010 – A and B

Introduction to French Language and Culture I

October 2 – December 8, 2023 (A) and

January 8 – March 15, 2024 (B)

Student Facilitator: Athena Quirin

Online Live Meetings: Tuesdays, 11 – 11:45 AM

Online Course Material: UPEI Credentials will provide access to Moodle, which houses the course content and quizzes.

DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE

This professional development course is intended for employees of the PEI Public Service, Health PEI employees, and any other professional in Prince Edward Island who wish to begin their language learning journey through professional development. It is designed for **participants who have very limited** levels of French competency and desire an introductory level course.

This 12-module course is available via Moodle (UPEI's online learning platform), in addition to one listening/speaking session per week (online, synchronous), 45 minutes in duration. Course content will focus on basic vocabulary and sentence structures. Quizzes will help participants gauge their comprehension of the material. Version A and B of the course will be identical in language level but will provide different examples and quizzes. Synchronous listening/speaking sessions will be delivered via Zoom by our student facilitator. The course will be run in a manner that supports a non-threatening, encouraging learning environment for all participants.

Appointments: it is possible to make an appointment outside of consultation hours. To do so, please contact the course facilitator to arrange a meeting time via Zoom.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

To increase your knowledge and enjoyment of the French language, beginning your journey towards applying those French-language skills in a variety of professional communication contexts. Basic

vocabulary, including verb conjugation, along with an introduction to simple sentences will provide a foundation for progressing to the Beginner II level.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

At the end of this course, the participant will be able to:

- Support basic conversations in French
- Employ basic French language vocabulary
- Speak and write in basic French using proper spelling and punctuation
- Understand basic verb conjugation

CONTENT

This course will be composed of various oral and written communication activities taken a variety of sources. Content will be selected with the goal of balancing fun and engagement with the learning objectives of the course. As this is a 12-module course, activities and learning objectives will be completed within the intended class time (no more than 1 hour maximum per week) as much as possible.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

All readings and exercises will be provided.

ESSENTIAL MATERIAL

- Computer, such as a desktop and monitor or laptop computer would be best
- A reliable internet connection
- Internet browser
- A microphone and speakers (or a headset with a microphone)
- A web camera
- A keyboard with accents (French or Canadian French keyboard)
- A quiet place

GRADING

Active participation (Listening/Speaking)	40%
Online Assessments (Quizzes)	60%

NOTE:

Participants will receive either a P (Pass) or INC (Incomplete) at the end of the 10-week term. Upon successful completion, the participants will each receive an **official letter of completion** from the UPEI – OCEPD as they move on to the Beginner II level, or enrol in the other version of Beginner I.