



UNIVERSITY
of Prince Edward
ISLAND

CENTRE d'EXCELLENCE
en FRANÇAIS

FR PD 2010 – Version A and B
Intermediate French Language I
October 2 – December 8 (A) and
January 8 – March 15 (B)

Facilitator: Ramona Pal-Kovacs

Online Live Meetings: Wednesdays, 12 – 1 PM

Online Office Hours: By Appointment

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 advance their French language competency through professional development. It is designed for **participants who have a solid understanding of basic French**, or for those who have successfully completed the *Bridging Cohort: Beginner to Intermediate*.

This 10-week course is delivered through 1 weekly synchronous session of 1 hour, as well as 1 asynchronous writing assignment posted for each week. Synchronous sessions will take place via Zoom and a link will be provided, with the focus being on oral communication. With two versions of the course available (A and B), participants can enrol multiple times at the same level, while engaging in new content. The course will be run in a manner that supports a non-threatening, encouraging learning environment for all participants. Asynchronous content focused on reading and writing will consist of one assignment, or multiple shorter assignments to be completed on the participant's own time and submitted to the facilitator.

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, advancing your reading, writing and oral communication skills towards applying those French-language skills in a variety of professional communication contexts.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

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

- Support basic conversations in French with confidence
- Begin to employ a richer French language vocabulary
- Speak and write in French with proper spelling and punctuation
- Understand verb conjugation, including more irregular verbs
- Write more complex sentences with increasing confidence

CONTENT

This course will be composed of various oral and written communication activities taken from the Centre d'excellence en Français curriculum, as well as other engaging online sources. Content will be selected with the goal of balancing fun and engagement with the learning objectives of the course. As this is a 10-week course, activities and learning objectives will be completed within the class time as much as possible, with little-to-no homework in addition to the asynchronous and synchronous lessons.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

All readings and exercises will be provided by the instructor.

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	40%
Written Assignments	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. Participants will then be invited to join the *Intermediate French Language II/III* course.