

# Centre for Continuing Education

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## Beginning French 2

Celia Hodgson

For those who have completed Beginning French 1 or similar study. You will practice your conversational skills through speaking and listening activities based on everyday situations. You will extend your knowledge of grammar with the past tense, and develop your reading and writing skills. We will also explore cultural aspects of the French and Francophone world.

*Beginning French 2* is an up to date course for adult students. It aims to develop further the proficiency of students in both spoken and written French and to increase their awareness of the culture and society of France and Francophone countries.

The course is based on Units 5-8 of *Café Crème*, although the pace of the course and the exact number of units covered will vary according to the group. The textbook will be supplemented by audio and video material as well as by other print sources. The book will be available from the Co-op Bookshop at the ANU (approximate cost \$55).

The emphasis of the course is on speaking and reading elementary French, making it well suited to those intending to visit France or wishing to communicate at an elementary level with French speakers. Students will be introduced to conversational French and colloquial expressions as well as to formal modes of speech and writing. The course is designed for students who have already completed an introductory French course such as the Beginning French 1 course at the CCE (approx 20 hours), or the equivalent.

The course covers grammar, such as the simple past tense, and vocabulary, presented in everyday situations. It also stresses the importance of correct pronunciation and developing a 'French accent'. Discussion of French and Francophone culture is another, important part of the course. Each lesson will include short oral exercises, such as eating out or going shopping, and aural exercises based on the text or on other sources such as TV programs. Reading aloud of dialogues, extracts from children's stories and other sources, will also increase students' ability to speak French. Students work individually, in pairs and in groups. While the focus in class is on developing conversational skills, both oral and aural, and on reading, students will also have opportunities to practise their written skills in class and in exercises to be completed at home.

Students are encouraged to devote time out of class to revision and to learning verbs and vocabulary. At the minimum, the homework activity set each week, for example, describing one's favourite type of holidays, should be completed as it is linked closely to each lesson's grammar and vocabulary. Students are also encouraged to explore the many resources available for French learners: on the internet, the French collection at the Woden Public Library, French music and the French programme on FM radio, French films and documentaries as well as the news on SBS.

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Students who study *Beginning French 2* find it stimulating and enjoyable because of the large amount of French they learn in a short period. Its modern and contemporary feel is an important part of its appeal. By the end of the course, students should have sufficient command of French grammar and expression to enable them to communicate confidently as a visitor to France or to a French speaking country. They will be able to develop their French further in other CCE courses, such as *Intermediate French 1* and *2*.

Celia has degrees in English, languages and art history. She was a languages teacher for more than 20 years at secondary school and college level as well as to adults in Australia and overseas. In 2002-3 Celia taught French to college students in Nara, Japan. Since 2003 she has presented courses in French and Italian for the CCE as well as coaching private students in both languages.

DATES/TIMES: 6-8pm on 10 Thursdays from 24 July

FEE: \$299

COURSE LOCATION: The venue for this course can be found on your tax invoice/receipt under "Course Information". Please allow enough time to find the venue on the first evening.

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