

Centre for Continuing Education

Intermediate French 2

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Suitable for those who have completed Intermediate French 1 or the equivalent. You will practice and extend your conversational skills through speaking and listening exercises and a deeper knowledge of grammar. Reading and writing activities will also provide more opportunities to enrich your vocabulary and to develop a greater understanding of the French and Francophone world.

Please see detailed outline attached.

Required Textbook:

Café Crème 1, available from ANU Co-op Bookshop for approx. \$55.

Celia has degrees in French, Italian, English and art history. She was a languages and English 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 9 Tuesdays from 14 October

FEE: \$269

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

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Intermediate French 2 is an up to date course for adult students. It aims to extend 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. Students should be able to practise the four language skills with increased confidence after completing this course. Examples of practical communications with French speakers will include writing an email, making a booking over the phone or reading a brochure. Learning to recognise and use some colloquial language is another.

The course is based on Units 13 - 16 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 polishing the four language skills of speaking and listening, reading and writing, making it well suited to those intending to visit France or wishing to communicate or work with French speakers. Students will extend their skills in conversational French, especially colloquial expression, as well as in formal modes of speaking and writing. The course is designed for students who have completed a French course at intermediate level and thus have a degree of fluency in all four language skills.

The course will revise the imperfect and the future tenses and introduce direct and indirect pronoun objects and the conditional tense. Each lesson will include oral exercises, which may be formal or informal, impromptu or rehearsed, and aural exercises based on the text or on other sources such as films or TV news. Guest native speakers will also provide excellent opportunities for practice. Reading aloud of dialogues, extracts from newspapers and other sources, will also increase students' fluency in French. 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 grammar and vocabulary. At the minimum, the homework activity set each week, for example, devising 'what if' scenarios, 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. Activities organised by the Alliance Française are another valuable resource.

By the end of the course, students should have a very good command of French grammar and a high level of fluency in expression. They should be able to communicate confidently as a visitor to a French speaking country or for work purposes. Students will be able to develop their French further in other CCE courses, such as *Advanced French* when offered.

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