



STUDY PROGRAMME

EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies

ACADEMIC YEAR

2026-2027

SEMESTER

1 & 2

COURSE TITLE

French III

COURSE PROFESSOR

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N/A

NATURE OF COURSE (COMPULSORY, OPTIONAL)

Compulsory language course

ECTS CREDITS

4.5

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

French

1. COURSE OBJECTIVES

The aim of this French course for students with an entry level of B1+/B2 is to reach a B2+ level as described by the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

At the end of this course, the student will be able to

- understand standard speech and complex texts
- interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity with native speakers
- write detailed and argumentative texts on a wide range of subjects

2. LEARNING OUTCOMES

The course objectives tie in with the following learning outcomes of the programme **EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies**:

2.7 The graduate is able to communicate in the foreign language followed as part of the curriculum according to the target level specified for that language course

If necessary, the graduation levels for the French language courses may be adapted each year after the entry tests in September in function of students' ability.

3. COURSE CONTENTS

- First semester: focus on morphology, syntax on familiar matters, on oral and written skills.
- Second semester: focus on syntax, on more specific matters, on oral and written skills.

Please refer to the intranet course page for access to the full course outline.

4. TEACHING METHOD

Students are expected to regularly attend the class, to participate actively in the exercise in class, to prepare the required homework and to give an oral presentation.



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The course will take students through the tense system and use, the syntactic patterns in spoken and written language, the specific particles of academic and argumentative discourse and some of the terminology required for other courses that are part of the curriculum. Most of the time will be devoted to practical exercises (spoken and written) from the field of European studies.

In this course, the use of generative AI (genAI) tools is strictly prohibited at all stages of the work process on the assignments. Failure to respect these rules will be considered academic misconduct in line with the Study Regulations (Section 4.4.). In addition, the use of (non-generative) AI-powered tools for grammar checking is not permitted.

The unjustified absence from coursework which counts towards the final mark will result in a mark of 0 for that specific assessment.

5. COURSE MATERIAL

- "En contexte Exercices de grammaire B1" is the recommended book
- extracts from press articles
- audio recordings from French radio stations
- video recordings from French speaking television

6. EVALUATION

This course is assessed on a 'pass/fail' basis:

- pass: no mark will be attributed, and the CEFR level of graduation will be mentioned on the transcript.
- fail: a mark is attributed and mentioned on the transcript and will be taken into consideration in the calculation of a possible compensation.

The mark is composed of the following elements:

- continuous assessment throughout the course (50%)
- final examination at the end of the course (50%): written exam of 2h

In case of a second-session resit (2h), the written exam counts for 100% of the final mark.