



STUDY PROGRAMME

EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies

ACADEMIC YEAR

2026-2027

SEMESTER

1 & 2

COURSE TITLE

French I

COURSE PROFESSOR

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COURSE ASSISTANT

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 A2+/B1 is to reach a B1+ 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 the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc.
- deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken.
- produce simple connected text on topics, which are familiar, or of personal interest.
- describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans
- enter unprepared into conversation on topics that are familiar, of personal interest or pertinent to everyday life (e.g. family, hobbies, work, travel and current events).
- write simple connected texts on topics which are familiar or of personal interest.
- write personal letters describing experiences and impressions

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

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 exercises in class, to prepare the required homework and to give oral presentations.

The course will take students through the tense system and use, noun features (gender and plural), pronouns, present/past/future tenses, introduction to subjonctif, the basic 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

The material will be provided by the teacher :

- extracts from press articles
- audio and video recordings from French speaking radio/TV stations
- specific documentation on EU politics

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, the written exam (2h) counts for 100% of the final mark.