

BACHELOR IN ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT (ENGLISH TAUGHT PROGRAM)

Foreign Language I - French

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COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

The aim of the course is the acquisition and/or consolidation of the basic elements of the French language needed to communicate in everyday situations in the professional and economic fields, at the A2/B1 levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

At the end of the course, students will be able to take an active part in interactions related to areas of most immediate relevance and to the Bachelor's Degree (e.g. basic personal and family information, studies, professions and workplace, planning, business e-mails, business telephone calls, shopping, restaurants, business trip reports). They will be able to communicate in simple, routine and professional tasks requiring a direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters.

COURSE CONTENT

The course focuses on:

- the acquisition and/or consolidation of the basic elements of French grammar, phonetics, and vocabulary at the A2/B1 levels;
- the development of communication skills related to the professional and economic fields.

READING LIST

A.-L. DUBOIS-B. TAUZIN, *Objectif Express 1*, Nouvelle Édition, Hachette, 2013.

TEACHING METHOD

When registering for the degree course, all students will be required to fill in a form on Blackboard (web-based course) about their knowledge of French and their native language. Students who have already studied French will need to state for how many years they have studied French and assess their level on a self-basis.

There are three classes and groups (A, B and C) formed according to the information in the presentation forms and to the level assessed by the students:

- **Group A:** A-K (beginners / elementary A1 students): teacher Madame **Franca Orione**
- **Group B:** L-Z (beginners / elementary A1 students): teacher Madame **Elisa Verrecchia**
- **Group C:** A-Z (pre-intermediate A2 /intermediate B1 students): teacher Madame **Isabelle Morel**

The lessons are based on a communicative approach emphasizing interaction as a method and result of language learning. The course covers the whole year (1st, 2nd and 3rd term, 60 hours) for groups A and B, only the 1st and 2nd term (48 hours) for group C.

The lessons of the groups A and B are specifically intended for beginners and elementary level students (A1).

Students of the pre-intermediate / intermediate levels (A2-B1) will be in the group C.

Information for advanced students: as the Foreign Language I - French lessons are at A2/B1 levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, advanced students do not need to attend classes; they take the end-of-year examination (written and oral part) or – if in possession of a French language certificate / *Baccalauréat* or *Esabac* diploma – they can be exempted from the examination (see: Assessment method and criteria).

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

Students who are holders of a *DELF B1 / B2 / C1* certificate (**issued within the past two years: 2021, 2022, 2023**), a French *Baccalauréat* or *Esabac* are exempted from the Foreign Language I - French examination. Students must present their certificate or diploma to the University Language Center (SeLdA) – *Servizio Linguistico d’Ateneo* – until 31 December of the year they enrolled in the Foreign Language I - French course. More specifically, students must send scans of their *Baccalauréat* or *Esabac* diploma/ *DELF B1, B2, C1* certificate to the SeLdA Secretariat using the appropriate function in *iCatt* (app - “richiedi info” section/website-section: comunicazioni per te -“richiesta informazioni”).

SeLdA Secretariat:

- Address: via Morozzo della Rocca 2/A, 5th floor.
- Office hours: Monday to Friday from 10.00 to 12.00.
- Website: <https://studenticattolica.unicatt.it/servizi-e-campus-life-selda-milano>

For the other students, there are two assessment formats, depending on whether they attend classes regularly or not: the continuous assessment and the end-of-year examination.

The continuous assessment format is intended for beginners (group A and B) and intermediate students (group C) who attend lessons regularly. Students will be assessed gradually, via interim written and oral tests on the topics examined during classes, with the teacher and classmates.

The end-of-year examination is recommended for advanced students (group C) who are very good at French or who are French native speakers. The end-of-year examination consists of an A2/B1 written test (listening, grammar in context, reading and writing), followed by an oral test. The two parts are independent and students must achieve a pass mark on both (60% of the points of the written part; grades from A to C for the oral part).

The final assessment is a PASS or FAIL evaluation (called APPROVATO).

Previous knowledge of French is not necessary, but attendance is strongly recommended for beginners, pre-intermediate and intermediate students to benefit from communicative approach.

Students with SLD (Specific Learning Disorders) are strongly advised to contact the teacher at the beginning of the course to discuss the best learning strategies.

NOTES

Place and time of consultation hours

Students may consult with lecturers at the end of each lesson.