

Modern Foreign Language (MFL) Certificate Course

COURSE CODE	LN739
LANGUAGE	FRENCH
LEVEL	5
DESCRIPTION	French: Level 5 (Media)
COURSE COORDINATOR	Christophe MILLART
PREREQUISITES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 400 hours including self study (16+). Good A-Level pass. More than eight years at school level.▪ High level of ORAL fluency in the language. <p>Admission to the course upon completion of online level test and tutor's approval during needs analysis.</p>
STUDENT PROFILE	Students should be motivated to study and research independently
COURSE AIMS	<p>This is a proficiency course with a focus on current issues through a variety of media, especially visual.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ To develop the ability to speak and interact confidently in French in a wide range of an social contexts and situations and present clear, detailed descriptions of a wide range of subjects in the field of Social Sciences, integrating sub-themes, developing particular points and rounding off with an appropriate conclusion.▪ To develop the necessary intercultural skills which are needed in multicultural environments▪ To develop transferable skills to interact in debates and meetings▪ To read articles and reports concerned with contemporary problems in which the writers adopt particular stances or viewpoints and understand texts of a more generalist nature relating to relevant areas of the Social Sciences▪ To understand more complex factual texts relating to Politics, International History, Economics and other associated areas.▪ To follow TV programs and recorded material in both general and subject specific areas▪ To bring students to level C2 of CEFR

COMMUNICATIVE CONTENT	<p>Advanced French language with reference to French speaking countries and contemporary issues and topics <u>through the media lens</u>, and according to the news as they arise on a weekly basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To introduce a topic in the field of Social Sciences ▪ To develop and describe particular points ▪ To make an appropriate conclusion ▪ To describe a situation ▪ To describe the context of an event ▪ To express and justify opinions ▪ To agree, disagree and justify a choice ▪ To introduce someone to the advantages and disadvantages of an option ▪ To propose, accept or refuse ▪ To negotiate and find a compromise ▪ To conclude and adopt a resolution ▪ To express feelings ▪ To speak about an event (past/present/future) and explain circumstances, causes and consequences ▪ To debate and interact confidently in a discussion
STRUCTURAL CONTENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reading and listening comprehension, oral presentation, occasional revision of major grammatical points and key tenses and introduction to different registers and literary styles. ▪ All Pronouns ▪ Comparatives and superlatives ▪ Expression of duration, frequency, simultaneity ▪ Most tenses including subjunctive ▪ Passive forms ▪ Expression of cause, consequence, circumstance and restriction ▪ Direct speech and indirect speech... ▪ “Marqueurs chronologiques” “Marqueurs logiques”
COURSE STRUCTURE AND TEACHING ARRANGEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is a 20 hour-course. ▪ Please refer to the LSE timetable for course teaching arrangements.
METHODS OF ASSESSMENT	<p>Students will be awarded the LSE certificate of Proficiency in French, Level 5 (Media), on completion of the course and after passing the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student dossier : 30% continuous assessment consisting of 5 pieces of coursework set by the class teacher, to be handed in, either electronically or as hard copy at set deadlines. • Class participation 10% • Formal assessment 60% : Written test to take place on weeks 2 and 3 of the Lent Term.

	<p>Oral communication test to take place from week 1 of the Lent Term.</p> <p>Students will be awarded an LSE certificate of proficiency on completion of the course and after passing the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continuous Assessment (50%) consisting of 10 pieces of coursework set by the class teacher to be handed in, either electronically or as hardcopy, at set deadlines. ▪ Final Oral Assessment (30%) to take place in the Summer Term. ▪ Final Written Assessment (20%) to take place in week 9 or 10 of the Lent Term.
<p>COURSE BOOK AND MATERIALS</p>	<p>No textbook Compilation of documents distributed in class For dictionaries and grammar manuals, please read the general French information sheet.</p> <p>Learning Technology : Using Wimba Voice Tools In order to gain confidence in speaking French you will have the opportunity to record yourself using the Wimba voice tools available on the Moodle site for your course.</p> <p>To use the Wimba Voice Tools you need:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access to the Internet - the Wimba voice tools are found in the Moodle site for your course: http://moodle.lse.ac.uk 2. A PC stereo headset with microphone. Headsets with 3.5mm jacks are more reliable than USB headsets. (USB headsets might work, but if you are purchasing a new headset the ones with 3.5 jacks are cheaper and more durable). Headsets can be purchased from an electronics store such as Maplin. 3. A computer that meets Wimba's recommended system requirements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On campus you should use the PCs in Room D010 (Clements' House basement) <p>If you are using your own computer there is a 'wizard' you can use to check your computer. The wizard and further information on using Wimba can be found here: http://clt.lse.ac.uk/Help/student.php</p> <p>LSE Language Centre Resources</p>

- **Pageflakes.** www.pageflakes.com/languages has links to various online language resources. These 'flakes' include live TV and Radio streams, links to free online courses, suggestions to improve your study skills and general information on each language
- **Tandem Learning.** Would you like to practise the language you're learning by meeting regularly with a native speaker? The Tandem Learning Programme is a great way to supplement your language learning. It is free of charge and you can benefit whatever your language level. lse.ac.uk/languages/tandem



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