

CONCEPT NOTE

**Colombo Language Centre (CLC)
Faculty of Arts
University of Colombo**

Short Course in Basic French

1. Introduction

The Colombo Language Centre (CLC) of the University of Colombo seeks the permission of the Senate of the University of Colombo to offer a Short Course in Basic French.

The courses are expected to commence in July 2022.

2. The Need

French is one of the most frequently studied second languages in the world. A sound knowledge of French will open up opportunities to study at renowned universities and business schools in France. In addition, it can be beneficial for those who plan to enter professions in international affairs, law, journalism, tourism, social services, and business. It is also the language of a rich literary, philosophical, and cultural heritage. Thus, many individuals opt to follow courses in French.

3. Objectives

The objectives of this Short Course in French are as follows:

- comprehend short recordings set in everyday social contexts.
- comprehend written documents that are likely to be encountered on a daily basis.
- write simple phrases or short texts that are personal or semi-formal in style
- engage in guided conversations and role-plays in French

4. Target Groups

- Those intending to take the A1 level of the Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française (DELFF) for immigration or study purposes
- Those intending to study French for G.C.E. Ordinary Level examination or G.C.E. Advanced Level examination

- Those who plan to enter careers in international relations, tourism, journalism, law, non-governmental organizations, and international business

5. Admission Requirements

To be admitted as a student of this course, a candidate should possess any one of the following qualifications:

- a) Passed the G.C.E. Ordinary Level examination

OR

- b) Completion of Grade Nine certificate with certified work experience equivalent to a minimum of two years

AND

- c) be at least 16 years of age

6. Medium of Instruction: French and English

7. Course Fee: Rs. 25,000

8. Course Duration: 3 months (60 contact hours)

9. Teaching Methodology: Blended

10. Evaluation: Mid-course assessment (20%), End of course assessment (20%), Final examination (60%)

11. Syllabus:

Course Title	Short Course in Basic French		
Course Code		Contact Hours	60 hours (3 months)
Course Type	Short Course		
Course Description			
<p>This course aims to provide an elementary knowledge of the French language in the form of reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Participants will be able to make simple sentences and engage in simple day-to-day conversations with native speakers. It will also introduce the basic structures of the French language and everyday vocabulary in the context of common social situations. The topics covered will provide a context in which the participants develop their linguistic as well as cultural competence. The course is ideal for students who plan to sit the A1 level of the Diplôme d’Etudes en Langue Française (DELF).</p>			
Learning outcomes			
<p>On completion of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. comprehend short recordings set in everyday social contexts.2. comprehend written documents that are likely to be encountered on a daily basis.3. write simple phrases or short texts that are personal or semi-formal in style4. engage in guided conversations and role-plays in French			
Course contents			Hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greetings, introductions, presentations• Alphabet• Accents• Numbers (cardinal and ordinal)• Gender (masculine and feminine)• Countries• Days, months, seasons			8
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Articles (definite and indefinite)• Punctuation• Adjectives (interrogative)• Verbs (affirmative, negative, interrogative): être, avoir, -er verbs• Polite forms• Nationalities• Professions			8
Revision test			2

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepositions • Adjectives (demonstrative) • Verbs (affirmative, negative, interrogative): -ir verbs • Articles (partitive, contracted) 	6
Revision test	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjectives (possessive) • Adjectives (qualitative) 1 • Describing a person • Likes, dislikes • Sports • Parts of the body 	6
Revision test	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbs (affirmative, negative, interrogative): -re verbs • Reading the time, talking about daily routines and leisure activities • Reflexive verbs • Imperative 	6
Mid-course assessment	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenses (present, past, future) • Pronouns (personal and interrogative) • Describing places • Adjectives (qualitative) 2 	6
End of course assessment	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colours, shapes, animals • Food and beverages • Weather conditions, festivals, social events • Filling forms, composing short messages, simple stories on everyday topics 	6
• Revision test	2
Final examination	2
Methods of teaching and learning	
Lectures, independent learning activities, team-based learning activities, role-plays, revision tests through the blended mode	
Assessment methods	
Assessment Method	Weight
Mid-course assessment (Listening)	20%
End of course assessment (Speaking)	20%
Final examination (Reading and Writing)	60%
Prescribed Text(s): Hirschsprung, N. & Tricot, T. (2017). <i>Cosmopolite 1</i> . New York: Hachette Français Langue Etrangère	