

## **Languages For All Beginners 1 Course Description**

### **Course Length**

This course runs for 2 x 10 weeks per academic year. Classes take place once a week and last 2 hours. Total tuition equals 40 hours.

### **Course Target**

This course is aimed at students with no prior experience of French.

### **Course Objectives**

To achieve level A1.1 of the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages* (CEFR) or level A1.1 of the *Diplôme d'études en langue française* (DELFF).

By the end of this course, students should be able to communicate in basic day-to-day situations, including presenting themselves and their family, describing places and people, telling the time, asking for and giving directions, and performing simple everyday activities.

By the end of the course, students should be able to understand and use simple grammatical constructions, including the present, past, and future tenses, the imperative, pronouns and adjectives.

Students should also have a clearer understanding of Francophone society and culture.

### **Course Teaching**

This course focuses on communication, and practices all four skills: writing, reading, listening, and speaking.

Teaching emphasises an interactive approach, and students are encouraged to participate in group or pair work to practice their communication skills.

There is no assessment aspect involved in this course, but students are encouraged to complete short homework tasks when relevant.

### **Learning Resources**

Students will use *Le Nouveau Taxi 1* (livre de l'élève, Hachette FLE). Students are asked to purchase this book for the course.

Additional materials will be provided by the tutor in the classes.

## Course Outline Semester 1

**Week 1**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 13-15

Introducing oneself and greeting others

Tu and vous

Basic classroom phrases

The alphabet

Verbs être and s'appeler

Nationalities

Agreement of adjectives

**Week 2**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 15-18

Countries and prepositions

Agreement of adjectives

Definite articles

Ask for and give basic personal information

Numbers 0-69

**Week 3**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 18-22

Verbs *avoir* and *aller*

Possessive adjectives

La francophonie

**Week 4**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 22-25

Il y a

Basic interrogation

Prepositions of place

Definitive and indefinite articles

**Week 5, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 26-27**

Tonic pronouns

Basic negation

Physical descriptions

Possessive adjectives

Clothing and Colours

Interrogation

**Week 6, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 28-32**

Demonstrative adjectives

Numbers 70-100

Prices and shopping

Describing objects

Films and actors

**Week 7, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 33-35**

Talk about accommodation

Prepositions

Interrogation

Asking for and giving directions

**Week 8, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 36-37**

Imperative

Verb prendre

Prepositions à, de and en

Adverb y

Modes of transport

**Week 9**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 38-42

Holidays

Prepositions of place

C'est

Pronoun on

Places and things to do

Comparison

**Week 10**

Revision and additional activities

**Semester 2**

**Week 11**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 45-47

Times and dates

Verb partir

Nouns

Interrogation

**Week 12**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 48-49

Verb faire

Expressions with faire

Occupations and agreements

**Week 13**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 50-54

Verbs écrire and lire

Sport and activities

Pronominal verbs

Vocabulary referring to routine

**Week 14**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp. 56-57

Food and drink

Verbes manger, acheter

Partitive article

**Week 15**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp.56-57 + Additional material

Recipes

Ordering in a restaurant

Partitive article and negation

Verb boire

**Week 16**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp.58-59

Passé composé with avoir

Adjective beau

**Week 17**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp.60-61

Passé composé with être

Pour and pendant

**Week 18**, *Nouveau Taxi 1*, pp.62-64

Passé composé revision

Festivals and holidays

**Week 19**

Additional Material

**Week 20**

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