

O French: Focus on Fluency

This class is conducted entirely in French, using definitions, pictures, and mime to ensure understanding. Each session is centered on a selected theme. An accompanying reading provides information about the subject, serves as a springboard to discussion, and presents an authentic model of language, sentence structure and culture. Brief grammar lessons drawn from the reading and class conversations are designed to encourage accurate, clear, and idiomatic use of French. Supplementary materials include songs, poems, and games. Topics are drawn from the following broad areas:

- Society and contemporary life
- Current events
- Government
- The arts
- History
- Science and technology
- Language and communication
- Cultural comparisons and norms

SAMPLE TOPICS FROM SPRING 2022

French Presidential election: candidates and their platforms in a time of crisis

Induction of Josephine Baker in the Panthéon

Tik-tok: impact on families and on mental health

Should zoos be closed?

COVID: the training of new funeral directors during the health crisis

Le marché de Espoir: a novella about the courage of survivors of senseless violence and hate in an African village