

O FRENCH: ECHANGES ANIMES

Each week, the class discusses the pros and cons of a topic of interest, based on materials intended for native speakers. The selected readings or videos supply both authentic language models as well as insight into how native speakers view the subject at hand. Each reading or video includes explanations of key words and cultural references, and is provided to class members one week prior to each class session. Since the goal of the course is to promote a lively exchange, improve speaking skills and expand students' knowledge, a relaxed and accepting atmosphere is crucial. Topics may be chosen from the following broad themes:

THE ARTS

HISTORY

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

SOCIETY

CURRENT EVENTS AND TRENDS

TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE

MODERN DILEMMAS

TOPIC EXAMPLES (Spring 2023):

E-scooter rentals banned in Paris – why?

TV journalists affected by autism interview prominent people: unusual questions lead to unexpected answers – and a popular broadcast

ChatGPT – Pros, cons, can we trust it?

Quoicoubeh: the new word that delights Tik-tokers and mocks their elders