
COURSE CONTENT – FRENCH FOR BEGINNERS – SPRING 2024



Wednesday: 9 - 10:15 am – online course

February 7th until April 24th

Duration: 11 weeks

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How to get the textbook text?

<http://www.laits.utexas.edu/fi/>

You can either purchase the *Français interactif* textbook in print-on-demand format or download the pdf of each individual chapter and print it yourself.

We will work with these open access sites, free and open multimedia resources, which require neither password nor fees.

We will explore the French language and culture by following the lives of real students from the University of Texas who have participated in the UT Summer Program in Lyon, France. Cultural information is embedded naturally in video content and the real and spontaneous language captured in video interviews of native French speakers, as well as scenes of day-to-day interactions in France. The video tutorial will guide you through these components. The goal of these materials is in the title: *Français interactif!*

Tex's French Grammar (*Français interactif's* companion site) is arranged like many other traditional reference grammars with the parts of speech used to categorize specific grammar items. Individual grammar items are explained in English then exemplified in a dialogue, and finally tested in self-correcting, fill-in-the-blank exercises.

By the end of the semester, you will be able to use French to describe and inquire about a limited number of familiar situations and topics, to pronounce a range of French sounds, to understand simple French conversations, to read and understand short French texts, to write simple French sentences, and to identify and describe French and Francophone cultural practices and products that are presented in readings and discussions.