

UC Paris: Language & Culture Program French Practicum

FR50

Practicum

COURSE DESCRIPTION

French 50 is the 11-day practicum portion of the fall French Language and Culture program. The practicum is an intensive grammar course intended to immerse students in French language and culture and to equip them with practical skills for their semester of study and living in Paris. This 11-day course is comprised of daily class sessions and a series of excursions to introduce students to the city. The practicum sections are organized by the course levels students have been assigned for their fall semester program. In addition to the objectives stated here, the practicum introduces the preliminary material and prepares students for their semester French language course (FR53AB, FR54AB or 55AB). Students will complete a total of 4.5 (UC quarter) units of French by the end of the practicum.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Welcome to Paris and to the French language! The French language practicum teaches listening, speaking, reading and writing with a focus on communication. You will have the opportunity to use everything you learn in class as you go about your daily activities. You can expect to be able to talk about your daily life, food, Paris and a wide variety of activities. While you are learning how to speak the language, you will continue your introduction to the culture of the French-speaking world. To immerse you in the language, only French will be spoken in class. Although you are not expected to understand every word, try to follow the gist by paying attention to the context. You will find your comprehension increasing as the course progresses.

Participation

Your French class will become a small, tight-knit community. This is the place where you should take risks in trying to express yourself. Try to use the new vocabulary and grammar in creating your own meaning. This is one of the best strategies to really learn the language and to make the vocabulary and grammar a part of your linguistic repertoire. Don't always wait to be called on. Initiate! Ask questions. Follow up on the comments of others. Say the unexpected. Listen to your classmates so that you can ask questions and respond. Silently answer all questions, including those not directed towards you. If you have trouble speaking up but still want to participate, let your instructor know you wish to be called on. And finally, don't compare your French with your classmates'.

Requirements

ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY: Daily attendance and punctuality are expected. This class will move at a brisk pace. New topics with associated grammar and vocabulary will be presented every day. Class participation is expected both in the classroom and on visits/excursions. Please refer to the Attendance Policy in the UCEAP Paris Academic Handbook for more information. **PARTICIPATION:** 15% of your grade is based on your oral work in class, a combination of your ability and overall effort. **HOMEWORK:** Please keep self-corrected exercises (exercices auto corrigés) and written activities in a special notebook (or in a special section of your class notebook). You should bring this to class every day. Your instructor will check this notebook on test days. Other homework (e.g., handouts) will be collected at the beginning of the next class. Every handwritten assignment must be completed on a neat, squared sheet of paper, be written in a legible way with a pen and include the following: your name, instructor's name, the date, and where applicable reference to the page number(s) of the exercise/activity. No late homework will be accepted. **COMPOSITIONS/Excursion reports:** Compositions are an opportunity for you to use French creatively, pulling together everything you have learned to describe your experiences. An "A" composition will be accurate, thoroughly address the topic and express something unique about you, the writer. Compositions are to be typed, double-spaced 12-point font (Times NR) with one-inch margins, and to meet length requirements (details in class).

TESTS AND EXAMS: There will be two tests. The oral and written exams at the end of the Practicum will be cumulative, addressing all of the grammatical structures and vocabulary discussed in class and practiced in homework exercises.

Final grades for **FR50** will be calculated as follows:

Participation	15%
Homework	20%
Chapter Tests	20%
Compositions	10%
Oral Exam	10%
Final Exam	25%