

Our Mission

The mission of Alliance Française Mpls/St Paul (AFMSP), an independent chapter of a worldwide organization, is to serve our community by promoting the use and appreciation of French language and cultures through language classes, cultural programs, social events and information resources.

Why Alliance Française?

- We're more than just a school; we are the French cultural center serving the Twin Cities. Enjoy a simultaneous cultural and linguistic education. Take advantage of our resources including French films, books and magazines, and events for all tastes!
- Our students become members of a community of French-speakers and Francophiles. Join us today!
- Our instructors come from France and other French-speaking countries around the world, trained in teaching French as a foreign language.
- Founded in Paris in 1883, Alliance Française is known around the world for its high-quality language programs.
- Our classes follow the CEFR French levels from A1 to C2 which correspond to Basic, Independent, and Advanced language levels.
- We believe immersion is the best means of learning French and we owe our success to that philosophy. From the moment you look on or walk through the door, nous parlons français!

En plein air avant l'hiver

From November 14 through December 12, the Alliance Française will offer you a series of outdoor events in the parking lot of our building. Don't worry, outdoor heaters will be installed and coffee will be offered to warm you up! Petits penseurs, film screenings, Trivia night, Holiday market (Dec 5) and Fête d'hiver (Dec 12) There will be something for everyone! Details coming soon on afmsp.org



Kids and Teens

Plaisirs d'hiver

Students will discover the joys of the winter season through diverse activities like poems, decorations and music with AF instructors. All classes are \$60 unless otherwise noted.

Homeschool

Beginner grades 6 to 9, Friday, 9 to 10:30 am
Advanced grades 5 to 7, Tuesday 12:30 to 2 pm

Saturdays

All levels grades K to 2, 9:30 to 10:30 am \$40
All levels grades 3 to 5, 10:45 am to 12:15 pm
Beginner tweens & teens, 9 to 10:30 am
Advanced tweens & teens, 10:45 am to 12:15 pm

Français en famille

A group for children ages 18 months to 4 years and parents who want to play and speak French with other families!
Mon, 10:30 to 11:30 am **Scheduled in person** OR
Sat, 9:15 to 10:15am Online \$45 (price per adult/child pair)

Youth events

Join *Les Djeunes*, AFMSP's High School club, on Friday November 20 from 3:30 to 5 pm for outdoor winter Pictionary *en français*!

For younger children, participate in *L'heure du conte* and *Ciné-Kids* on Sunday, November 29 starting at 2 pm.

More details and more events coming soon on afmsp.org



Course Withdrawal policy:

Withdrawals must be made in writing to the Education Director two weeks before classes begin. A \$15 administrative fee will be deducted. Membership, registration fees and materials are not refundable. There are no credits for missed classes. There are no cash refunds available for course fees. Refunds may be delayed during the pandemic. As we all work to adjust to this unpredictable era, we are especially grateful for the generosity and support of our AFMSP community.



Alliance Française

where french culture meets the twin cities

Mini Session 2020

MONDAY NOV 30 - SATURDAY DEC 19



Alliance Française Mpls/St Paul

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Register by phone or online today!

Conversation Classes

Practice makes perfect with conversation classes! Each class meets once a week for 2 hours, for 3 weeks. \$100

Beginner Conversation (A2.1)

For students with a BE3-5 level
Mondays 6 to 8 pm
Tuesdays 10 am to 12 pm

Conversation 1 (A2.2)

For students with an IN1-2 level
Tuesdays 6 to 8 pm
Wednesdays 10 am to 12 pm

Conversation 2 (B1.1)

For students with an INT3-4 level
Wednesdays 6 to 8 pm
Fridays 10 am to 12 pm

Conversation 3 (B1.2/B2)

For students with an AV 1-EXP 5 level
Mondays 10 am to 12 pm
Tuesdays 6 to 8 pm

Conversation 4 (C1/C2)

For students with an Expert 5 and above level
Wednesdays 6 to 8 pm
Thursdays 10 am to 12 pm

One-Day Workshops

Spend some time focused on language topics or discovering cultural themes while refining your French! Each workshop lasts 3 hours and is \$65 unless otherwise noted.

Holiday handcrafts en français (A1)

In this in-person parent/child class, we welcome participants to make holiday handcrafts while practicing French! No French experience required. This class is taught in English and French as appropriate for students.

Saturday, December 5, 2 to 4 pm, \$45.

Price per pair, open to children ages 6+, materials included.

Articles et prépositions (A2)

Let us guide you through a review of all those pesky little words! Check your use of definite, indefinite and partitive articles. Find out which French verbs and expressions use prepositions and which do not. Thurs, Dec 10, 6 to 9 pm.

Level: Beg 5 and above.

Les Temps du passé (A2)

Review all past tenses (le passé récent, le passé composé, l'imparfait...) in this one-day workshop and make for clearer comprehension and expression. These three hours will revolutionize your French!

Mon, Nov 30, 6 to 9 pm. Level: Beg 5 or above.

AF à distance !

In light of the global pandemic, we have moved all our classes online unless otherwise noted. Now, no matter your geographic location, you have the option to join us remotely! Invite your long-distance friends and family members to attend class, and make the most of the astounding technological world in which we live. When it can be done safely, classes will have the option of moving back to in-person lessons.

Free Trial Class

Are you wondering what it's like to take a French class? Give one a try in this 60-minute introduction to French. No French experience required. Class is free of charge, reservation required by calling AFMSP at 612 332 0436. Check our website for dates and times!

Review Classes

A review class is ideal for brushing up after a break. Each class meets once a week for 2 hours, for 3 weeks. \$100

Beginning Review I: Levels Beginner 1-2 (A1)

Tuesdays 10 am to 12 pm
Wednesdays 6 to 8 pm

Beginning Review II: Levels Beginner 3-5 (A2.1)

Wednesdays 6 to 8 pm
Thursdays 10 am to 12 pm

Intermediate Review I: Levels Intermediate 1-2

Tuesdays 6 to 8 pm
Wednesdays 10 am to 12 pm

Intermediate Review II: Levels Intermediate 3-4

Tuesdays 6 to 8 pm
Saturdays 10 am to 12 pm

Advanced Review and Current Events (B1.2/B2)

Tuesdays 10 am to 12 pm
Saturdays 10 am to 12 pm

Perfectionnement (C1/C2)

For students with a C1/C2 level. A mix of conversation and grammar work. Each class meets once a week for 3 hours, for 3 weeks. Tuesdays OR Wednesdays, 9 am to 12 pm, \$155.

3-week Beginner 1 Intensive (A1.1)

Complete our Beginner 1 Foundation course

This class uses the Cosmopolite 1 method.

Materials available for purchase for \$80.

2.5 hours a day, 4 days a week, 30 hours total. \$450

Tues to Fri 9:30 am to 12 pm OR Mon to Thurs 6 to 8:30 pm



Topics Classes

Explore French culture and language through a variety of courses that focus on specialized topics. Classes meet once a week for 2 hours, for 3 weeks. \$100 unless otherwise noted.

Quel cirque! The story of French circus (A2)

Join Cécile to explore the history of the modern circus in France. From its beginnings in the 18th century to more modern iterations of this spectacular artform, discover life sous le chapiteau! Thurs 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Level: Int 2 and above.

Optimizing your AFMSP classes (A1)

Ever wonder how to use your time outside of class to increase French comprehension and use the right material, resources and tools at home? Damien will share valuable study habits, skill building resources, tips and tricks that will keep you engaged in French when you are not in class and for a lifetime.

Tues, 6 to 7 pm. Level: Beg 1 and above \$65.

Reading Mercure (C1)

An unknown island, a menacing old sea captain and a mysterious and disfigured young woman...all the makings of an engaging tale! Read contemporary Belgian author Amélie Nothomb's *Mercure* with Damien this December. Wed, 6-8 pm. Level: Adv 4 and above.

Traditions francophones des fêtes (A1.2)

Travel to Québec, France and Sénégal with Francine, Damien and Mohamed to learn about year-end traditions in these three francophone destinations. They'll share music, recipes and customs as we celebrate the holidays! Mon 6-8 pm.

Level: Beg 3 and above.

Practice for Beginners (A1)

Challenge yourself to apply what you learned to real-life situations! For students who have completed Beginner 1 or French for Travelers. Thurs, 6 to 8 pm. OR Sat, 10 am to 12 pm

Le Plaisir d'écrire (B1)

Put pen to papier and work on your writing en français with Sandra! She'll guide you through activities to improve your skills and find your voice. Wed 10 am-12pm OR Thurs 6-8 pm.

Level: Int 4 or above.

Explorer le Sénégal avec Mohamed (A2)

Mohamed, who hails from Thies, Senegal, will introduce students to the history, culture and customs of his native country. Discover a diverse and fascinating francophone destination! Sat 10 am to 12 pm. Level: Int 1 and above.

Déjeunons en français

Wednesday 12:30 to 1:30 pm

Pause-café en français

Saturday 9:30 to 10:30 am

These drop-in, mixed level conversation classes are a great way to increase vocabulary and practice French in a casual and relaxing environment. Classes led by AF staff member.

Cost: \$5 AFMSP members \$10 general public /meeting

Registration online on the events page or by phone at 612 332 0436.