



## STUDY PROGRAMME

EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies

## ACADEMIC YEAR

2024-2025

## SEMESTER

1 & 2

## COURSE TITLE

French I

## COURSE PROFESSOR

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## COURSE ASSISTANT

N/A

## NATURE OF COURSE (COMPULSORY, OPTIONAL)

Compulsory language course

## ECTS CREDITS

4.5

## LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

French

### 1. COURSE OBJECTIVES

The aim of this French course for students with an entry level of A1+ is to reach a B1 level as described by the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

At the end of this course, the student will be able to

- understand the main points of clear standard speech on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, or leisure;
- be able to enter unprepared into conversation on familiar topics;
- be able to write simple e-mails or short connected texts.

### 2. LEARNING OUTCOMES

The course objectives tie in with the following learning outcomes of the programme **EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies**:

2.7 The graduate is able to communicate in the foreign language followed as part of the curriculum according to the target level specified for that language course

If necessary, the graduation levels for the French language courses may be adapted each year after the entry tests in September in function of students' ability.

### 3. COURSE CONTENTS

Please refer to the intranet course page for access to the full course outline.



## 4. TEACHING METHOD

Students are expected to regularly attend the class, to participate actively in the exercises in class, to prepare the required homework and to give oral presentations.

The course will take students through the tense system and use, noun features (gender and plural), pronouns, the basic syntactic patterns in spoken and written language, the specific particles of academic and argumentative discourse and some of the terminology required for other courses that are part of the curriculum. Most of the time will be devoted to practical exercises (spoken and written) from the field of European studies.

The unjustified absence from coursework which counts towards the mark of the course, will result in a mark of 0 for that part of the continuous assessment (the student will only be excused in case of illness based on a medical certificate to be provided to the Academic Administration Office). The student must inform the professor in advance of any absence.

## 5. COURSE MATERIAL

- “Grammaire progressive du français (Niveau intermédiaire)” is recommended
- Audio and video recordings from French radio/TV stations
- Press documents from French newspapers

## 6. EVALUATION

This course is assessed on a ‘pass/fail’ basis:

- pass: no mark will be attributed, and the CEFR level of graduation will be mentioned on the transcript.
- fail: a mark is attributed and mentioned on the transcript and will be taken into consideration in the calculation of a possible compensation.

The mark is composed of the following elements:

- continuous assessment throughout the course (50%)
- final examination at the end of the course (50%): written exam of 2h

In case of a second-session resit, the written exam (2h) counts for 100% of the final mark.