French I teaches students to greet people, describe family and friends, talk about hobbies, and communicate about other topics, such as sports, travel, and medicine. Each lesson presents vocabulary, grammar, and culture in context, followed by explanations and exercises. Vocabulary includes terms to describe school subjects, parts of the body, and people, as well as idiomatic phrases. Instruction in language structure and grammar includes the verb system, adjective agreement, formal and informal address, reflexive verbs, and past tense. Students also gain an understanding of the cultures of French-speaking countries and regions within and outside Europe, as well as insight into Francophone culture and people.

The material in this course is presented at a moderate pace.

This course is built to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) standards.

Length: Two Semesters

Unit 1: Introduction to French

- Starting on the Road to Learning French
- Who Are These People?
- Talking about People
- Time Keeps Passing Me By
- Introduction to French Wrap-Up
- Unit Vocabulary

Unit 2: You and the Things You Do

- Talking about People You Know
- Things We Like to Do
- School
- Sports and Music
- You and the Things You Do Wrap-Up
- Unit Vocabulary

Unit 3: Eating and Shopping

- Other Things You Like to Do
- Buying Clothes
- Food, Glorious Food
- Going Out for a Bite
- Eating and Shopping Wrap-Up
- Unit Vocabulary

Unit 4: Semester 1 Review and Exam

Unit 5: Some of the Finer Things

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- Specialty Shops
- Feels Like Home
- I Seldom Can . . . I Always Can
- Taking Stock
- Some of the Finer Things Wrap-Up
- Unit Vocabulary

Unit 6: Traveling and Transportation

- Getting Out of Town
- Would You Like Pretzels or Peanuts?
- Train Travel
- Cars or Buses?
- Traveling and Transportation Wrap-Up
- Unit Vocabulary

Unit 7: The Real World

- Manger à la française
- It Only Hurts When I Laugh
- Have We Met?
- I'm a Professional
- The Real World Wrap-Up
- Unit Vocabulary

Unit 8: Semester 2 Review and Exam

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