

Erasmus Academy NY Summer Language Program

French for Reading *Online*

May 22 – July 12, 2012 (8 weeks)

Purpose

This intensive course is designed for graduate students preparing to take the French proficiency exams for masters and PhD programs, and for any other college student, adult or motivated high school student desiring to read in the language. It provides a thorough presentation of French grammar and introduces the student to expository prose, with the emphasis on reading and translation. No previous knowledge of the language is required. The objective of the course, approximating a full year of university instruction, is to bring the student to an intermediate reading level, enabling him or her to read modern scholarly articles in French.

Course Structure

As a distance learning course, students may take this class from any location or from the convenience of their home. They will need to have access to the Internet and to VoiP. The course meets in “real time” and participants are expected to attend all the scheduled sessions. Each student participates fully in each class by listening and speaking, translating and posing questions. Assignments are emailed to the Instructor. The 8-week course meets two times a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays), 6:15pm-9:15pm EST; it comprises 48 hours of instruction. Each 3-hour session includes grammar, strategies for analyzing French sentences, vocabulary & verb review, sight-reading, and quizzes. Presuming 4 hours of outside preparation for each hour in class, 30 hours (6 + 24) a week should be available for study. In the latter half of the course, participants have the opportunity of translating additional texts in their area of study, be it history, comparative literature, philosophy, international politics, music history, religion, art, archaeology, etc.

Required Textbook

French for Reading. 1997. Karl C. Sandberg and Eddison C. Tatham. Cost: \$57 new. Order from any major bookstore or online (new or used).

Registration, Course Fee and Refund Policy

The fee for Summer French Online is \$800, payable in full to the Erasmus Academy NY no later than immediately prior to the first class. To reserve a place in the course, an enrollment form and a non-refundable deposit of \$50 must be submitted to the Admissions Office of the Erasmus Academy NY by May 10, 2012. Early application is recommended due to space availability. The maximum number of students in this online course is 20. Students may also register and submit the deposit online, at the website below. If, after the first two weeks of classes, a student wishes to discontinue the French course, a letter to this effect must be received by the Erasmus Academy Office by 4:00pm on Friday, June 1, 2012. Thereupon, a refund of \$750 will be returned to the student.

For information and enrollment form, write to:

Erasmus Academy NY Admissions

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