

**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES, ST. AUGUSTINE  
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND EDUCATION  
CENTRE FOR LANGUAGE LEARNING**

**COURSE DOCUMENTATION**

**COURSE TITLE: LET'S TALK FRENCH**

**NO. OF HOURS: 20 (2.5 HOURS PER WEEK FOR 8 WEEKS)**

**SEMESTER: MAY – JULY 2025**

**PREREQUISITES: LEVEL 1B FRENCH/FREN 1009**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Candidates for this course should have some prior, formal academic knowledge of the language. This course will build on the skills learnt in Level 1B French/FREN 1009 acquired from the Centre for Language Learning and aims to enhance the learner's ability to communicate effectively in French. Through face-to-face sessions, the tutor will continue to promote and foster communicative and cultural competence by guiding the students as they develop their knowledge, skills and abilities in their quest to achieve competence in the target language. To this end, learners will enhance the skills involved in conversation based on a linguistic context. Participants will learn how to interact and be proactive so they develop their autonomy in the target language.

**COURSE RATIONALE:**

This course will give students the opportunity to further their study of one of the languages spoken in the Caribbean region. The purpose of this course is to continue to provide students with the basic communicative skills necessary to function in predictable everyday situations and to deepen their awareness of francophone culture. Students will continue to acquire learning strategies to support them in this endeavor.

**COORDINATOR INFORMATION:**

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## **LETTER TO THE STUDENT:**

Dear Student,

Welcome to another session of French at the CLL! It is hoped that you are here because you have a clear interest in the French language and francophone culture. We hope we can continue to help you develop your language skills as well as motivate you to expand your cultural knowledge and your ability to be an independent learner.

Throughout the course, we will be developing your expression and confidence by exploring a wide range of authentic French videos and articles while engaging in fun and exciting virtual activities and games.

We hope you continue to enjoy this educational experience that you've begun!

Warm regards,

Your tutor

## **LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

By the end of this course, students will:

- understand speech about familiar topics and activities (professional life, society, current affairs, culture)
- discuss and defend their opinions
- develop a deeper understanding of French grammar and syntax
- know further characteristics of life and culture in the francophone world
- develop a deeper understanding of themselves as adult language learners

## **ONLINE SESSIONS:**

These sessions will consist of a wide-range of interactive activities, which include but are not limited to:

- debates and presentations
- discussions on cultural videos
- virtual site-seeing
- word games

**COURSE CALENDAR:**

Date	Topic
Week 1	<p>- <i>Qui suis-je/À quoi je pense?</i> (Who am I?)</p> <p>-Talking about yourself: Likes, dislikes, preferences, dreams, future plans</p> <p>-Taking on a new personality and talking about Francophone celebrities</p>
Week 2	<p>- <i>Ma ville</i></p> <p>- Describing where you live, your dream house, towns and cities and comparing city and country life in Trinidad and Tobago and Francophone countries.</p> <p>*Virtual site-seeing/Student presentations and debate</p>
Week 3	<p>- <i>Le monde du travail</i></p> <p>- Typical work day</p> <p>- Career goals</p> <p>- Job interview scenario</p> <p>*debate</p>
Week 4	<p>- <i>Les médias</i></p> <p>- Traditional media (TV, radio and print)</p> <p>- Discover the top French media houses</p> <p>- Social media</p> <p>- Current Affairs</p> <p>*Student presentations and debate</p>
Week 5	<p>- <i>Voyages et Vacances</i></p> <p>- Dream destinations</p> <p>- The future of travel</p> <p>- Travel scenarios/Airport &amp; Hotel vocabulary/Planning a trip to a Francophone country</p> <p>*Student presentations</p>

Week 6	<p>- <i>La mode</i></p> <p>-Fashion &amp; Shopping</p> <p>-Discover the top Francophone fashion designers</p> <p>-Shopping scenarios</p>
Week 7	<p>- <i>La santé</i></p> <p>- Emergencies/Visit to a doctor/hospital</p> <p>- Healthy living &amp; Lifestyle practices *</p> <p>Idioms related to Health</p> <p>Role playing</p>
Week 8	<p><i>La culture</i></p> <p>-Talking about Francophone Culture</p> <p>Art/Music/Entertainment</p> <p>*Student presentations</p>

**Material will be shared when applicable.**

**Tutor will give feedback at appropriate times.**

**Award of certificates of attendance (Max. 20 hours can be awarded)**