WEA Course information sheet 2020-21



Course title: French Advanced		Course ID: C3678860
Start date: 06/01/2021	End date: 17/02/2021	Day(s)/time(s): Wed 09:00
Number of sessions: 7	Hours per session: 1.5	Tutor Sylvia May
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements:		
Awarding body (if any):		Level: Level 2
Title of qualification to be gained:		

Fee: £33.60 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded)

Accreditation Fee (if applicable):

Venue: Online Learning, Online, ZZ99 9ZZ

Theme(s): The WEA has four themes it uses for planning its provision.

Employability – helping students to get a job or to make progress in their employment **Health and Wellbeing** – making a positive contribution to their own or others health and wellbeing **Community Engagement** – encouraging students to be positively involved in their communities **Culture** – learning about diverse cultures, identities and environments

The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are:

1. Culture Education 2.

Course Aim

This course is designed for students with intermediate/advanced knowledge of French. The purpose is for students to practise their listening skills using French magazine articles and to participle in role-plays and discussions in small groups.

Course Description

This course will encourage students to improve their listening skills and to join in group discussions & role plays on a variety of topics. We will include numbers practise. Some pronunciation and grammar will be included where necessary. The main purpose is to learn to enjoy your learning while strengthening the basic skills of listening and speaking.

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

What will I achieve?

By the end of the course I will be able to:

- 1. listen to and understand a range of articles from a French language magazine
- 2. speak on various topics with other members of a group in the course of discussion and conversation, including giving your opinions
- 3. translate articles from French to English, or have a basic understanding of them from listening/reading or a combination of these
- 4. translate an article or part of an article back into French

5. have improved my usage of French numbers

What teaching methods will be used and will there be work outside of the class?

- The WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas will be used to provide resources or to support lessons, enable assessment, provide learner feedback and for other activities for individuals away from the course. If you want to understand more about our digital learning platform please visit: http://bit.ly/WEAonline
- The WEA tutor will use a range of different teaching and learning methods and encourage you and the group to be actively involved in your learning
- You may be asked to undertake additional work in your own time to support your learning
- As a natural part of this course, students will be asked to prepare homework. Often, this will be considering your contribution to a conversation the following week. Rest assured that most conversations will take place in break-out rooms on the Zoom platform, which is a small-group environment.

What kind of feedback can I expect from the tutor?

- A range of informal activities will be used by the tutor to see what you are learning which may include quizzes, question and answer, small projects and discussion
- A range of class activities: numbers exercises, dictation, listening, group work to include conversations and discussions, role-play, demonstrating understanding of the content of articles, translating back into French. Grammar and pronunciation as it arises in the course of the work.

What else do I need to know? Is there anything I need to bring?

- What you need: You will need an internet connection, speakers, a microphone and a webcam so that you can use our video learning platform, Zoom. If you'd like to understand more Zoom please visit: http://bit.ly/ZoomSpec
- You will also need access to the internet outside of your sessions. You could do this using a smart phone, tablet, laptop or a desktop computer (at home or through a library etc.).
- You will need a personal email address to join the WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas so that you can receive resources, record your progress and achievement and to work with others and share ideas. If you want to understand more about our digital learning platform please visit: http://bit.ly/WEAonline
- Nothing else is needed
- Students will be given copies of the articles and homework as needed; you may find it useful to have a dictionary (book or e-version) handy. Other reference materials at your own discretion. Articles will be taken from various back copies of the Concorde publications magazine, Rendez-vous.

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- No pre reading or pre course work is required

Possible next steps after this course (including career opportunities if appropriate)

- Progress to another WEA course
- Students can progress to another WEA French course. This course is likely to continue into the future, and you would be welcome to continue, as the material from the magazines will be ever-changing.

Learning with the WEA

WEA courses increasingly make use of the rich variety of educational tools and material available on the internet and from digital devices. The WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas will play an increasing role in all WEA courses to provide resources or support, or to conduct lessons, enable assessment, provide learner feedback and for other activities for individuals away from the course. It is helpful, although not essential if you have access to a computer or smartphone to support your course.

You can read about your entitlements and responsibilities as a WEA student in our leaflet, Student Handbook here http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/student-support This includes information on fees, learning support and financial support. As part of your course you accept our Learning Agreement and Privacy Notice. Full details of the Learning Agreement and privacy notice can be found on our website at http://www.wea.org.uk/policies. This applies to all courses you take in this academic year.

You can enrol online for most courses http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/course-search or contact: WEA Support Services, Suite 10B Joseph's Well, Hanover Way, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS3 1AB Tel: 0300 303 3464 Email: courseenquiries@wea.org.uk







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