

FRE 281 -- Intermediate French I

This course is intended for students who have completed two semesters (three hours credit each) of French, or two or three years of high school French. The course provides continuing practice in basic skills, and advances the study of the language, with the overall goal of developing proficiency in French. Students will learn to talk about food and shopping, and especially food in France, memories of childhood, getting ready to take a trip, daily routines, their houses, and how they spend time. Students will continue their study of grammatical forms and structures including talking about the past in the *passé composé* and *imparfait*, , pronouns, making comparisons, using prepositions with geographical names, and the verbs *lire, dire, écrire, savoir, connaître, and mettre*. They will practice familiar conversations such as getting around in a restaurant, comparing things and quantities, getting information to take a trip, making recommendations and complaining. They will read simple texts and a poem by famous French authors, as well as authentic materials, such as songs and short texts about life in France and the Francophone world. Skills will be learned and practiced in listening, speaking, reading and writing French, and the focus will always be on relating the study of French to the "live lab" situation of living and learning in the Abbey in Pontlevoy and Paris and traveling in France.