



Language Academy

Welcome to the Language Academy! The Language Academy offers classes for conversational, business and travel purposes from beginner to advanced levels to develop conversational and cultural fluency. Classes offer well rounded language lessons and specialize in developing speaking and listening skills. You'll find enthusiastic, knowledgeable facilitators and meet others who share your interest.

Choosing a class level

If you are uncertain about which level is right for you, please talk to our friendly, helpful customer service representatives: 737-7979. They look forward to assisting you.

American Sign Language (ASL)

Note: ASL classes are limited to 15 participants.

Complete all four levels of ASL and pass a 10 minute sign test to receive a Certificate of Completion. To book your test, please call 737-7979. Cost: \$50.

ASL, Level 1

Learn ASL vocabulary including making introductions and asking and responding to questions.

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Wed., Sept. 23 – Dec.2 (10 classes/no class Nov. 11), 7 – 9:30 p.m. \$225 (text extra). Facilitator: t.b.a.

ASL, Level 2

ASL, Level 1 recommended.

Expand your conversational skills using turn-talking techniques and through the discussion of culturally appropriate topics. Learn to relate simple experiences and events and continue to practice facial symbols to convey grammatical information.

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Tue., Sept. 22 – Nov. 24 (10 classes), 7 – 9:30 p.m. \$225 (text extra). Facilitator: Louise Skirving.

ASL, Level 3

ASL, Level 2 recommended.

While the emphasis is on the continuation of basic grammar as a basis for simple conversation, an exploration of new methods will help you expand your conversational range to encompass giving directions and making requests.

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Mon., Sept. 21 – Nov. 30 (10 classes/no class Oct. 12), 7 – 9:30 p.m. \$225 (text extra).
Facilitator: Louise Skirving.

ASL, Level 4

ASL, Level 3 recommended.

The focus of this class is on developing your conversational competency and fluency through communication and interaction.

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Thu., Sept. 24 – Nov. 26 (10 classes), 7 – 9:30 p.m. \$225 (text extra). Facilitator: Louise Skirving.

ASL, Level 5

ASL, Level 4 recommended.

Further development of conversational competency and fluency.

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Wed., Sept. 23 – Dec.2 (10 classes/no class Nov. 11), 7 – 9:30 p.m. \$225 (text extra). Facilitator: Louise Skirving.

Chinese

Mandarin, Level 1

Your journey into Mandarin involves a variety of interactive group exercises through which you will learn the Chinese Pinyin and tonal system, including how to recognize, pronounce and write some of the 300 Chinese characters. You'll also be introduced to important aspects of the history and culture of the Chinese-speaking world.

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Thu., Sept. 24 – Nov. 26 (10 classes), 7 – 9:30 p.m. \$225 (text extra). Facilitator: Xianli Xing



French

Join the more than nine million Canadians who speak French. Learning French can increase your employment opportunities and will contribute to your appreciation and enjoyment of travel to the many parts of the French-speaking world. To optimize your learning experience, classes will be limited to a maximum of 15 participants.

French Language Proficiency Certificate

This certificate program provides verbal skills in conversational French for individuals who work, seek career advancement involving French or for those who wish to enhance their conversational ability. Practical skills are developed through a combination of class discussion and exercises. Participants will be awarded the certificate upon completion of Levels 1A – 5 in conversational French, and upon successful completion of a conversation-based, oral exam. Cost: \$50.

French, Level 1A

A great beginner class. Emphasis is on developing conversational skills in a relaxed, non-competitive atmosphere. Upon completion of Level 1, you will have some basic vocabulary and will be able to understand, ask and answer questions using simple sentences. Topics include: the alphabet, counting, introductions, greetings, the family tree, responding to questions etc. You will concentrate on the present tense of basic verbs, vocabulary for everyday situations and basic sentence structure.

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Tue., Sept. 22 – Nov. 24 (10 classes), 7 – 9 p.m. \$185 (text extra). Facilitator: Ruth Roy.

French, Level 1B

In addition to building on skills developed in Level 1A, you will learn to describe people, seasons, countries and daily activities. You will also begin to learn about the difference between formal and informal levels of the French language while acquiring some idiomatic expressions. You will be introduced to various cultural aspects of the francophone world including food, music, film, holidays, customs and

more. In regards to linguistic objectives, you will review the present tense of verbs and learn about the future tense.

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Wed., Sept. 23 – Dec.2 (10 classes/no class Nov. 11), 7 – 9 p.m. \$185 (text extra). Facilitator: Ruth Roy.

French, Level 2A

In this level you will participate, with some assistance, in basic conversation. You will review and build on your previously acquired skills while developing your ability to interact and communicate in a range of contexts. You will develop language tools to deal with life real-life scenarios including basic conversation on current events, time, counting dates, travel arrangements, reservations and ordering at a restaurant.

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Thu., Sept. 24 – Nov. 26 (10 classes), 7 – 9 p.m. \$185 (text extra). Facilitator: Marie-Beth Wright.

French, Level 2B

In this level, you will be introduced to past and future tenses (including le passé composé” and l’imparfait”, and the ability to differentiate between the “futur simple” and the “futur proche”). You will develop the ability to talk about actions in the past which have been completed and not completed; talk about habits in the past and describe a situation; talk about past events; use the “futur simple” in various contexts and discuss projects or plans in the future.

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Tue., Sept. 22 – Nov. 24 (10 classes), 7 – 9 p.m. \$185 (text extra). Facilitator: Frank Gough.



This course gave me the ability to begin communicating with deaf people.

ASL, Level 2, Winter 2009



Our classes do tend to fill quickly. Register early to avoid disappointment.



10 Conversational Languages

German

German, Level 1

Develop a working knowledge of German and the skills needed to cope in a German-speaking environment. Topics will include alphabet, pronunciation and basic sentence structure. Small group conversation will highlight introductions, greetings and responding to simple questions.

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Tue., Sept., 22 – Nov. 24 (10 classes), 7 – 9:30 p.m.
\$225 (text extra). Facilitator: Mariana Kroll.

Irish (Gaelic)

Irish, Level 1

There are many strong and vibrant connections between Newfoundland and Ireland, including a shared linguistic heritage. Become one of an exclusive group of people breathing new life into Gaelic in Newfoundland. Upon completion of the class, you will have learned to speak basic Irish phrases and sentences.

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Mon., Sept. 21 – Nov. 30 (10 classes/no class Oct. 12), 7 – 9:30 p.m. \$225 (text extra). Facilitator: Michael Boyle (Michael O’Baill in Irish).

Irish, Level 2

Irish, Level 1 recommended.

Building on the basics learned in Level 1, you’ll continue developing your Irish speaking skills towards mastering simple conversations involving people, places and daily situations.

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Tue., Sept. 22 – Nov. 24 (10 classes), 7 – 9:30 p.m.
\$225 (text extra). Facilitator: Michael Boyle (Michael O’Baill in Irish).

Portuguese

Portuguese, Level 1 **New!**

Did you know that the romance language Portuguese is the 7th most spoken language in the world? If you travel to places like Portugal, South

America, Africa, as well as some chief ports in the Orient, such as Macau in China and East Timor, this class will help you develop the skills you need to be able to converse with others in a Portuguese-speaking environment. Topics will include alphabet, pronunciation, and basic sentence structure. Small group conversation will highlight introductions, greetings and responding to simple questions.

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Mon., Sept., 21 – Nov. 30 (10 classes/no class Oct. 12), 7 – 9:30 p.m. \$225 (text extra). Facilitator: Mariana Kroll.

Spanish

Spanish, Level 1

A beginner class introducing you to the basics of Spanish and which will have you quickly building fluency and comprehension. Topics will include alphabet, pronunciation, and basic sentence structure. Small group conversation will highlight introductions, greetings and responding to simple questions.

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Tue., Sept. 22 – Nov. 24 (10 classes), 7 – 9:30 p.m.
\$225 (text extra). Facilitator: Margarita Dawson.

Spanish, Level 2

Spanish, Level 1 recommended.

In level two, you will build upon the basic fluency and comprehension acquired in level one, while improving your speaking and listening skills, especially in the context of simple conversations about people, places and daily situations.

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Thu., Sept. 24 – Nov. 26 (10 classes), 7 – 9:30 p.m.
\$225 (text extra). Facilitator: Margarita Dawson.

Spanish, Level 3

Scheduled for winter 2010.

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Note: Same text as is used in Levels 1 and 2.

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