

# **French for International Development and International Relations**

## **Course aims**

This 10-week short course is offered by the Department for Language Studies (School of Media, Arts and Humanities). It aims to address the specific language needs of individuals working (or planning to work) in the fields of ID and IR, empower professionals and future postgraduates to excel in their careers, foster effective communication, and contribute to the broader goals of global cooperation.

## **Who the course is for**

- Staff and PGR and PGT students (particularly in IDS and Global Studies) working in/with an interest in international development and/or relations.
- Professionals working in the fields of international development/relations, in or outside the University.

## **Language requirement**

The course is recommended for those with a B1 level or above in French /Equivalent learning experience to A level and above in French.

## **Course fees**

£170

## **Course start**

19<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## **Contact hours**

1.5 hours / week. Wednesdays 2:00 – 3:30pm

## **Class size**

9-16 (with a minimum enrolment of 9 for the course to run)

## **Mode of delivery**

In-person at the University of Sussex campus

## **Teaching methods**

Throughout the course, there will be interactive activities, listening exercises, and opportunities for conversation practice to enhance learners' speaking and listening skills. Grammatical structures and vocabulary will be presented in real-world contexts, by examining a range of authentic materials including articles, reports, and videos related to International Development and International Relations. Learners will be encouraged to conduct their own research on the subjects outlined in this programme and share their findings in class to contribute to the course.

## **Assessment and self-study**

As this is a non-credited course, there will be no assessments. Self-study material will be provided so that students can maximise their learning, and they will also be encouraged to research IR- and ID-related subjects of particular interest to them.

## **Course outline**

Week 1: Introduction to the course

- Introduction to French language use in IR and ID contexts
- Cultural aspects and etiquette in French-speaking countries
- Language and needs analysis

Week 2: French for Negotiations and Meetings

- Vocabulary for negotiations and diplomatic meetings
- Expressing opinions, making suggestions, and reaching agreements
- Role-playing exercises for simulated negotiations

Week 3 and 4 : French for Cross-Cultural Communication

- Cultural sensitivity and intercultural communication
- Communicating with diverse stakeholders
- Addressing cultural differences in a diplomatic manner

Week 5 and 6 : Politics and Economics in French-speaking African countries

- Language for discussing politics and economics
- Discussion using structures and thematic vocabulary related to politics and economics

Week 7 and 8 : French for Sustainable Development

- Language for discussing environmental issues and sustainability
- Talking about climate change, renewable energy, and conservation
- Exploring French-speaking countries' initiatives in sustainable development
- Discussion using structures and thematic vocabulary related to sustainable development

Week 9: French for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response

- Vocabulary related to humanitarian aid and crisis situations
- Describing needs, organising relief efforts, and providing updates
- Role-playing exercises for emergency response scenarios

Week 10: French for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response

- Discussing humanitarian issues