



French for Customary Law and Guernsey Law

Academic Year 2020 – 2021

In conjunction with Law Guernsey LBG

A specific language course for future Caen students

French for Law is an extensive, purpose-built course designed for busy solicitors and legal professionals preparing to become students at Caen University.

This course is divided into 2 parts:

Part 1: September 7th 2020 to March 22nd 2021 (25 weeks – 50 hours)

The focus will be on understanding French language, grammar and vocabulary as well as practicing reading general topics and legal text.

No lessons in school holidays.

Recommended for students with a French level A2 to B1 (see page 3 for the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (**CEFR**) scale).

Part 2: April 26th to August 16th 2021 (15 weeks – 30 hours)

The focus will be on reading and understanding legal text and more advanced grammar structures.

No lessons in school holidays or bank holidays.

Recommended for students with a French level B2 or higher.

The course takes into account:

- Current language level;
- The University of Caen's legal curriculum;
- French university teaching methods; and
- Exam format (i.e. comment French text in English or French if preferred).

We will create a learning atmosphere with a structure that is interesting and enjoyable, whilst being as intensive as possible in order to prepare you fully for your Caen training.

The content of our **80-hour extensive course** is tailored to your specific needs and contains a balance of:

- Structured grammar (i.e. complex present, future and past tenses, constructions which repeat in law texts, complex relative pronouns and connectives, expression of conditions and obligations, etc.);
- Study of specific legal vocabulary (histoire des institutions publiques, droit coutumier);
- Reading and comprehension of specific law articles (ex. www.jerseylaw.je, and other legal sources);
- Listening comprehension as some lectures in Caen will be given in French;
- Minimum of oral communication in French depending on students starting level ;
- Exam model questions (if available); and
- Feedback on class work and homework.

There will be homework given each week and a minimum of 2 hours per week of self-studying is expected.

The cost for the course is:

Part 1 only: £3,500 per participant

Part 2 only: £2,500 per participant

Both Part 1 + Part 2 (discounted): £5,500

Contact Accent for registration – tel.: 1481 714 909 // email: info@accent.gg

Additional Learning Opportunities

Private 1:1 tuition general French – £45 per hour per person; discounts available

Group lessons at work – mini groups; price dependent on numbers

Notes

How quickly one progresses in the learning of a language depends on many factors but roughly speaking it takes around 200 hours to go up a level. If you work on your French for 1.5 hours every day (7 days a week) that would mean approximately 133 days (a little less than 4.5 months)!

Therefore, we recommend to start learning as soon as possible, even up to 2 years prior to attending the Caen course.

Accent Language School is available for any in house language training your Company might consider and also offers many courses for the individual needs.

Below is a language frame of reference, which can be useful as a guide for the different levels.

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

Beginner	A1	Can recognise and use familiar words and simple phrases for concrete purposes. Can introduce himself or someone else. Can ask and answer basic questions about home, family, surroundings, etc. Can communicate in a basic way when the other person speaks slowly and clearly, and is ready to repeat or reformulate to help communication.
Elementary	A2	Can understand isolated phrases and common expressions that relate to areas of high personal relevance (like personal or family information, shopping, immediate environment, work). Can communicate during easy or habitual tasks requiring a basic and direct information exchange on familiar subjects. Using simple words, can describe his or her surroundings and communicate immediate needs.
Intermediate	B1	Can understand the main points of clear standard speech on familiar subjects in work, school, leisure activities, etc. Can manage in most situations that come up when travelling in a region where the language is spoken. Can produce a simple and cohesive text on familiar subjects or subjects of personal interest. Can narrate an event, an experience or a dream; describe a desire or goal, and outline reasons or explanations behind a project or idea.
Upper Intermediate	B2	Can understand the main ideas of concrete or abstract topics in a complex text, including a technical article in the user's area of expertise. Can communicate with a degree of spontaneity and fluency during a conversation with a native speaker, in a way that is comfortable for everyone. Can speak in a clear, detailed way on a number of subjects; express an opinion on current affairs, giving the advantages and disadvantages of the various options.
Advanced	C1	Can understand a wide range of long and complex texts, including any subtextual or stylistic nuances. Can express him or herself freely and fluidly, without obviously fumbling for words. Can use the language effectively and fluently in a social, professional or academic context. Can speak in a clear, organised way about complex subjects, developing a well-structured argument.
Master or Proficient	C2	Can effortlessly understand almost everything he or she reads or hears. Capable of a coherent summary of events or arguments from oral or written sources. Can express him or herself precisely in a spontaneous, fluent way, conveying finer shades of meaning precisely.