Alliance Française
Bordeaux Nouvelle-Aquitaine

Course pace and correspondence with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

	Manuals	CEFR levels	Description of skills	Online courses 4h/week
Basic user		**A1** Discovery level	Can **understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at satisfying concrete needs**. Can introduce themselves and others and ask and answer questions about personal details such as where they live, people they know, and things they have. Can **communicate in a simple way** if the other person speaks slowly and clearly and is cooperative.	64h in 16 weeks
		**A2** Intermediate level	Can **understand isolated phrases and frequently used expressions** related to areas of immediate priority (e.g., simple personal and family information, shopping, local area, work). Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring only a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can describe in simple terms their background, immediate environment, and topics related to immediate needs.	64h in 16 weeks
Independent user		**B1** Threshold level	Can **understand the main points** when **clear, standard language** is used and the topics are **familiar matters** regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can **deal with most situations** likely to arise whilst traveling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce **simple, coherent speech on familiar topics** and areas of interest. Can tell about an event, experience, or dream; describe a hope or goal; and briefly give reasons or explanations for a plan or idea.	64h in 16 weeks
		**B2** Advanced level	Can **understand the main points of concrete or abstract topics in complex texts**, including technical discussions in their field of specialization. Can **communicate** with a degree of **spontaneity** and **fluency** such that a conversation with a native speaker is comfortable for both parties. Can express themselves clearly and in detail on a wide range of subjects, give an opinion on a current topic, and explain the advantages and disadvantages of different options.	64h in 16 weeks
Experienced user		**C1** Independent level	Can **understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts** and **recognize familiar expressions**. Can **express themselves spontaneously and fluently** without much obvious searching for expressions. Can use language effectively and flexibly for social, professional, and academic purposes. Can **express themselves on complex subjects in a clear and well-structured manner** and demonstrate control of the tools of organization, articulation, and cohesion of discourse.	96h in 24 weeks
		C2 Master's level	Can **understand with ease virtually everything heard or read**. Can summarize information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation. Can **express him/herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely**, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.	Please contact us