

FRENCH A-LEVEL — PREPARATION COURSE

alpha.b — French school, Nice (Côte d'Azur)

1. Preliminary information

Requirements	Minimum 4 years of french (secondary school level)
Duration	1 to 2 weeks
Class size	6–8 students per class (maximum 10 students)
Teachers	Native speakers, university graduates
Resources	Alpha.book provided by Alpha.b (grammar, phonetics, vocabulary)
Sessions	Easter (1 week) · Summer: July–August (1 or 2 weeks)
Accomodations	Host family, student residence, or hotel

2. Course organization

28 lessons per week, 21h of teaching

Schedule	Program
Morning : 8h45-10h15 10h15-12h00	20 lessons = 15 hours
3 afternoons : 13h15 – 15h15	8 lessons = 6 hours

3. Course program

Morning sessions

Morning classes are international and cover :

- French grammar and specific grammatical points important for A-Level, for example: The subjunctive
- Written and oral comprehension
- Oral expression: presentations and discussions around social themes
- Thematic vocabulary

Afternoon sessions

Les cours de l'après-midi suivent le programme du A level et sont axés sur les techniques d'examen :

- Written expression: essay writing techniques (practice with structuring arguments, using connectives and figures of speech...)
- Analysis of texts from French literature and civilization
- Opinion phrases and expression of personal viewpoints
- Use of the subjunctive (vs indicative) in opinion phrases
- Oral comprehension with exercices to prepare between sessions
- Class debates and oral interaction around the themes required for the exam (family, the suburbs, the French-speaking world, rights, and youth language...)

4. Example of session (afternoon)

Observed theme : opinion phrases

- Introduction and practice of opinion phrases in French
- Grammar review: use of the subjunctive after specific expressions
- Differentiated written comprehension exercise for advanced students
- Preparation of an oral presentation (theme: love and relationships)
- Q&A (Questions and answers) asked by other students
- Closing game: answering without using "yes" or "no"

5. Extra-curricular activities

Outside the class, the school offers each week :

- Excursions to Cannes and Monaco
- Water sports
- Gastronomic activities to discover the local cuisine
- Meetings with international students

6. Optional

- A mock exam on the last Thursday of the stay (upon request)