

| IB French Ab Initio SL | |
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| Course Codes | IBFRAB1, IBFRAB2 |
| General Description | <p>French Ab Initio is a two-year language acquisition course. Students with little or no previous experience of learning French have an opportunity to sit in on an IB Language examination at the end of Grade 12.</p> <p>This intensive course focuses on the acquisition and development of communicative and receptive skills. It also provides an intercultural understanding of the targeted language. Students are expected to master spoken and written French for basic communication in a number of situations. Students will develop their communicative and receptive skills through a solid grammar and vocabulary framework.</p> <p>French Ab Initio is organised into three themes made up of twenty topics. A list of the themes and topics covered is listed below.</p> |
| | <p>Individual and society</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Daily routines 2. Education 3. Food and drink 4. Personal details, appearance and character 5. Physical health 6. Relationships 7. Shopping <p>Leisure and work</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Employment 9. Entertainment 10. Holidays 11. Media 12. Sport 13. Technology 14. Transport <p>Urban and rural environment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15. Environmental concerns 16. Global issues 17. Neighborhood 18. Physical geography 19. Town and services 20. Weather |
| Syllabus Breakdown + | YEAR 1 – 75 hours |

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| hours | YEAR 2 – 75 hours |
| Internal Assessments | <p>Interactive skills: Individual oral (25 marks) Duration: 10 minutes</p> <p>Three-part oral internally assessed by the teacher and externally moderated by the IB towards the end of the course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 1: Presentation of a visual stimulus (from a choice of two) by the student • Part 2: Follow-up questions on the visual stimulus • Part 3: General conversation including at least two questions on the written assignment |
| | <p>Paper 1: Receptive skills (40 marks) Duration: 1 hour 30 Weighting: 30%</p> <p>Students read four written texts and answer questions.</p> |
| | <p>Paper 2: Productive skills (25 marks) Duration: 1 hour Weighting: 25%</p> <p>This is a writing exercise. Students have to answer two questions. Section A (7 marks): One question to be answered from a choice of two. Section B (18 marks): One question to be answered from a choice of three.</p> |
| External Assessments | <p>Written assignment (20 marks) Duration: home assignment (200–300 words) Weighting: 20%</p> <p>The written assignment is the culmination of independent research that students have carried out on one of the prescribed topics in the second year of the course.</p> |
| | <p>Resources</p> <p>Panorama Francophone; le Monde Ados; 1 jour 1 actu; Bien Dire magazine; Le Monde; diverse resources from the Internet.</p> |