

Group 2

FRENCH AB INITIO SL

The aim of the IB Language Ab Initio course is to provide learners with the ability to communicate in the target language and to develop an awareness of cultural specifications linked to the target language.

The course is intended for students who have no background in French and have to learn it from the very beginning.

The two-year language acquisition program for Ab Initio students provides basic knowledge concerning the everyday use of French as well as understanding of basic concepts from Francophone community.

Ab Initio gives students the skills to communicate in French. This includes listening, speaking, reading, and writing, as well as cultural awareness.

The course focuses on developing productive (speaking and writing), receptive (listening and understanding), and interactive skills.

The course is designed to be taken over 2 years. In class, students will get to work with various authentic documents such as journals articles, podcasts or even tv commercials across the given themes and topics. At the same time, they are required to produce texts (both written and oral) that take into account the content of the curriculum and their personal interests.

French Ab Initio Curriculum

The course's curriculum offers a variety of situations across 5 main themes.

Students have to learn topics with the help of written, visual, audio, and audio-visual learning materials.

According to the International Baccalaureate diploma program subject brief, French Ab Initio themes and topics are:

1. To explore myself and express who I am. The list of topics includes:
 - Personal attributes
 - Personal relationships
 - Eating and drinking
 - Physical well-being
2. The identity and personal transformation. This theme is explored in the context of:

- Daily routine
 - Leisure
 - Holidays
 - Festivals and celebrations.
3. Human Ingenuity. The specific topics are:
- Transport
 - Entertainment
 - Media
 - Technology
4. Social organization:
- Neighbourhood
 - Education
 - The workplace
 - Social issues
5. Sharing the planet. With this theme, students get to know the challenges, issues, and opportunities of the world we live in. The topics are:
- Climate
 - Physical geography
 - The environment
 - Global issues

Our course is designed to be challenging, engaging and a positive educational experience for each student. Taking IB French ab initio will enable students to

- develop their receptive, productive and interactive skills,
- function successfully in a French-speaking environment,
- develop an appreciation of the cultural riches of French-speaking communities,
- greatly expand their possibilities for work, entertainment and travel.

French Ab Initio Assessment

At the end of the course, all students have to sit an exam, and the external assessment consists of two papers and the oral exam .

Paper 1 is focused on the assessment of productive skills. Students have to complete two writing assignments. Paper 1 brings a maximum of 30 marks, which is equal to 25% of the total mark.

Paper 2 assesses receptive skills and has listening and reading components. Listening awards up to 25 marks while reading brings a maximum of 40 marks. This means Paper 2 contributes 50% of the total mark.

Individual Oral

The oral exam accounts for 30 marks, which is 25% of the total grade.