

**Rassias Center  
Dartmouth College  
Hanover NH 03755**

**March 27, 2021 French Refresher - levels offered**

This document is for informational purposes only, this same information appears on the enrollment form where you will make your selection.

Using your ACTFL Self-Assessment (page 2) and/or your prior participation in Rassias Semi-Intensive courses, choose the level you are enrolling in. This is a refresher program, so we advise you to consider choosing one or two levels below your placement/class history for a solid review.

**Refresher A** - Past participants who have completed 101 or higher or new participants with ACTFL Self-Assessment of 1 or higher: Les pronoms personnels sujets, être, aller, les articles définis et indéfinis, interrogations, avoir, verbes réguliers en -er, les nombres, l'heure, ne ... pas et questions négatives

**Refresher B** - Past participants who have completed 102 or higher or new participants with ACTFL Self-Assessment of 2 or higher: Les prépositions à et de + l'article défini, les nombres cardinaux à partir de 20, les jours, les mois, les seasons, les dates, l'heure officielle, le future immédiat, les adjectifs démonstratifs, l'impératif, faire, le temps/la météo, les verbes réguliers en -ir

## **ACTFL Proficiency Benchmarks:**

We ask you to evaluate your language proficiency (oral and aural) using the following excerpt from the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Proficiency Benchmarks. <https://www.actfl.org/> This self-assessment information will be used as one part of the placement process, along with the results of your telephone placement interview (if applicable). Please review these statements and pick the one that best describes your abilities. Note that each statement assumes comfort with the preceding statement(s); if you arrive in unknown territory please stop. (For example: if you agree with statements 1 and 2, but 3 is a little shaky, then you are a 2.) (NOTE: time frames = verb tenses)

1. "I can provide information by answering a few simple questions on very familiar topics, using practiced or memorized words and phrases, with the help of gestures or visuals."
2. "I can request and provide information by asking and answering a few simple questions on very familiar and everyday topics, using a mixture of practiced or memorized words, phrases, and simple sentences."
3. "I can request and provide information by asking and answering practiced and some original questions on familiar and everyday topics, using simple sentences most of the time."
4. "I can request and provide information in conversations on familiar topics by creating simple sentences and asking appropriate follow-up questions."
5. "I can exchange information in conversations on familiar topics and some researched topics, creating sentences and series of sentences and asking a variety of follow-up questions."
6. "I can exchange information in conversations and some discussions on a variety of familiar and some concrete topics that I have researched, using connected sentences that may combine to form paragraphs and asking a variety of questions, often across various time frames."
7. "I can exchange information and ideas in discussions on a variety of familiar and concrete academic and social topics, using a few simple paragraphs across major time frames."
8. "I can maintain discussions on a wide variety of familiar and unfamiliar concrete topics of personal and general interest, and sometimes academic, social, or professional topics, by using probing questions and providing detailed responses across major time frames."
9. "I can discuss and sometimes debate a variety of complex concrete and some abstract academic, social and professional topics and often deal with related issues hypothetically, using precise questions and explanations."