Paris Fall Seminar - Fall 2015
French Language Courses

The French language courses are taught at the Skidmore Center in conjunction with the Skidmore in Paris: Liberal Arts, Language & Business program.

**JPFF 195 Intensive Oral & Written French** (4 credits)
This course will allow students to acquire the basic elements of spoken and written French. Students will learn how to express themselves in everyday life situations through a functional and communicative approach based on acquiring vocabulary, acquiring basics in grammar, and working on pronunciation. The ability to communicate and interact will be the major focus of this course. Rigorous weekly homework and active participation in class are expected from all students. Assignments will consist of studying and practicing dialogues, learning vocabulary, grammar and verbs, preparing oral and written activities, and reading documents. This course is designed for students who have no or very little knowledge in French. (Taught in French)

**JPFF 204 Low Intermediate French** (4 credits)
This course is designed for intensive study of the French language, including grammatical structures in written and oral. From excerpts from literature, newspaper articles and other formal and informal documents, students will develop their vocabulary and knowledge of French culture and civilization. Students will conduct short written assignments. Oral skills will be developed from songs and audio documents and various videos. More specifically in terms of communication, the course will require students to talk about events, characterize people describe situations, inform and educate, place in time and space, make plans and assumptions, and express desire and obligation. Students will thus have to develop the four skills of the CEFR, namely understanding and written production, comprehension and oral production. This course is designed for students that have taken some French but not FF 203. (Taught in French)

**JPFF 261 Grammar and Written French** (4 credits)
Students are required to take a placement test for admission to this course. There are 4 hours of class per week. Primary attention is given to the development of oral and written language skills and to the acquisition of grammatical structures. Oral and written exposés will be based upon extra class-room activities and visits. Final grades are based upon weekly quizzes and a final examination. An initial placement test is required for admission to this course. This course is designed for students that have taken FF 203, FF 206, or FF 208. (Taught in French)

**JPFF 361 Advanced Grammar and Composition** (3 credits)
Thorough study of French grammatical structures and nuances. This course involves intensive practice in expository writing on a wide variety of subjects. Students will analyze various French prose styles drawn from cultural, commercial, journalistic, and literary sources. They will also develop their own French prose style through exercises in sentence combination and expansion, paragraph contraction, letter writing, descriptions, reports, résumés, and commentaries. There will be frequent opportunities for students to appraise their own writing (through editing and re-writing) and that of their classmates in open seminar situations. This course is designed for students that have taken FF 208, FF 210 or higher. (Taught in French)