



Visages et textes du féminisme en France

de 1900 à aujourd'hui



Online French Course
6 weeks / 7 classes on Zoom
October 7 - November 18, 2021
Zoom classes on Thursdays at 3 pm CT.
\$350 | 5 participants



PHOTO CREDIT:

Couverture du *Deuxième Sexe*, Simone de Beauvoir, 1949 (Domaine public)

Rokhaya Diallo at the Caféministe event in 2018, LurKin, 2018 (CC BY-SA 4.0)

Des participants à une marche contre les violences sexistes et sexuelles à Paris, samedi 24 novembre 2018. (XAVIER AGON / AFP)

"Le manifeste des 343", 1971, *Le Nouvel Observateur*

Simone Veil, Rob C. Croes / Anefo — Nationaal Archief, Prinses Juliana bij uitreiking Four Freedoms Awards in Middelburg; koppen 23 juni 1984 (Domaine public)

"On ne tue jamais par amour", © Benoît Prieur / Wikimedia Commons, CC BY-SA 4.0

Affiche du film *Ouvrir la voix*, produit et réalisé par Amandine Gay, 2014,



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YOUR INSTRUCTOR

Bonjour ! I am Dr. Anaïs Boulard, founder of Dr. Anaïs, a service providing tailor-made private French lessons and online courses for adult learners since 2017. I have a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the University of Angers, France (2016).

I grew up in a tiny village in the northwest of France. Ten years ago, I spent a year in Iowa with the Fulbright Program to be a French Language Teaching Assistant.

This experience changed everything as I discovered a true passion for teaching French as a Second Language. I now live in the United States of America, in Washington D.C., where I run my own small business while also teaching courses for universities. I specialize in teaching French lessons to non-native learners: so far, I have taught over 3,000 private classes online! I also design online themed courses for a rich and inspiring language learning experience. I can't wait to share my passion with you!



COURSE DESCRIPTION

When it comes to French feminism, some may know the work of French philosopher Simone de Beauvoir, who wrote *The Second Sex (Le Deuxième Sexe)* in 1949. In her essay, among many other comments, she claims that French women do not get access to the same privileges as men, making them “second citizens” of French society. For decades after its publication, Beauvoir’s work fueled powerful thoughts and inspired social movements for more equality between men and women.

Seventy years later, a new kind of feminism arises, defined by activists from different backgrounds, identities, and opinions.



And yet, they express their outrage to be struggling with the same lack of justice and opportunities for women. But this time, the social issues that come from gender inequality - and the very definition of gender - integrate other complex components such as race, class, or education.

In this six-week class, you will go on a journey to better know the faces, movements, and texts that have contributed to gender equality in France for the past century. Through texts, videos, and in-class conversations, we will learn and discuss how French feminism has evolved, and what it looks like in our contemporary world. Each week, you will study new material in French to feed our weekly conversation on Zoom. This class will challenge you to use your French not only to explore a fascinating topic but also to share your ideas with other learners of the French language.

I cannot wait to explore this topic with you!



Fondé en 1897, le journal féministe *La Fronde* est le premier journal français à être entièrement organisé et créé par des femmes.

Aujourd'hui, le podcast "Kiffe ta race" présente les questions du féminisme sous de nouveaux angles incluant les questions raciales et sociales.



PRE-REQUIREMENTS

This course is ideal for advanced French learners (B2 to C2 level) who are looking to use their French outside of a traditional French language class. There is no other pre-requirement to enroll, aside from being able to interact in French and to understand videos and texts in authentic French (i.e. not conceived for French learners). If you are unsure of your level of French, please contact me at anais.boulard@gmail.com.

Come as you are with what you know or don't! Everyone is welcome!

COURSE MATERIAL

You do not have to purchase any books for this class: we will be working with a digital booklet designed specifically for this course, which will include all the documents and optional assignments. You will receive the digital booklet at the beginning of our class.



PROGRAM

Our course program may slightly change before the beginning of the class in October 2021. A definitive program will be shared then.

DATES	THEME
7 octobre 2021	Zoom 1 : Introduction
Semaine 1	Luttes féministes au début du XXème siècle
14 octobre 2021	Zoom 2
Semaine 2	Simone de Beauvoir, <i>Le Deuxième sexe</i>, 1949.
21 octobre 2021	Zoom 3
Semaine 3	Années 70 : Un mouvement de libération
28 octobre 2021	Zoom 4
Semaine 4	Avant et après le mouvement #metoo en France
4 novembre 2021	Zoom 5
Semaine 5	Féminismes, politique et médias dans le monde contemporain
11 novembre 2021	Zoom 6
Semaine 6	Qu'est-ce que le féminisme intersectionnel ?
18 novembre 2021	Zoom 7

COURSE DELIVERY

This online course will be both synchronous and asynchronous :



ASYNCHRONOUS

Every week, you will be given a reading goal and some material to go through to prepare for our meeting. You can cover the material at your own pace and enjoy reading, writing, and listening to French content.



SYNCHRONOUS

Once a week, the class will meet online to discuss the material. This will be the perfect occasion to speak in French! If you must miss a synchronous lesson, it's okay! Each lesson will be recorded and saved for the duration of the class.



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The learning objectives for this class are to...

- Discover French culture and better understand some social issues in France through the unique lens of feminism.
- Learn about the major “waves” of French feminism and be able to associate them with some major names, texts, and theories.
- Improve your speaking skills by interacting weekly in French.
- Improve your reading skills by covering the weekly materials in the booklet.
- Improve your listening skills by going over the optional material (“Pour aller plus loin”) proposed every week in the booklet, which contains a lot of podcasts and videos.
- Improve your writing skills by participating in the forum, where we will explore and discuss wider ideologies and ideas and share our opinions.
- Feel more comfortable with reading advanced texts in French (for example, excerpts from Simone de Beauvoir’s essay, *Le Deuxième sexe*).
- Hopefully, feel inspired and passionate about some incredible women, social progress, and new approaches to French culture and society :-)

DISCLAIMER

- This course is **not affiliated with any institution** and will not count for any credit nor give you any type of certificate.
- **Copyright:** All contents shared before, during, and after the class are **the intellectual property of Dr. Anaïs** and should not be shared without our consent.
- There is **no evaluation** aside from the correction of your assignments: enjoy yourself with no stress!
- Let me know if you have **a disability** and if I can make your experience in any way easier. I will adjust as much as possible to your needs!
- If you have any additional questions, contact me at **anais.boulard@gmail.com**.
- Cancellation/ Refund: If you have signed up for the class but want to cancel and be refunded, please contact me as soon as possible at **anais.boulard@gmail.com**. No refund will be issued once the class started or if you have to miss one of the Zoom meetings or a portion of the class, but I will make sure that you can catch up on the material for the next class.