



September 1, 2025

La rentrée

What we in the United States call "Back to School," the French use the more encompassing term: *la rentrée*, a time when everyone, not just students, return to their non-vacation schedules. It is a season of new beginnings. Many popular French authors publish this time of year, referring to it as *la rentrée littéraire*.

While our conversation groups continued throughout the summer, Alliance Française is returning to our own season of *la rentrée*. We are pleased to offer an additional Beginner 1 class. Princeton University is back with their annual *Seuls en Scène*, French Theater Festival. Our French Atelier History sessions are returning. Lastly, save the date for September 26th for a concert of French songs. Keep reading for more information on our activities.

Plus, if you have a favorite French recipe, please consider submitting it to AF USA. Details are below.

New Section of the Beginner 1 Class

Due to popular demand we are thrilled to announce we have added a Beginner 1 class to our schedule. Please visit our website at allianceprinceton.com to register for this or other French classes in our fall trimester.

Seuls en Scène

Princeton French Theater Festival

From September 12-21, Seuls en Scène, Princeton University's French Theater Festival, returns for their 14th year.

All shows are free, but advanced tickets are required. Visit <https://arts.princeton.edu/frenchtheater/> to make a reservation.



French History Ateliers

This fall we are pleased to offer three French History Atelier sessions: Last of the Bourbon Kings, Louis XIV and the Court at Versailles, and the origins of Bastille Day.

Our own Jean-Baptiste Berthelin's passion and insight brings a keen understanding and appreciation of the evolution and development of French society, culture and government.

All classes will be in English only. Sign up for one, two, or all three sessions.

Tuition

Members: \$50; Non-Members: \$60

Instructor: Jean-Baptiste Berthelin

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: All Saints Church, 16 All Saints Rd, Princeton, NJ 08540

Dates

The Last of the Bourbon Kings – September 13

Louis XIV and the Court at Versailles – October 11

The Origins of Bastille Day – November 15

Visit our website at

<https://allianceprinceton.com/product/french-history-ateliers/> to register.

Save the Dates:

Concert of French Music

Join us **September 26** at 7 PM at All Saints Church in Princeton to hear a guitarist and singer perform French songs.

Cinematic Tour of Princeton University

On **October 4th** Alliance Française will offer a cinematographic tour of Princeton University given by Yassine, a film expert and the spring film festival organizer.

Time: 11:00 AM

Price: \$10

Emails will be sent with more information.

Conversation Groups

On the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 11 am (this month on September 2nd and 16th) conversation groups meet with Gayle via Zoom. RSVP to her at grf1029@gmail.com for the link and other details.

In-person conversations continue to take place at McCaffrey's Princeton in their upstairs room on the second and fourth Monday. This month we will be meeting on Monday, September 8th and 22nd from 10 to 11:30 a.m. RSVP to gailbruno7@gmail.com.

The evening Zoom conversation group with John Penrod is returning on the third Wednesday of September, the 17th, at 6:30 pm. Please email John at tresbavard@yahoo.com for the link.

Participants can be at any level of French conversation.

Do you have a favorite French recipe?

The Federation of AF USA is planning to publish a cookbook of

favorite French and Francophone recipes from around the Alliance Française network in the US.

Please submit your recipes for consideration by SEPTEMBER 15, 2025. Our goal is to publish the cookbook for the 2025 holiday season.

Visit their website at: <https://www.afusa.org/blog/federation-of-af-usa-livre-de-cuisine/> to submit your favorite recipe.

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