

Course: French I

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Course Philosophy:

Learning another language brings one an awareness of the wider world. There is a certain excitement in being able to communicate with others in their language. You can experience the cultural adventure firsthand and at the same time gain a better understanding of your own language. Knowing another language is a sign of an educated person.

French requires only a joy of learning, a desire to speak and a willingness to accept the quirks of the language. This may be your first time learning a new language. If so, you have a blank slate on which to draw. You can go as far as you want with continued effort and a willingness to try.

Course Requirements:

Text: *Discovering French Bleu* (D.C. Heath)

One section of a 3-ring notebook for notes and homework

Consistent Work

Grading Procedure: Your trimester grade will be determined by the following assessment methods whose weighting factors are given below:

Speaking: 10%

Daily Preparation and Class Participation: 10%

Quizzes and Tests: 55% (Announced)

Trimester Exam: 25%

Homework and Classroom Policies:

1. You will have a homework assignment every day which is required to complete (practicing pronunciation and learning vocabulary are homework too) and must be handed in on time on the day it is due., otherwise it is late and will lower your participation grade.

2. Bring your book, notebook, and pencils or pens and a willingness to learn to class each day.
3. No food, chewing gum or drinks, other than water, are permitted in class.
4. Come to Academic Help. I am always here to help.
5. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to get the assignment and to do it. This includes studying for tests. Your assignment will always be written on my board.
6. Be respectful of others. Learning a new language comes at different stages for each person.
7. Cheating or plagiarism will result in a zero.
8. Speak French as much as you can in class. The more you practice, the better you become! Listening to the other students will help your language acquisition too.
9. Have fun! You will learn more if you relax and enjoy this new environment.

First Trimester:

August: France and French Cognates

Alphabet

Names

Greetings

Conversation

September: Accents

How are you?

Numbers

Time

Conversation

Family

Friends

October: Conversation

Money and How much is this?

Conversation

Food and Drinks

Hunger and Thirst

Days of the Week and Months of the Year

Weather and Seasons

November: Conversation

Oral Part of Exam (25 points)

Review for exam

Second Trimester:

November: Conversation
-er Verbs
Je veux/Je peux (I want/I can)
Negative Sentences
December: Conversation
Verb: Etre and Vocabulary
Formation of Questions
January: Verb: Faire and its Expressions
Conversation
Adjectives
Plural Nouns
Conversation
February: Verb: Avoir
Possessions, Descriptions, Personal Objects
Adjectives: Placement and Usage
Colors
Conversation

Third Trimester:

February: Conversation
Unique Adjectives
Verb: Aller and its Usage
Conversation
March: Places
Prepositions
La Maison (The House)
Conversation
April: Verb: Venir and its Usage
Prepositions: A and De and their Usages
Possessive Adjectives
Conversation
Sports and Music
May: -ir and -re Verbs Groups
Clothing
(Past Tense, if time)
Oral Part of Final Exam
Review for Final Exam

