

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)

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:

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| 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 |

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

Course Outline: French I

I. Introduction

- A. French Speaking Countries
- B. French Cognates
- C. Connections to Other Languages
- D. Ask for and Give Name
- E. Greetings
- F. Ask How Someone Is and Say How You Are
- G. Accents
- H. Alphabet

II. Grammar

- A. Subjective Personal Pronouns
- B. Formal vs. Informal – Expressions for You
- C. Numbers
 - 1. 0 – 999,000
 - 2. Money
- D. Time
- E. Nouns
 - 1. Masculine and Feminine
 - 2. Plural
- F. Articles
 - 1. Definite
 - 2. Indefinite
 - 3. Agreement
- G. Adjectives
 - 1. Masculine and Feminine
 - 2. Plural and Agreement
 - 3. Position
 - 4. Possessive
- H. Interrogatives
 - 1. Placement
 - 2. Formation
- I. Contractions
 - 1. de le → du
 - 2. a le → au
- J. Prepositions
- K. Verbs
 - 1. Irregular Verbs – Present Tense
 - a. Aller
 - b. Avoir
 - c. Etre
 - d. Faire
 - e. Venir

2. Expressions Using Irregular Verbs, i.e. hunger, thirst, etc.
3. Regular Verbs – Present Tense
 - a. –er Verbs
 - b. –ir Verbs
 - c. –re Verbs
4. Verb Phrases
 - a. aimer + infinitive
 - b. aller + infinitive
 - c. Il faut + infinitive
5. Negation
6. Past Tense (regular)

III. Vocabulary

- A. Family
- B. People and Friends
- C. Days of the Week
- D. Months of the Year
- E. Seasons
- F. Weather
- G. Classroom Objects
- H. Places and Transportation
- I. Colors
- J. Rooms in a House
- K. Personal Objects
- L. Food and Drinks
- M. Wants and Needs

IV. Culture

- A. Customs
- B. Conversation

V. Writing

- A. Complete sentences at all times
- B. Descriptions
 1. Family
 2. House
 3. Activities

VI. Reading

- A. Dialogues
- B. Cultural Selections
- C. Multi-paragraph selections answered in French in complete sentences

VII. Listening

- A. Video Program
- B. Computer Program

- C. Other Students and Instructor
- VIII. Speaking
 - A. Conversation
 - B. Practice Dialogues