

Course: French III

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Course Philosophy:

This course provides an opportunity to further enhance and perfect the skills acquired in the first two years of French. Through class discussion, reading and writing, you will broaden your knowledge of French, French culture and French history. We will focus on the skills needed to communicate at a more sophisticated level. Grammar is still at the heart of advancing in the language but the emphasis is on fluency. Speaking French in class is obligatory. We will spend part of one period every week talking in French about whatever we want.

Course Requirements:

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

Various Handouts

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

Consistent work

Grading Procedure: Your trimester grade will be determined by the following assessments, which are weighted as follows:

Class Participation and Homework:	10%
Speaking:	10%
Quizzes:	35%
Paragraphs and writing assignments:	20%
Trimester Exam:	25%

Homework and Class Policies:

1. Homework, including reviewing, reading and studying, is required, not optional. Complete your work for the day it is due, otherwise, it is late and will lower your participation grade.

2. Bring your book, your notebook, pens or pencils and your homework to class each day. Bring your willingness to speak French as well.
3. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to get the assignment and do it. Your assignment will be written on my board.
4. No food, chewing gum, or drinks, except water, are allowed in class.
5. Come to Academic Help. I am here to help you excel.
6. Cheating or plagiarism will result in a zero.
7. Be respectful of others. We all learn in different ways. You will learn from others as well as me. Listening is a skill too.
8. Speak French in class. The more you use what you know, the better you will become.
9. Relax and enjoy French. You will be surprised at your progress.

First Trimester:

- August: Summer Reading
Conversation
- September: General Review: Daily Activities and Vocabulary
General Review: Verbs
Review: Past Tense
Conversation
- October: Imperfect Tense and its Usage
Writing: Conte de Fe (Fairy Tale)
Review: Replacement Pronouns
Conversation
Reading: "Les Trois Bagues"
- November: Physical Description
Review for Exam

Second Trimester:

- November: Conversation
Reflexive Verbs: Present and Past
La Toilette and Personal Care
Conversation
- December: Physical Condition and Emotions
Culture: Impressionism
Discussion of artists
- January: Domestic Work
Description of Objects
Reading: "La Couverture"
History: French Kings and Heros; Charlemagne, etc.
- February: Discussion
History: Famous French Figures
Vacation: Pleasures and Problems

Third Trimester:

- February: Conversation
Future Tense and its Usage
- March: Complex Tenses
Writing: Use of Complex Tenses
Conversation
- April: Use of "Si" (If)
Conversation
Reading: More Historic Figures: Jeanne d'Arc, etc.
Reading and Discussion: Short Stories
Film: "Cyrano de Bergerac"
- May: Relative Pronouns
Reading and Discussion: "La Parure"
Review for Final Exam

Course Outline: French III

I. Grammar

- A. Review of:
 - 1. Nouns
 - 2. Adjectives
 - 3. Verbs – Present and Past Tense
 - 4. Interrogatives
 - 5. Vocabulary
- B. Verbs
 - 1. Reflexive Verbs
 - 2. Imperfect Tense
 - 3. Future Tense
 - 4. Present Conditional Tense
 - 5. Past Conditional Tense
 - 6. Pluperfect Tense
 - 7. Future Perfect Tense
- C. Use of “si” (If)
- D. Replacement Pronouns
- E. Relative Pronouns
- F. Vocabulary
 - 1. Physical Description
 - 2. Personal Care
 - 3. Physical Condition and Emotions
 - 4. Vacation: Pleasures and Problems
 - 5. Activities
 - a. Weekend
 - b. Domestic Chores
 - 6. Object Description

II. Culture

- A. Selected Readings and Discussions of Historic Figures and Events
- B. Cultural Traditions
- C. Conversation and General Discussion

III. Readings

- A. “La Dernière Classe”
- B. “Les Pêches”
- C. “La Parure”
- D. Selected Stories

IV. Speaking

- A. Weekly conversation on Everyday Topic
- B. Discussion of Current Material from Class

V. Listening

- A. Conversations with other students
- B. Dialogues and discussions