

**GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE  
DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, EDUCATION, AND COMMERCE  
FALL 1999**

**FRENCH 0120**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

- INSTRUCTOR:** L.P. (Ron) Woolley, B.Ed., M.A., A.B.D.
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- COURSE TITLE:** Beginner's French I
- CREDITS:** French 0120 carries 5 College credits. As well, French 0120 and French 0130 combined are equivalent to the University of Alberta's French 100, worth 6 University transfer credits.
- CLASS TIMES:** Tuesday & Thursday at 8:30 - 9:50 and Friday at 10:30 - 12:20
- COURSE DESCRIPTION:** French 0120 and 0130 together are equivalent to the French 10, 20, and 30 program in high school. Obviously, because our two courses include approximately the same content contained in the three-course high school program, they are fairly intense.
- Nevertheless, you should understand that French 0120 is a beginner's course. No prior knowledge of French is required or expected. In French 0120, you will be introduced to all four language skill areas - listening, speaking, reading, and writing. You will practice the sounds of French and their relationship to spelling. You will learn basic vocabulary, common expressions for conversation, and simple sentence structures, including how to ask questions and how to answer them - in the present, the future, and the past.
- If you already have credit in high school French 20, you should probably begin your study at the College in French 0130.
- TEXTS:**
1. Valette and Valette: Contacts (6<sup>th</sup> ed) - Textbook.
  2. Valette and Valette: Contacts: Cahier d'activités (6<sup>th</sup> ed) - Workbook/lab manual.

## ACTIVITIES:

This course is based primarily on the first 15 lessons of Contacts. The textbook presents vocabulary and structures linked to various themes and provides practice exercises. Most of our in-class time will focus on the textbook material.

Besides the textbook, there is a combined workbook/lab manual. You should acquire both books immediately.

The oral (taped) and written exercises in the workbook/lab manual section of your Cahier will give you supplemental practice using the vocabulary and structures introduced in each lesson. You will be completing many of these activities during Friday's "lab" period.

A weekly "lab" test will also be included; thus, regular attendance at all classes and labs is essential.

## ASSIGNMENTS:

Both oral and written assignments will be required. These are to be completed and submitted on time. A 5% penalty per day will be applied after due dates.

You will be required to do two short oral presentations and write one short essay!

### *Oral Presentations*

Pick any two "communication" activities found at the end of the Contact lessons (see, for example, p. 187) to prepare and present without the use of script. No presentation, even if done with a partner, should be more than 5 minutes in length.

### *Essay*

Write approximately 150 words on one of the following topics:

- ★ Vox vacances préférées
- ★ Votre passetemps favori
- ★ Un accident que vous avez eu
- ★ Un restaurant que vous aimez, ou votre cuisine préférée
- ★ Votre famille
- ★ Votre saison préférée
- ★ La vie au Collège régional de Grande Prairie

## EXAMS:

There will be a final exam worth 30% and a mid-term valued at 25%. In addition, several quizzes and tests will be given. Major exams will include written and oral components. **PLEASE PLAN** to take exams on the dates scheduled. Do not request makeups; only verified illness will justify a makeup. The final exam is scheduled by the Registrar. Do not plan family trips that would take place during the examination period.

### ATTENDANCE:

Language acquisition depends on contact with and use of the language. You are, therefore, urged to avail yourself of every possible opportunity to hear, speak, and read French (TV, radio, magazines, etc.). Above all, as new language structures will be introduced daily, class attendance is essential. Your habits related to punctuality, attendance, and participation will undoubtedly manifest themselves in your grades.

### CALCULATION OF FINAL GRADE:

|  | <u>%</u>  |
|--|-----------|
| Quizzes (Mark calculated on best 10 of 12) | 20        |
| Labs: Completion and Tests                 | 10        |
| Oral Presentations (2)                     | 10        |
| Essay                                      | 5         |
| Mid Term Exam                              | 25        |
| Final Exam                                 | <u>30</u> |
|  | 100       |

**FRENCH 0120 – FALL 1999  
SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND TESTS**

| WEEK OF                               | CONTACTS                                    | TESTS   | OTHER   |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Sept. 7<br>(Sept. 6 – Labour Day)     | Introduction<br>Leçons 1/2                  |   | Have you purchased your books?  |
| Sept. 13                              | Leçons 3/4                                  | (1) Sounds/Spellings                                    |   |
| Sept. 20                              | Leçons 4/5                                  | (2) Vocabulaire   |   |
| Sept. 27                              | Leçons 5/6                                  | (3) Verbes en "er"                                      | Have you attended all classes?  |
| Oct. 4                                | Leçons 6/7                                  | (4) Expressions Interrogatives                          |   |
| Oct. 12<br>(Oct. 11 – Thanksgiving)   | Leçons 7/8                                  | (5) Vocab./Genre<br>(6) Adjectifs                       | <u>First Oral Presentation</u> to be completed by Oct. 15 (Any "communication" role-play from Leçons 4-8) |
| Oct. 18                               | Leçons 8/9                                  | MID-TERM EXAM - Oct.21                                  |   |
| Oct. 25                               | Leçons 9/10                                 | (7) Vocabulaire   |   |
| Nov. 1                                | Leçons 10/11                                | (8) Vocab./Possession                                   |   |
| Nov. 8<br>(Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day) | Leçons 11/12                                | (9) Adjectifs interrogatifs et démonstratifs            |   |
| Nov. 15                               | Leçons 12/13                                | (10) Prépositions                                       |   |
| Nov. 22                               | Leçons 13/14                                | (11) Verbes du 2 <sup>e</sup> type/Présent et impératif | <u>Essay</u> due by Dec. 10   |
| Nov. 29                               | Leçons 14/15                                |   | <u>Second Oral Presentation</u> to be completed by Dec. 7 (Any "communication role-play from Leçons 9-15) |
| Dec. 6                                | Catch-up                                    | (12) Le passé composé                                   |   |
| Dec. 13                               | <b>FINAL EXAM AS SCHEDULED BY REGISTRAR</b> |   |   |

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