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Student Services
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FRENCH 120
SECTION A2
COURSE OUTLINE

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Otherwise, by appointment.

Course Description

Location : E 304 (Language Lab)
Timetable : Monday - Friday, 8.00 - 8.50

This is an introductory course which will introduce the beginner to reading and writing French, and will also develop basic aural / oral skills. It is designed to enable students who have completed matriculation requirements, but without French, to begin their study of this language for university credit. No prior knowledge of French is expected. When followed by French 130, it will give the student a background equivalent to that obtained in French 30, and successful completion will allow him / her to advance to first year university level French. A student who has credit in French 20 (or an equivalent background in French) will normally be placed in French 130.

French 120 may also be taken as an academic upgrading option. Due to the necessarily fast pace of the course, however, it is recommended that students with no background in the language register in the Academic Development stream (French 110A, 120A and 130A), especially those whose English placement is at or below the 120 level. Thus students have the opportunity to cover the same material as in French 120 / 130 in three semesters instead of two.

Texts

Valette and Valette : Contacts (4th ed.) Textbook

Valette and Valette : Contacts (4th ed.) Cahier
d'exercices

You will be expected to acquire a copy of both the textbook and the exercise book by the second class, as these represent the principal material for the course. You will also need at least one blank cassette tape for lab exercises and exams.

In French 120, we will cover approximately half of the lessons in Contacts. The good news is that we will continue with the same text in French 130.

Attendance

As new language structures will be introduced daily, class attendance is deemed essential. A pattern of missing classes will eventually manifest itself in poor performance and failing grades. Class participation is strongly encouraged !!! A student who has missed a total of ten classes in any semester without demonstrating just cause for the absences, and whose average for the term is below fifty percent, may, at the discretion of the instructor, be barred from writing the final exam.

Activities

Mondays will be lab days (Tuesdays following Thanksgiving and Remembrance Day weekends). Please remember to bring your blank cassettes and your workbooks. You will then hand in your workbooks on the following day. All exams will be on Fridays, except for the midterm oral (see below). Besides the text, you will be working with worksheets, short readings, poems and songs.

Exams and Assignments

There will be six quizzes, each worth four percent. At the end of the semester, the lowest mark attained will be dropped. Thus, the remaining five will provide twenty percent of the final grade.

There will also be a midterm, valued at twenty-five percent, and a final worth thirty-five percent. All exams include a written and an aural component. The midterm and final exams have an oral component also.

The remainder of your grade will be made up as follows :

one oral report, to be delivered at a pre-chosen time during the last week of the term, worth five percent

one essay, due on or before the last day of class, worth five percent

ten weekly lab assignments, each worth one percent.

Although no grade has been assigned for class participation, a discretionary five percent extra can be obtained by those whose input adds to the quality of the course. In other words, brownie points are available!

Exam / Assignment Timetable

Note these dates well! Please be prepared to take the exams on the dates scheduled. "I didn't have time to study", "I forgot it was today", etc. are not acceptable reasons to request retakes. Sorry!

Quiz 1	Friday September 13	
Quiz 2	Friday September 27	
Quiz 3	Friday October 11	
Quiz 4	Friday November 8	
Quiz 5	Friday November 22	
Quiz 6	Friday November 29	
		Total: 20%
Midterm :	(Aural) Thursday October 24 (Oral) Thursday October 24 (Written) Friday October 25	25%
Final :	(Aural) Friday December 6 (Oral) Friday December 6 (Written) Scheduled by the Registrar	35%
Essay :	Friday December 6	5%
Oral report :	Between Monday December 2 and Thursday December 5	5%
Lab assignments :	Tuesdays September 17, 24 October 1, 8 Wednesday October 16 Tuesdays October 22, 29 November 5 Wednesday November 13 Tuesdays November 19, 26	10%
		<u>100%</u>

If you budget your time wisely/, there should be few problems in keeping to the schedule.

Essay Topics

Choose one of the following. 150 - 200 words. **Double-spaced, in ink.**

- 1) L'homme ou la femme idéal(e).
Comment est-il (ou elle) ?
Que fait-il (ou elle) ?
Où habite-t-il (ou elle) ?
- 2) Les vacances de Noël.
Où vas-tu ?
Avec qui ?
Qu'est-ce que tu vas faire ?
- 3) Mon (ma) meilleur(e) ami(e)
Comment est-il (ou elle), etc.

Oral Report Topics

Choose one of the following topics, and be prepared to discuss it for approx. three to five minutes. You may use any aids you like (e.g. slides, pictures, audio tapes, etc.)

- 1) Mon passe-temps favori.
- 2) Mon chanteur (ma chanteuse) favori(te)
- 3) Mon émission favorite à la télévision.

Et maintenant - parlons français !