

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, EDUCATION AND COMMERCE

2002/03
FR1500 (3-0-2)

COURSE OUTLINE

- Instructor: Eva Abbas, MA., Maîtrise FLE, Ph.D.
- Office: C425 Telephone: 539-2049
- Office Hours: TBA
- Course Title: First Year University French
(Full Year Course - 6 UT credits)
- Prerequisite: French 30 or equivalent
Please note: *Francophone and immersion students should enrol in FR1100/1110.*
- Class Times: Wednesday, Friday: 13:00 - 14:20
Lab Times: Monday: 14:30 - 16:20 (subject to change)
- Classroom: E 302
- Texts:
- 1) Hirsch et. al. Ensuite: Cours intermédiaire de français, 3e éd., 1998
 - 2) Hirsch et. al. Ensuite: Cahier de laboratoire et d'exercices écrits, 3e éd., 1998
 - 3) A high quality (normal bias) c90 cassette tape (eg. Sony, TDK, etc.)
 - 4) Recommended: A good French/English - English/French dictionary.

Course Description:

First year University French provides for continuing growth toward proficiency in each of the four language skills areas: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Class time is devoted to oral and written work in theoretical and applied grammar, reading and discussion.

As the approach taken in this course is, to a significant degree, communicative, oral and written assignments and in-class activities provide opportunities for both free and controlled expression. Classes will be conducted in French.

The Ensuite program provides opportunities for you to become more familiar with basic French structures (such as verb tenses, adjectives, pronouns, etc.) and more at ease in carrying out tasks using these forms (such as asking and answering questions, describing and narrating in past, present and future time frames, dealing with common life situations, expressing opinions, and hypothesizing). The readings and accompanying exercises provide additional skill-building opportunities and introduce you to aspects of French culture and civilization.

All classes are held in E302. This facility doubles as a classroom and language laboratory. Its multipurpose design allows us to vary our activities during any given period. However, essentially three hours per week (the Wednesday and Friday classes) will centre on the grammar and communicative activities while the 2 hours lab will be devoted to the readings and to completion of lab (tapes and manual) and workbook exercises. Bear in mind that the scheduled lab times may not provide sufficient opportunity for you to practise; you will probably need to spend additional personal time in the laboratory or at home on these materials.

Attendance at labs is just as important as attendance at the Wednesday and Friday classes and it has proved to be a big factor in student success in language learning. Your attendance will be checked and noted.

Assignments:

In French 1500, the emphasis will be on many assignments rather than a few major ones.

Most exercises in the textbook and workbook are to be completed; the workbook is to be handed in after each chapter.

You will be required to complete 10 of the 18 "compositions" which occur at the ends of the Ensuite chapters. All are to be written and handed in (150-200 words) and five of them are to be presented orally in front of the class. Strict adherence to due dates will be required.

Extra-Curricular
Activities:

Language acquisition depends on contact with and use of the language. You are, therefore, urged to avail yourself of every possible opportunity to listen to, speak and read French. Here are some suggestions:

- 1) Speak French at all times in French class and with fellow French students and French-speaking staff.
- 2) Find (a) classmate(s) to work with on a regular basis in completing assignments and preparing for exams.
- 3) Watch French television and videos.
- 4) Listen to French radio.
- 5) Read French newspapers, magazines and other materials available in the Library; i.e. Paris Match, L'Actualité and available on the Internet.
- 6) ...

Attendance and
Participation:

This course stresses oral/aural skills as well as structures and vocabulary most readily acquired in a communication context. Thus your habits related to punctuality, attendance and participation in class will undoubtedly manifest themselves in your grades.

Calculation of
Final Grade:

Compositions	10%
Lab work (<u>Cahier</u>)	10%
Chapter Tests	10%
October Exam (written and oral)	15% (10% & 5%)
December Exam (written and oral)	15% (10% & 5%)
February Exam (written and oral)	15% (10% & 5%)
Final Exam (written and oral)	25% (15% & 10%)

Note: The four exams include both oral and written parts. A portion of the oral part may consist of preparing and presenting one of the "Jeux de rôles" activities found in the exercises of the Ensuite chapters.

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SEMAINE DU	CHAPITRE	TESTS ET EXAMENS	DATES LIMITEES POUR LES 10 COMPOSITIONS
4 sept.	Introduction		
6 sept.	Chapitre 1		
9 sept.	Chapitre 2	Chapitre 1	
16 sept.	Chapitres 2/3	Chapitre 2	
30 sept.	Chapitre 3		1ère Comp. (Chap. 1 ou 2): le 27 sept. au plus tard
7 oct.	Chapitre 4	Chapitre 3	
14 oct. (le 14 = la Fête des Grâces (Thanksgiving))	Chapitres 4/5	Chapitre 4	2 ^e Comp. - (Chap. 3 ou 4): le 11 oct. au plus tard
21 oct.	Chapitres 5/6	EXAMEN DE MI-SEMESTRE (incl. Jeux de rôles) Chapitres 1-5	
28 oct.	Chapitre 6		
4 nov.	Chapitres 6/7	Chapitre 6	3 ^e Comp. (Chap. 5 ou 6): le 6 nov. au plus tard
11 nov. (le 11 = Remembrance Day)	Chapitres 7/8	Chapitre 7	
18 nov.	Chapitres 8/9	Chapitre 8	4 ^e Comp. (Chap. 7 ou 8): le 15 nov. au plus tard
25 nov.	Chapitre 9		
2 déc.	Révisions	Chapitre 9 Jeux de rôles	5 ^e Comp. (Chap. 9 ou autre): le 29 novembre au plus tard
6 déc.	dernier jour de cours		