

Course Title: French I 755

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Goals and Objectives

Course Description: The student is introduced to Francophone cultures and will learn to perform basic linguistic functions in all four modes: speaking, listening, reading and writing but with an emphasis on speaking and listening. Some of the functions include greeting, thanking and taking leave of someone; making introductions, invitations, complaints, excuses and predictions; asking for, giving and restating information; agreeing, disagreeing, negotiating and insisting; expressing opinions, need, emotions, and intentions; ordering food and beverages, asking for prices, time and permission; describing daily routines, physical and character traits and family members; identifying nationalities and professions; and purchasing items

All Modern Language courses are based on proficiency principles as promulgated by *the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)*.

Big Ideas

- being able to function in a variety of basic situations by speaking, reading, writing, or listening to French.
- acquiring knowledge of the Francophone cultures
- learning how to function in a diverse society using language as an instrument to bring about better understanding of the relationship between the Francophone and Anglo cultures.

Established Goals

Goal 1 Communication: Communicate in French

- Students will speak, read, write, listen, and comprehend French on a basic level as part of the language learning process.

Goal 2 Culture: Gain knowledge and Understanding of the Francophone culture

- Students will learn the background knowledge about Francophone culture in preparation for the National French Exam.

Goal 3 Connections: Connect with other disciplines and expand knowledge

- Students will recognize those elements in English which are related to French.

Goal 4 Comparisons: Develop insight into own language and culture

- Students will compare and contrast their own culture with that of the Francophone world.

Goal 5 Communities: Participate in wider communities of language and culture

- Students will use their knowledge of Francophone culture in a world of diverse cultures.

Enduring Understandings

1. Express present actions and events;
2. Describe people, places, and things;
3. Identify past actions and events;
4. Express future actions and plans;
5. Speak and write about everyday life;
6. Demonstrate the use of appropriate expressions, both formal and informal, gestures, greetings and farewells, and other common expressions in the target language;
7. Identify and describe in English how people in the target culture celebrate important traditions, holidays and cultural events.
8. Identify cultural differences and similarities that exist between the target and home cultures relative to family, religion, education and special occasions.

Course Outcomes

By the end of the course, the learner will be able to:

1. Understand, speak, read, and write basic French in sentence-length expression that is comprised of learned material.
2. Participate in basic conversation by applying questioning skills and knowledge of vocabulary and verb forms/tenses.
3. Understand spoken and written instructions and directions as well as relate them to the teacher or other students.
4. Read and comprehend basic written French by using learned material and context clues.
5. Develop an appreciation of the culture of the Francophone world and note comparison and contrast between own customs.
6. Read, write, and speak about the regional diversity within the target language and culture.

Essential Questions

- How is learning a foreign language relevant in today's society?
- How will understanding a foreign language help one make the world a better place?
- To what extent is studying a foreign language satisfying, enjoyable, and confidence building?

Knowledge

- Vocabulary
- Grammar
- Knowledge of Francophone civilizations and their contributions to society as a whole

Skills

LISTENING AND ORAL COMPREHENSION

The student will work toward being able to understand spoken French from a variety of speakers through teacher's instruction, in-class listening activities, and practice with peers. The student will understand spoken questions and statements about various topics in the present and past.

SPEAKING AND ORAL PROFICIENCY

The student will be able to make statements, ask questions, express opinions, and discuss basic aspects of life within the framework of the curriculum. Students will also incorporate previously learned material into their oral work. Oral proficiency will be attained through in-class practice with the teacher and peers as well as through oral quizzes.

READING

The student will be able to reach visual literacy by recognizing and interpreting written materials in French, such as basic instructions, signs, schedules, emails, and maps.

WRITING

The student will be able to supply written French on forms, e-mails, diaries, and other documents in sentence form applying grammatical concepts learned in class.

GRAMMAR

The student will be able to identify the concept of varying verbs, their forms, and their uses. In addition to vocabulary and sentence structure, the student will learn the present tense and the *passé composé* (past) tense.

VOCABULARY

The student will learn and be able to use vocabulary in areas such as greetings/good-byes, courtesy expressions, descriptive adjectives, numbers, alphabet, calendar terms, sports and activities, school, family, the house, food, clothing, parts of the body, stores, vacation, and holidays.

CULTURE

The student will be familiar with the prevalent use of the French language around the world. The student will recognize and appreciate the differences in culture between Francophone countries. The student will discuss traditions of Francophone culture as they differentiate and compare it to American way of life, such as greetings, hobbies, school, family, food, shopping, and holidays.

Assessments

HOMEWORK POLICY

In French class, there is no credit for doing homework. It is what students are expected to do. However, missed homework counts against students. For example, if you earn a 91.5 (a B+) during a grading period, one missed homework automatically lowers the grade by one letter step to a B. Two missed homeworks automatically lower the grade by two letter steps to a B-.

Homework is a student's key to success. It allows him to practice the tasks he will be required to perform in class, in oral presentations, and on quizzes, tests, and exams.

GRADING POLICY

- 25% Orals
- 50% Tests
- 25% Final

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TARDY/ABSENCE POLICY

The student guidelines are specific on the policy of tardiness and absences. If a student is tardy 3 or more times, a demerit (JUG) will be issued. If a student is absent, he will provide the teacher with a re-admit slip upon his return in order to receive credit for his missed work.

MAKE-UP POLICY

It is the student's responsibility to approach the teacher about missed work and make-up work. The amount of time given to complete make-up assignments depends upon the length of the student's absence. The teacher and the student will determine this timeline on an individual basis.

If a student is absent on the day of a test, he will make the test up at a time that is convenient to both the teacher and the student.

Methodologies and Instructional Strategies

Various methodologies are used in the classroom. The class will begin with a prayer each day, which will be student led and used as a way to get into the French mode. Lectures are used in order to teach new material. Throughout each chapter, CD's are used for listening exercises and students will make flashcards in order to practice vocabulary and prepare for oral quizzes. Vocabulary and grammar games are often used to review and learn new concepts as well.

Cooperative learning is essential in the French classroom because proficient communication is a highly important goal of the class. Students often learn with their peers through practicing their French together, working on assignments, or preparing for an oral quiz. When students prepare for a quiz, they will speak with another student with whom they did not practice in order to prevent memorization and encourage working toward normal conversation.

In order to learn a language, it is imperative to practice it through speaking. Thus, it is vital that students participate often in class. A large part of the oral grade will be based on pair and group activities in class.

Movies, music, and interactive tutors are also used in the classroom. The video program that accompanies the text, which follows Francophone teenagers through school and homelife, will be frequently implemented.

Computers and the internet are important tools as well. They will be used to help the students practice grammar skills along with allow them to become a part of the Francophone world. Using the internet, students can access French newspapers, radio, and television.

Learning Experience

*Lecture/class discussions

- * Activities via games, challenges, computer programs
- * Movies and class discussions
- * Co-operative learning activities

Intervention Strategies

- *Individual tutoring
- *Peer tutoring

Text

Textbook: *Bien Dit! Level 1* –Holt, Rinehart, and Winston 2008

Class Rules/Expectations

All students should respect each other, themselves, all property, and the teacher at all times. In foreign language, respect is most important because students must step outside their comfort zones and take risks to practice and learn. Disrespect will not be tolerated and will be dealt with according to school policy and the teacher's discretion.

The students will be presented with numerous opportunities for success in the class via homework and quizzes. The successful student will take advantage of these opportunities and consistently turn in complete homework that is complete and on time. Test will be challenging but students who are prepared will capitalize on their early preparation via quizzes and homework. If a student is struggling tutoring is available to them at a mutually acceptable time.

Technology Integration

- On-line textbook <http://my.hrw.com>
- Faculty web site <http://faculty.ignatius.edu/turner/>
- DVD's/Clips/Power

Academic Integrity Policy

Refer to student hand book for the school's policy regarding academic integrity.

Department Plagiarism Policy

Refer to student hand book for the school's policy regarding plagiarism.

Teacher Availability

During the school year, I will usually be available to students at school during the mornings between 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. on Monday-Friday and mostly everyday after school until around 4:00 p.m. If a student needs to see me at another time, arrangements will gladly be made.

*Parents: If you have any questions/concerns, I can be reached by email at MTurner@ignatius.edu .

Grades will be posted on Net Classroom every two weeks.

Units, Scope, and Sequence

Région: l'île de France

Chapitre 1 Salut, les copains !

Chapitre 2 Qu'est-ce qui te plaît ?

Région: La province de Québec

Chapitre 3 Comment est ta famille ?

Chapitre 4 Mon année scolaire

Région: L'Ouest de la France

Chapitre 5 Le temps libre

Chapitre 6 Bon appétit !

Région: Le Sénégal

Chapitre 7 On fait les magasins ?

Chapitre 8 À la maison

Région: Le Midi

Chapitre 9 Allons en ville

Chapitre 10 Enfin les vacances !