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School of Foreign Languages

FRN 101 French for Beginners I

Fall 2020

Course information

Course Credits: 4

Contact Hours: 54 hours

Class Time: 8:30 - 10:20

Classroom: P315

Instructor: TBA

Course Description

FRN 101 French for Beginners is designed for students who have not studied French or have little knowledge of French. This course aims to help students develop a basic proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Moreover, the course also exposes students to the francophone culture, including French in France, Quebecois French, Acadian French and others.

Note that the course is taught in French. At the beginning of the course, some English could be used. At the end of the course, instruction is conducted entirely in French.

Prerequisite(s)

N/A



Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to master:

Listening and Speaking Skills:

- Understand and orally participate in daily conversations;
- Use the vocabularies and grammar structures learnt in the class to exchange information regarding daily life, school life, shopping, etc.;
- Practice and correct pronunciation with the help of the instructor and their peers.

Reading and Writing Skills:

- Read and write simple French;
- Apply French vocabularies and grammar in reading texts and writing compositions;
- Read and write simple dialogues with given topics.

Methodology

Methodology	Hours	Hours of work Face-to-face	Hours of work Non Face-to-face
Lectures	40	78 hours (60%)	
Practice teaching	8		
Assessment	30		
Personal study	30		68 hours (40%)
Tasks	22		
Practical teaching preparation	10		
Bibliographic search	6		
Total	146	78	68



Textbook (s)

- **Textbook:** *Sur Le Vif*. Author: Hannelore Jarausch / Clare Tufts. Publisher: Heinle & Heinle Publication. Publication Date: January, 2005
- **Supplementary Reading**
 1. *French Three Years*, Blume, Eli; Amsco School Pubns Inc, 1994
 2. *Histoires Celebres*, McGraw-Hill Education, the 1st Edition (Jan. 1, 1993)

Rating system:

1. Assessment

ASSESSMENT ITEM	PERCENT OF FINAL GRADE
Assignments	30% (10% per assignment)
Quizzes	10% (5% per case)
Listening&Reading Tests	10% (2.5% per test)
Midterm	20%
Final exam	30%

2. Grading Scale

A+ 96-100	A 90-95	A- 85-89
B+ 82-84	B 78-81	B- 75-77
C+ 71-74	C 66-70	C- 62-65
D 60-61	F < 60	



Tasks and Evaluation

2 Assignments	20%
4 Quizzes	20%
2 Tests	10%
Midterm Test	20%
Final Exam	30%

According to the Soochow University Classroom Attendance Policy, class attendance is required. Students who miss the class for more than 2 times will get a penalty as 15% deduction from the cumulative grade. If the instructor reports a student's frequent missing of class to the Soochow University Academic Administration Office, the student might get a written warning and might be prohibited from attending final exam.

Assignments and quizzes are based on the course contents and questions discussed in class. Assignments should be completed in a T-account format. Every quiz is around 20-minute long. All quizzes must be completed before the due day. There will not be make-up quizzes.

Tentatively, midterm test will cover lec 1-10. The final exam will be in the last class. Every test is around 2-hour long. Note that there will be NO make-up tests and exams. Only non-programmable calculators can be used in the tests and exam. Any attempts to use electronic devices like cellphone, iPad, iWatch, laptops, etc. will be seemed as cheating.



Course Content

Week	Lesson	Content
1	1	Course Introduction and Overview
	2	La francophonie & le française dans le monde (1)
	3	La francophonie & le française dans le monde (2)
	4	Les études (1)
	5	Les études (2)
2	6	Les jeunes (1) Quiz 1
	7	Les jeunes (2)
	8	Les jeunes (2) (Cont.)
	9	Les immigrés (1)
	10	Les immigrés (2)
3	11	Listening Test 1 Reading Comprehension Test 1
	12	Les moyens de transports & la conduite
	13	Les moyens de transports & la conduite (Cont.) Midterm Exam
	14	Les voyages (1)
	15	Les voyages (2)
4	16	Quiz 2
	17	Les médias (1)
	18	Les médias (2)
	19	Revision grammaire
	20	Littérature française & francophone (poems, histoire and etc) (1)
5	21	Littérature française & francophone (poems, histoire and etc) (2)
	22	Films français (1)
	23	Films français (2)
	24	Listening Test 2 Reading Comprehension Test 2
	25	Final Exam



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Note:

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