

## SYLLABUS

*FRANCAIS 110*  
*Moravian College*  
*Foreign Languages Department*  
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### **Materials:**

- Text : HORIZONS. Third Edition, 2006. Manley, Smith, McMinn and Prevost.
- Cahier d'activites ecrites et orales.

### **Course Description and Objectives:**

This course shall focus on the development of oral and written skills, grammar, reading and simple composition. Purely linguistic skills will be complemented with a regular dose of cultural tidbits and discussions, with the goal of awakening in students awareness and an appreciation of the cultural context in which the French language is used. Our goal is to cover chapters 8 to 11 thoroughly by the end of the semester. Our study of each unit will end with a formal test designed to allow students to measure their mastery of the material covered. There will be a total of four tests, in addition to the final examination.

### **Course Requirements:**

It is imperative that students become thoroughly familiar with the material to be covered during each class session, and to complete all required aural and written drills before coming to each class week.

If you are ill on the day of a test, you must notify the instructor by phone or e-mail **before** class if you wish to be considered for a make-up. If you fail to notify the instructor by phone or by e-mail **before** class, you will receive a grade of zero. If you do wish to be considered for a make-up, it is **your** responsibility to discuss this with the instructor **before the next class meeting**

Do not ever use electronic translation engines on the internet to do your homework. Those are usually so bad that their use is immediately noticed. Moreover such practices are called cheating or plagiarism and, as such, they are reprehensible. If you have a problem in the class, please let me know. You are welcome to stop by my office and to discuss whatever concern you may have.

### **Attendance:**

You need to come to class and be on time. 0-3 absences will not be penalized, but may affect class performance. If you need to miss class for a valid reason, please let me know ahead of time so we can make arrangements for missed work. More than three absences will result in a lowering of the final grade (attendance's grade) by one point for every additional absence. The student would need to make arrangements to complete missed work.

Arriving late (10 min or more) to class more than four times will equal one absence.

### **Preparation and participation:**

Active participation in class is crucial for increasing conversational skills in French. Students are expected to arrive prepared to participate in all class activities by having studied the topics to be covered and having completed all assigned homework **on time**. Simply being present and taking notes does not constitute active participation.

No attendance, no participation at all : When a student is not in class, he/she gets a zero for that day regardless of the reason for that absence

**Grades** will be computed according to the following percentages:

<b>Attendance and participation :</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Homework:</b>	<b>: 15%</b>
<b>Tests (4):</b>	<b>: 50%</b>
<b>Final Exam:</b>	<b>: 25%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>: 100%</b>

**Evaluation:** Students' final marks for the course will be based on the four in-class tests, the final exam, regular attendance, active class participation, and the careful and timely preparation of homework assignments.

## **COURSE SCHEDULE**

### **January**

Monday 14 : Introduction / review  
Wednesday 16 : Chapter 8  
Friday 18 : Chapter 8

Monday 21 : **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
Wednesday 23 : Chapter 8  
Friday 25 : Chapter 8

Monday 28 : Chapter 8  
Wednesday 30 : Chapter 8

### **February**

Friday 1 : Chapter 8

Monday 4 : Chapter 8  
Wednesday 6 : Chapter 8  
Friday 8 : Test 1

Monday 11 : Chapter 9  
Wednesday 13 : Chapter 9  
Friday 15 : Chapter 9

Monday 18 : Chapter 9  
Wednesday 20 : Chapter 9  
Friday 22 : Chapter 9

Monday 25 : Chapter 9  
Wednesday 27 : Chapter 9  
Friday 29 : Test 2

### **March**

Monday 3 :  
to : **Spring recess**  
Friday 7 :

Monday 10 : Chapter 10  
Wednesday 12 : Chapter 10  
Friday 14 : Chapter 10

Monday 17 : Chapter 10  
Wednesday 19 : Chapter 10  
Friday 21 : **Easter recess**

Monday 24 : Chapter 10  
Wednesday 26 : Chapter 10  
Friday 28 : Chapter 10

Monday 31 : Chapter 10

**April**

Wednesday 2 : Test  
Friday 4 : Chapter 11

Monday 7 : Chapter 11  
Wednesday 9 : Chapter 11  
Friday 11 : Chapter 11

Monday 14 : Chapter 11  
Wednesday 16 : chapter 11  
Friday 18 : Test

Monday 21 : Chapter 11  
Wednesday 23 : Chapter 11  
Friday 25 : Chapter 11

April 28-May 3 : Final examinations