

SYLLABUS

FRANCAIS 100
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Materials:

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

Course Description and Objectives:

Our goal will be to cover the preliminary chapter and chapters 1, 2 and 3 in the course of this 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.

By the end of the semester students should be able to use full simple sentences and understand a short conversations. They should also understand the very fundamentals of French grammar and, ideally, develop a taste for it. Finally, they should be familiar with some basic culture aspects of contemporary France.

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.

Unless you have a very serious excuse there will be no make -ups for quizzes and tests missed. If you cannot come to class you must let me know **in advance** (if possible) and I will tell you whether your reason is legitimate or not. If you do wish to be considered for a make- up, it is **your** responsibility to discuss this with me **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:

Attendance and participation :	10%
Homework	: 10%
Quizzes	: 15
Tests (4):	: 40%
Final Exam:	: 25%
Total	: 100%

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

COURSE SCHEDULE

August

Monday 25 : Introduction/ preliminary chapter
Wednesday 27 : Preliminary chapter
Friday 29 : Preliminary chapter

September

Monday 1 : **LABOR DAY**
Wednesday 3 : Preliminary chapter
Friday 5 : Preliminary chapter

Monday 8 : Preliminary chapter
Wednesday 10 : Preliminary chapter
Friday 12 : Preliminary chapter

Monday 15 : Preliminary chapter
Wednesday 17 : **Test 1**
Friday 19 : Video and chapter 1

Monday 22 : Chapter 1
Wednesday 24 : Chapter 1
Friday 26 : Chapter 1

Monday 29 : Chapter 1

October

Wednesday 1 : Chapter 1
Friday 3 : Chapter 1

Monday 6 : **FALL RECESS**
Wednesday 8 : Chapter 1
Friday 10 : **Test 2**

Monday 13 : Video
Wednesday 15 : Chapter 2
Friday 17 : Chapter 2

Monday 20 : Chapter 2
Wednesday 22 : Chapter 2
Friday 24 : Chapter 2

Monday 27 : Chapter 2
Wednesday 29 : Chapter 2
Friday 31 : Chapter 2

November

Monday 3 : **Test 3**
Wednesday 5 : Video and chapter 3
Friday 7 : Chapter 3

Monday 10 : Chapter 3
Wednesday 12 : Chapter 3
Friday 14 : Chapter 3

Monday 17 : Chapter 3
Wednesday 19 : Chapter 3
Friday 21 : Chapter 3

Monday 24 : **Test 4**
Wednesday 26 : **Thanks giving**
Friday 28 : **Thanks giving**

December

Monday 3 : Video
Wednesday 5 : Chapter 3
Friday 7 : Oral presentation

Monday 10 : Review for final exam
December 12-19 : Final examinations