

FRENCH 101
Elementary French
Fall 2008



5 cr. • GRUE 310 • MTWR 5:30-6:45PM

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Required Texts

- Textbook: *Vis-à-vis* (3rd Ed.). Amon, Muskens, Omaggio Hadley. McGraw Hill, 2004.
- Workbook audio assignments can be accessed at:

http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/0072560320/student_view0/index.html

Course Objectives

This is a beginning level French course which is geared towards proficiency. We will be working on the four basic language acquisition skills of **READING, WRITING, SPEAKING,** and **LISTENING**. All of these language components are equally important and individual improvement in each area will be an important part of your final grade.

We will cover Chapitre 1 through Chapitre 7 this semester.

This course meets the requirements for the Core Perspectives on the Human Condition language component or Humanities degree requirement.

Format

This is a lecture course that heavily relies on student attendance and activity. You will be working individually and in pairs, doing dialogues, exercises, and oral practice. Multimedia instruction and games are also integrated into the learning process.

Evaluation and Grading Policy

Your grade will be determined as follows:

– Participation	5%
– Attendance	10%
– Homework/Labwork	15%
– Chapter Quizzes	50%
– Pop Quizzes (Presentation)	5%

Students are not graded on a curve.

NB This course will use plus-minus grading.

Grading scale

A+ 97-100	B+ 87-89	<i>C+ 77-79</i>	<i>D+ 67-69</i>	<i>F 0-60</i>
A 93-96	B 83-86			
<i>A- 90-92</i>	<i>B- 80-82</i>	<i>C 73-76</i>	<i>D 63-66</i>	
		<i>C- 70-72</i>	<i>D- 60-62</i>	

In principle every student could get an A, however, excellent study habits are essential for that. In order to get an A in this class you must be prepared on a daily basis, turn in all homework on time (you can expect to spend about an hour per day on homework and preparation) and do very well on the quizzes. As with any language, there is also a certain amount of memorization necessary, and daily preparation and homework will greatly help you in this. ***Don't expect to do this the night before an exam!*** There will be a quiz on every chapter and a comprehensive final exam. There will be a couple of pop quizzes or a presentation project.

As indicated above, participation and attendance make up 15% of your grade, and attendance will be taken on a daily basis. Also, it is expected that you participate in class by making an effort to communicate in FRENCH. If you find this aspect of the course difficult or embarrassing, remember that this is a beginning class, and please be patient with yourself and your fellow students! Effort and improvement are key concepts. Perfection is neither expected nor required.

TEN or more absences will mean an attendance/participation grade of F. The only exceptions to this are hospitalization, doctor-excused illness and pre-arranged university-sanctioned athletic trips. In the case of such exceptions please see me as soon as the situation arises in order to make arrangements for homework, activities and/or exams. When you miss classes, it is your responsibility to keep up with homework and assignments.

Homework must be handed in on time. You will not get any credit for late assignments. **No make-up tests will be given unless pre-arranged.**

Support Services

If you have problems or concerns see me as soon as possible. You must bring your textbook, homework, and quizzes when you come to my office. I will do my best to help you out. Students are also encouraged to take advantage of the language lab (608 Grue) which is equipped with computers, dictionaries, and other study materials. Working in

groups outside of the classroom is a great way to improve your language skills. I will work with the Office of Disabilities Services (203 WHIT, 474-7043) to provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities.

Please keep a respectful attitude in class. **No food or drink is allowed during class time since it is very distracting. Please remember to turn off cells phones and beepers during class session.** Be considerate of your fellow students and your professor.

I hope that all of us in this class will have a fun semester.

—Bonne Chance!

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Week		Lessons	Quiz
1	09/04	Chap. 1	Introduction
2	09/08	Chap. 1	
3	09/15	Chap. 1	# 1
<i>[Last day to drop class: Friday, Sept. 15]</i>			
4	09/22	Chap. 2	
5	09/29	Chap. 2	# 2
6	10/06	Chap. 3	
7	10/13	Chap. 3 / Chap. 4	#3
8	10/20	Chap. 4	
9	10/27	Chap. 4 / Chap. 5	# 4

[Last day to withdraw from class: Friday, Oct. 31]

10	11/03	Chap. 5	
11	11/10	Chap. 5 / Chap. 6	# 5
12	11/17	Chap. 6	
13	11/24	Chap.6	
14	12/01	Chap. 6 / Chap. 7	# 6
15	12/08	Chap. 7 & Last day of instruction—Review	

FINAL EXAM

Wednesday, December 17th