French 201

MWF 03:30-04:30P Gruening 401

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Required Texts: *Interaction*, textbook and workbook, 8th edition

Course description: French 201 is a second-year college-level French course designed for students who have taken one year of French (French 101 and 102) or have taken equivalent courses in high school. If you have any questions regarding your placement in this course, please contact me. French 201 gives students a solid foundation in thematic vocabulary, grammar and communication skills and introduces them to literary readings and broad cultural information.

Classroom Activities: This class will be conducted mostly in French. Always bring *Interaction* to class.

Attendance: Students may miss up to three classes during the semester without an excuse. Do not explain to me why you missed these three classes; I do not want to know. Excused absences include serious illness, family crisis or university sponsored non-social activities. Excused absences must be documented. I will be taking attendance daily and once your absences become frequent they will drastically affect your
participation grade. If you miss more than one third (1/3) of classes, you automatically fail the class.

Classroom Etiquette

- No chewing gum, food, or beverages! You will need to be able to speak clearly and loudly, free of any interference. No pagers and cell phones!

Homework: Homework must be handed in on the due date or the day after — no exceptions. All due dates will be clearly announced in class. Missed or late work will not be accepted except in case of an excused absence.

Grade:

Class participation 10%

Homework 20%

Quizzes 15%

Compositions/presentations 15%

Tests 20%

Final 20%

Grading Scale:

- 97-100% A+
- 93-96% A
- 90-92% A
- 87-89% B+
- 83-86% B
- 80-82% B-
- 77-79% C+
- 73-76% C
- 70-72% C
- 67-69% D+
- 63-66% D
- 60-62% D-
- less than 60 – F
Outcome assessment:

Students will be able to understand a short conversation, know all basic grammar structures, write cohesive French compositions over 2 pages long, ask all types of questions and read simplified original texts without the use of dictionary.

This outcome will be tested by:

Final exam

Students’ evaluations.