

University of Alabama at Birmingham
Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

French 101 Syllabus

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Goals:

The goals of this course include a beginning master or reading, writing, oral comprehension, oral communication, and knowledge of French culture. You will be tested on all of these aspects of language learning through written homework (including work with the tapes and the internet), classroom participation, and through periodic quizzes and exams.

Learning Outcomes: At the end of the class,

- 1) Students should be able to understand and appreciate everyday elements of all francophone cultures.
- 2) Students should be able to speak about chapter topics in French.
- 3) Students should be able to use the present tense of simple verbs and main irregular verbs, as well as use articles, prepositions, possessive and demonstrative adjectives, interrogative expressions, the near future, stress pronouns, numbers, expressions for time and weather. Students should be able to describe themselves and simple actions in the present.
- 4) Students should be able to read and understand French passages based on chapter topics and vocabulary.
- 5) Students should be able to comprehend spoken French passages based on chapter topics and vocabulary.
- 6) Students should be able to write in simple French based on chapter topics and vocabulary.

Textbooks:

Valette and Valette, Contacts. Langue et Culture Françaises (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2009), 8th ed.
And *Quia* passcard

Preparing daily assignments:

Daily practice is essential for mastery of oral comprehension and communication. Half an hour twice a day is more productive than two hours at one sitting. The key is frequent exposure for limited periods of time.

1. Prepare text:

BEFORE each class session, you need to prepare and study the assigned pages for that class.

- This means you:
- a) read the introductory reading selection,
 - b) prepare to answer oral questions on its content.
 - c) memorize the vocabulary of the lesson.
 - d) study the new grammar presented in the lesson
 - e) complete activities assigned by the instructor

2. Cahier d'activités: QUIA On-line Student Activities Manual (SAM)

AFTER class, you need to complete the assigned Student Activities Manual (SAM) activities on-line. Your instructor will expect you to raise questions about the material in the workbook, so that clarifications and additional explanations can be given in class. **IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU COMPLETE THE ASSIGNMENTS CLASS-BY-CLASS THROUGHOUT THE CHAPTER IN ORDER TO REINFORCE THE MATERIAL COVERED DURING EACH CLASS. Late work will not be accepted.** Each chapter's assignments will be graded based on the completeness and the quality of the work.

You will register for quia on-line. You must have your book key and the following instructor code _____

3. Lab assignments:

You will need to access the internet to complete your Lab Assignments. Complete each assignment and send it via email to your teacher. The sites that you will need to access are the following:

ACE Practice Tests:

<http://www.college.hmco.com/languages/french/valette/contacts/7e/students/ace/index.html>

Vivre en France Web Search Activities:

<http://www.college.hmco.com/languages/french/valette/contacts/7e/students/search/index.html>

You may use the Foreign Language Media Services computer lab in HB 412 to complete all your assignments, check out movies from our Foreign Films Collection. You can reach FLMS at 934-6035 and <http://www.uab.edu/foreignlang/flms/flmshome.html>

4. Cultural Events

Students are required to participate in at least **two** cultural activities to receive full participation in cultural events credit (see grading policies) during the semester. The purpose of this requirement is to expose you to languages and cultural events beyond the classroom for cultural and linguistic breath, ability to choose events that correspond to personal preferences, stimulate and motivate French acquisition beyond the classroom. Students must formalize their attendance on a sign-up sheet at every event.

Cultural Event Options

Le club de Francais

Join *Le club de Francais* and participate in all the activities that they offer. For a monthly schedule and more information visit the website at http://www.uab.edu/foreignlang/french_club.html.

Foreign Language Film Series

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures offers a series of foreign movies with English subtitles every semester (free admission). For the film schedule, visit <http://www.uab.edu/foreignlang/films> and click on Foreign Film Series (2008-09).

French Table, check web page

<http://www.uab.edu/foreignlang/languagetables.html>

Other Department of Foreign Languages cultural events, check flyers and web page, see <http://www.uab.edu/foreignlang/>.

***For your records:** I have attended the following cultural activities/events:

1. _____

2. _____

Grades:

Class participation: 15%	Unit Tests: 30%
Student Activities Manual (SAM): 15%	Final Exam: 15%
Lab Assignments (Internet), <i>Vivre en France</i> activities: 10%	Cultural Events : 5%
Oral Assessments (2 @ 5% each) : 10%	

Grading scale:

90-100 = A // 89-80 = B // 79-70 = C // 69-60 = D // 59 and below = F

Class preparation and participation: You are graded on the following factors:

- Being well-prepared for class
- Making positive contributions to the class
- Always using French in class
- Regular use of new vocabulary
- Recycling vocabulary from previous chapters
- Grammatically and phonetically correct answers
- Progress in the “skill of communication”
- Alertness and positive attitude

Attendance policy: Regular attendance is necessary to learn a foreign language. Repeated absences, tardiness, passivity, and silence will definitely be reflected in your course grade. For semester-length classes*, the Attendance Policy of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures is:

Class participation, contribution and actual speaking in the target language is crucial in order to learn a language, therefore class attendance is mandatory. Any absence is going to affect students’ class participation and final grade. If under special circumstances, students need to miss classes, the following attendance policy will be applied:

3-days a week classes: 2 % from the FINAL grade is deducted for EACH absence above 4. More than 9 absences will result in an AUTOMATIC “F”.

2-days a week classes: 2 % from the FINAL grade is deducted for EACH absence above 7. More than 7 absences will result in an AUTOMATIC “F”.

1-day a week classes (seminars): 2 % from the FINAL grade is deducted for EACH absence above 1. More than 3 absences will result in an AUTOMATIC “F”.

Example for 3-day classes:

Final grade = 93

6 absences (2 above maximum permitted) = $93 - 4 = 89\%$ final grade

10 absences = F

Example for 2-day classes:

Final grade = 90

6 absences (3 above maximum permitted) = $90 - 6 = 84\%$ final grade

8 absences = F

Example for 1-day classes:

Final grade = 95

2 absences (1 above maximum permitted) = $95 - 2 = 93\%$ final grade

4 absences = F

*The Attendance Policy will be adjusted for summer classes.

Other class policies:

- Exams must be taken on dates and at times indicated on your syllabus. Students who miss a test can only be considered eligible for a make-up if they present an official excuse or note from the doctor.
- Classes begin promptly at hours scheduled. More than 10 minutes late to class will be considered one absence, as well as leaving early. On exam days, the oral part of the test will not be repeated for latecomers.
- No credit will be given for homework turned in late.
- There is to be no eating in the classroom.
- Phones and pagers should be turned off and put away while in class.
- For better oral production, students will need to refrain from chewing gum in class.

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Early Alert System (EAS): UAB is increasing emphasis on retaining and graduating students. Faculty will use Banner to indicate which students are in danger of a D, F, or W grade, based on performance, attendance or both. EAS has been design to help students be more successful, so make sure you open emails with the EAS in the title, and take advantage of the support that UAB provides to help resolve any academic or non-academic difficulties you are having.

Class Schedule

Class day	Lesson to prepare	Homework
Tuesday, Aug. 19	Introduction, FLMS orientation and placement exam Unit 1, leçon 1	Learn useful phrases; Learn Numbers 0-12
Thursday, Aug. 21	Leçon 1: P. 2-8	Student Activities Manual 1-5, A-N
Tuesday, Aug. 26	Leçon 2: P. 10-16	SAM 1-5, A-K.
Thursday, Aug. 28	Leçon 3: P. 18-24	SAM 1-5, A-L
Tuesday, Sept. 2	Leçon 3: P. 18-24	Vie Practique A-F, Image du monde Francophone (IMF) A-E
Thursday, Sept. 4	Review: P. 25-29 Culture P. 30-35	Lab assignment: ACE Practice Test Leçons 1-3.
Tuesday, Sept. 9	Unit 1 Test	
Thursday, Sept. 11	Leçon 4: P. 38-46	SAM 1-5, A-N
Tuesday, Sept. 16	Leçon 5: P. 48-53	SAM 1-5, A-C
Thursday, Sept. 18	Leçon 5: P.54-56	SAM D-L
Tuesday, Sept 23	Leçon 6: P. 60-63	SAM 1-5, A-C
Thursday, Sept 25	Leçon 6: P. 64-67	SAM D-L, Vie Practique A-C
Tuesday, Sept. 30	Review: P. 68-71 Culture: P. 72-77	IMF A-E, ACE Practice Test Leçons 4-6
Thursday, Oct. 2	Unit 2 Test	Prepare for Oral exam
Tuesday, Oct. 7	Oral Assessment 1	
Thursday, Oct. 9	Leçon 7 P. 80-87	SAM 1-6, A-C
Tuesday, Oct. 14	Leçon 7 P. 88-93	SAM D-L
Thursday, Oct. 16	Leçon 8 P. 94-101	SAM 1-6, A-F
Tuesday, Oct. 21	Leçon 8 P. 102-107	SAM G-O
Thursday, Oct. 23	Leçon 9 P. 108-118	SAM 1-6, A-P
Tuesday, Oct. 28	Review: P. 119-123 Culture: 124-129	Vie Practique A-C, IMF B-E, ACE Practice Test Leçons 7-9
Thursday, Oct. 30	Unit 3 Test	
Tuesday, Nov. 4	Leçon 10 P. 132-136	SAM 1-4, A-D.
Thursday, Nov. 6	Leçon 10 P. 137-143	SAM E-L
Tuesday, Nov. 11	Leçon 11 P. 144-149	SAM 1-6, A-E.
Thursday, Nov. 13	Leçon 11 P. 150-155	SAM F-P
Tuesday, Nov. 18	Leçon 12 P. 156-161	SAM 1-5, A-D.
Thursday, Nov. 20	Leçon 12 P. 162-169	SAM E-L, Vie Practique A, C, F
Tuesday, Nov. 25	Review P. 170-173 Culture: P. 174-179	Prepare for a oral Assessment, IMF A-E
Tuesday, Dec. 2	Oral Assessment 2	Preparation for Final Exam & Review for Final Exam. ACE Practice Test Leçons 10-12
Thursday, Dec. 11 1:30-4:00	Final Exam	

