

University of Alabama at Birmingham
Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures
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French 101 Syllabus – 1B Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00-9:50 am

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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.
Heinle *iLrn* for Contacts

COURSE CODE : XCA433

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. Student Activities Manual (SAM) (on the iLrn website)

AFTER class, you need to complete the assigned Student Activities Manual (SAM) activities. 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.

3. ACE Practice Tests:

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://college.cengage.com/languages/french/valette/contacts/8e/ace/practiceace1.html>

You may use the Foreign Language Media Services computer lab in HB 412 to complete all of your assignments, check out movies from our Foreign Films Collection. You can reach FLMS at 934-6035 and <http://www.uab.edu/foreignlang/flmsite/index.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 breadth, to give you the ability to choose events that correspond to personal preferences, and to 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 Français

Join *Le club de Français* 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/frenchclub.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/Foreign-Film-Series-2009-10.html>.

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/>. Click on “Event Calendar.”

***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%
ACE Practice Tests: 10%	Cultural Events : 5%
Oral Assessments (2 @5%) : 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 4. 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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http://www.catalog.uab.edu/UAB-Catalog2004-2006/progress_toward_degree.pdf.

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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.

French 101-1B—Syllabus **Monday, Wednesday, Friday**

Class day	Lesson to prepare	Homework Due
August 19	Leçon 1	
August 21	Leçon 2	Learn useful phrases; Assigned iLrn Activities
August 24	Leçon 2	Assigned iLrn Activities
August 26	Leçon 2	Assigned iLrn Activities; ACE Practice Test 2
August 28	Leçon 3	Assigned iLrn Activities
August 31	Leçon 3	Assigned iLrn Activities
September 2	Leçon 3	Assigned iLrn Activities; ACE Practice Test 3
September 4	Révision	Assigned iLrn Activities
September 9	Unit 1 Test	Assigned iLrn Activities
September 11	Leçon 4	
September 14	Leçon 4	Assigned iLrn Activities
September 16	Leçon 4	Assigned iLrn Activities; ACE Practice Test 4
September 18	Leçon 5	Assigned iLrn Activities
September 21	Leçon 5	Assigned iLrn Activities
September 23	Leçon 5	Assigned iLrn Activities; ACE Practice Test 5
September 25	Leçon 6	Assigned iLrn Activities
September 28	Leçon 6	Assigned iLrn Activities
September 30	Leçon 6	Assigned iLrn Activities; ACE Practice Test 6
October 2	Unit 2 Test	Assigned iLrn Activities
October 5	Oral Assessment #1	
October 7	Leçon 7	
October 9	Leçon 7	Assigned iLrn Activities
October 12	Leçon 7	Assigned iLrn Activities; ACE Practice Test 7
October 14	Leçon 8	Assigned iLrn Activities
October 19	Leçon 8	Assigned iLrn Activities

October 21	Leçon 8	Assigned iLrn Activities; ACE Practice Test 8
October 23	Leçon 9	Assigned iLrn Activities
October 26	Leçon 9	Assigned iLrn Activities
October 28	Leçon 9	Assigned iLrn Activities; ACE Practice Test 9
October 30	Révision	Assigned iLrn Activities
November 2	Unit 3 Test	Assigned iLrn Activities
November 4	Leçon 10	
November 6	Leçon 10	Assigned iLrn Activities
November 9	Leçon 10	Assigned iLrn Activities; ACE Practice Test 10
November 11	Leçon 11	Assigned iLrn Activities
November 13	Leçon 11	Assigned iLrn Activities
November 16	Leçon 11	Assigned iLrn Activities; ACE Practice Test 11
November 18	Leçon 12	Assigned iLrn Activities
November 20	Leçon 12	Assigned iLrn Activities
November 23	Leçon 12	Assigned iLrn Activities; ACE Practice Test 12
November 30	Révision et Culture	Assigned iLrn Activities
December 2	Oral Assessment #2	
December 9	FINAL EXAM	8:00-10:30 AM