

**GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND EDUCATION**

FRENCH 0120 (5(5-0-0) HS/UT FALL 2006

COURSE OUTLINE

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- COURSE TITLE:** Beginner's French I
- CREDITS:** French 0120 and French 0130 combined are equivalent to the University of Alberta's French 100, worth 6 University transfer credits.
- CLASS TIMES:** Monday: 8:30-9:50 (E302)
Wednesday: 8:30 – 10:20 (E302)
Friday: 8:30-9:50 (E302)
- COURSE DESCRIPTION:** French 0120 and 0130 together are equivalent to the French 10, 20, and 30 program in high school. The course moves at a rapid pace because it covers approximately the same content contained in the three-course high school program. Nevertheless, French 0120 is a beginner's course and no prior knowledge of French is required or expected. For those who require a more basic introduction at a slower pace, French 0110 is offered in Spring session. In French 0120, you will be introduced to all four language skill areas - listening, speaking, reading, and writing. You will practice the sounds of French and their relationship to spelling. You will learn basic vocabulary, common expressions for conversation, and simple sentence structures, including how to ask questions and how to answer them - in the present, the future, and the past. If you already have credit in high school French 20, you should probably begin your study with French 0130.
- TEXTS:**
1. Valette and Valette: Contacts (7th ed) - Textbook.
 2. Valette and Valette: Contacts: Cahier d'activités (7th ed) - Workbook/Laboratory Manual.
 3. Recommended: a good French/English dictionary (Larousse, Le Petit Robert or Harrap's).

ATTENDANCE:

As new language structures will be introduced daily, class attendance is essential! Your habits related to attendance, punctuality and participation will undoubtedly manifest themselves in your grades.

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES:

This course is based on the first 15 chapters (leçons) of Contacts. The textbook presents vocabulary and structures, linked to various themes and provides practice exercises. Most of our in-class time will focus on the textbook material.

Besides the textbook, there is a combined workbook/lab manual, which will give you supplemental practice using language elements introduced in the textbook.

The workbook (written) exercises are to be completed on your own. The lab (oral) work will be completed in class.

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES:

Language acquisition depends on contact with and use of the language. You are, therefore, urged to avail yourself of every possible opportunity to hear, speak, and read French (TV, radio, magazines, etc.). Find someone to converse with, another class member to study and practice with. You are invited to go to the Contacts website (accessible via <http://college.hmco.com>) where you will find self-tests for vocabulary and grammar and informative links. If you find the lab work in class is not enough for you, you are welcome to make copies for home use.

ESSAY:

You are to write a short in-class essay (about 150 words) on one of the following topics:

- t vos vacances préférées
- t votre passetemps favori
- t un accident que vous avez eu
- t un restaurant que vous aimez, ou votre cuisine préférée
- t votre famille
- t votre saison préférée
- t la vie au Collège régional de Grande Prairie

You will complete this essay towards the end of the semester when you are better-founded in the language.

TESTING:

Regular self and instructor-administrated evaluation is the key to progress. Testing will take several forms:

1. **Chapter Quizzes** – Short written or oral quizzes to check your knowledge of vocabulary and/or grammar presented in the “Leçons”. Expect approximately one per week.
2. **Unit Tests** – Each “Unité” comprises 3 “Leçons”. Upon completion of the Unit, two tests will be given:
 - a. *Written Unit Test* – A half-hour test to examine your facility with the vocabulary and structures covered in the 3 chapters of the unit.

- b. *Oral Test* – Based on the “Vivre en France” section at the end of each unit. This section focuses on practical vocabulary and survival skills. For this test you will be randomly grouped with other students, with whom you will interact according to specific instructions. You will be marked as to the appropriateness, correctness and fluency of your individual responses.
- 3. **Final Exam** – A final, comprehensive exam consisting of both written and oral parts will be scheduled by the Registrar.
- 4. **Self-Evaluation** – There will be numerous opportunities to monitor your own progress. These include the workbook and lab manual exercises – especially the dictées” and “révisions” – for which answer keys are provided.

*Missed quizzes and exams may only be made up upon presentation of a doctor’s note.

CALCULATION OF FINAL MARK:

Quizzes	15%
Cahier d’activités	5%
Unit Tests (written)	20%
Unit Tests (oral)	20%
Essay	10%
Final Exam: Oral Component (10%) Written Component (20%)	<u>30%</u>
	100%

Grading Scale:

Letter	%	Pts	Descriptor
A+	90-100%	4.0	Outstanding: Superior performance showing understanding and knowledge of the subject matter far exceeding expectations.
A	85-89%	4.0	Excellent: Superior performance showing comprehensive understanding of subject matter.
A-	80-84%	3.7	Very good: Clearly above average performance with complete knowledge of subject matter.
B+	76-79%	3.3	Very good
B	73-75%	3.0	Good: average performance with knowledge of subject matter generally complete.
B-	70-72%	2.7	Good
C+	67-69%	2.3	Satisfactory: Basic understanding of the subject matter
C	64-66%	2.0	Satisfactory
C-	59-63%	1.7	Satisfactory
D+	54-58%	1.3	Minimal Pass: Marginal performance; generally insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the subject matter.
D	50-53%	1.0	Minimal Pass: Marginal performance; generally insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the subject matter.
F	0-49%	0.0	Fail: Unsatisfactory performance or failure to meet course requirements.

BONNE CHANCE!

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SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND TESTS**

Week Of	Contacts	Chapter Quizzes	Unit Tests	Vivre en France Oral Tests	Other
Sept. 8	Introduction Leçons 1/2				Have you purchased your books?
Sept. 11, 13, 15	Leçons 3/4	(1) Sounds/Spellings	Unit 1	VF 1 Oral	
Sept. 18, 20, 22	Leçons 4/5	(2) Vocabulaire			
Sept. 25, 27, 29	Leçons 5/6	(3) Verbes en “er”			Have you attended all classes?
Oct. 2, 4, 6	Leçons 6/7	(4) Expressions interrogatives	Unit 2	VF 2 Oral	What are you doing to learn vocabulary?
(Oct. 9 Thanksgiving), 11, 13, 16	Leçons 7/8	(5) Voca./genre			
Oct. 18, 20, 23	Leçons 8/9	(6) Adjectifs			Are you up to date with your workbook?
Oct. 25, 27, 30	Leçons 9/10	(7) Vocabulaire	Unit 3	VF 3 Oral	
Nov. 1, 3, 6	Leçons 10/11	(8) Vocab./possession			Are you spending at least an hour a day on French?
Nov. 8, 10 off, 13, 15	Leçons 11/12	(9) Adjectifs interrogatifs et démonstratifs			How’s your attendance?
Nov. 17, 20, 22	Leçons 12/13	(10) Prépositions	Unit 4	VF 4 Oral	Are you writing your essay?
Nov. 24, 27, 29	Leçons 13/14	(11) Verbes du 2 ^e type/Présent et impératif			Essay due by Dec. 4
Dec. 1, 4, 6	Leçons 15	(12) Passé composé Révision	Unit 5	VF 5 Oral	Are you reviewing for the final?
Dec. 8	Examens Oraux				
Dec. 11	FALL SEMESTER EXAMS BEGIN AS SCHEDULED BY REGISTRAR				

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