

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE  
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FRENCH 0120

COURSE OUTLINE

- Instructor:** L.P. (Ron) Woolley, B.Ed., M.A., AB.D.
- Office:** C402
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- Course Title:** Beginner's French I
- Credits:** French 0120 carries 5 College credits. As well, French 0120 and French 0130 combined are equivalent to the University of Alberta's French 100, worth 6 University transfer credits.
- Class Times:** MWF 13:00 - 13:50 and TR 13:30 - 14:20

**Course Description:** French 0120 and 0130 together are equivalent to the French 10, 20, 30 program in high school. Obviously, because our two courses include approximately the same content contained in the three-course high school program, they are fairly intense.

Nevertheless, you should understand that French 0120 is a beginner's course. No prior knowledge of French is required or expected. 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 at the College in French 0130.

- Texts:**
1. Valette and Valette: *Contacts* (5th ed) - Textbook.
  2. Valette and Valette: *Contacts: Cahier d'activités* (5th ed) - Workbook/lab manual.
  3. A high quality 90 minute cassette tape (TDK, BASF, Sony, etc).
  4. Optional: A good French/English - English/French dictionary.

## ACTIVITIES

This course is based primarily on the first 15 lessons 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. You should acquire both books immediately and bring them to class daily.

The oral (taped) and written exercises in the workbook/lab manual section of your Cahier will give you supplemental practice using the vocabulary and structures introduced in each lesson. You are to complete all these exercises as a standing assignment. You will note there is an answer key for most of the written exercises at the back of the Cahier and the correct oral responses are given on the cassettes.

From time to time, you will be required to hand in completed workbook/lab manual exercises for checking.

## ASSIGNMENTS

Both oral and written assignments will be required. These are to be completed and submitted on time. A 5% penalty per day will be applied after due dates.

You will be required to do two short oral presentations and write one short essay!

### Oral Presentations

Pick any two "communication" activities found at the end of the Contact lessons (See, for example, p. 163) to prepare and present without the use of script. No presentation, even if done with a partner, should be more than 5 minutes in length.

### Essay

Write approximately 150 words on one of the following topics:

- \* Vos vacances préférées
- \* Votre passe-temps favori
- \* Un accident que vous avez eu
- \* Un restaurant que vous aimez, ou votre cuisine préférée
- \* Votre famille
- \* Votre saison préférée
- \* Quel pays voudriez-vous visiter et pourquoi?
- \* La vie au Collège régional de Grande Prairie

## EXAMS

There will be a final exam worth 30% and a mid-term valued at 25%. In addition, several quizzes and tests will be given. Major exams will include written and oral components. **PLEASE PLAN** to take exams on the dates scheduled. Do not request makeups; only verified illness will justify a make up.

## ATTENDANCE

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 (T.V., radio, magazines, etc.). Above all, as new language structures will be introduced daily, class attendance is essential. Your habits related to punctuality, attendance and participation will undoubtedly manifest themselves in your grades.

Although no grade has been assigned for class participation, a discretionary five percent bonus can be obtained by those whose input adds to the quality of the course.

## CALCULATION OF FINAL GRADE

	%
Quizzes (Mark calculated on best 10 of 12)	20
Lab/Workbook Exercises	10
Oral Presentations (2)	10
Essay	5
Mid Term Exam	25
Final Exam	30
	100

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SCHEDULE OF CLASSES/EXAMS/ASSIGNMENTS

WEEK OF	CONTACTS	ASSIGNMENTS	TESTS
Sept. 3 (Sept. 2 Labour Day, Sept. 3/4 Orientation)	Introduction Unité préliminaire "Etc"		
Sept. 9	Leçons 1/2		Quiz: Sounds/Spellings
Sept. 16	Leçons 3/4	Cahier check - Leçons préliminaire, 1 & 2	Quiz: Verbes en 'er'
Sept. 23	Leçons 4/5		Quiz: Expressions interrogatives
Sept. 30	Leçons 5/6	Cahier check - Leçons 3, 4 et 5	Quiz: Vocab./genre
Oct. 7	Leçons 6/7	Révision I, pp. 29-34 of Cahier	Quiz: Vocab./la possession
Oct. 15 (Oct. 14- Thanksgiving)	Leçons 7/8	Cahier check - Leçons 6 et 7	MID TERM EXAM
Oct. 21	Leçons 8/9	First Oral Presentation Completed by Oct. 25 (Any "communication" role - play from Leçons 1-8)	Quiz: Vocab./adjectifs interrogatifs et démonstratifs
Oct. 28	Leçons 9/10	Cahier check - Leçons 8 et 9	Quiz: Prépositions
Nov. 4	Leçons 10/11		Quiz: Verbes du 2e type
Nov. 12 (Nov. 11- Remembrance Day)	Leçons 11/12	Cahier check - Leçons 10 et 11	Quiz: Le passé composé
Nov. 18	Leçons 12/13		Quiz: Le passé
Nov. 25	Leçons 13/14	Cahier check - Leçons 12 et 13	Quiz: Vocabulaire
Dec. 2	Leçons 14/15	Second Oral Presentation Completed by Dec. 5 (Any "communication" role - play from Leçons 9-15) Révision II - pp 71-78 of Cahier	Quiz: Les articles
Dec. 9		Essay due by final exam date at the latest	FINAL EXAM