

FRENCH 0130A  
COURSE OUTLINE

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Otherwise, by appointment.

Course Description

Location: E 304 (Language Lab)  
Timetable: Monday - Friday, 11:00 - 11:50

This course is a continuation of French 0120A with greater emphasis on the reading and writing skills. We will also continue to develop aural / oral skills, and will attempt to speak more French in class. When taken with French 0120, this course is the equivalent of French 0100, which was formerly offering at GPRC and is still being offered at the U of A.

Prerequisite Alberta High School French 20 or equivalent (i.e. successful completion of French 0120/0120A).

Texts

Valette and Valette: Contacts (4th ed.) Textbook

Valette and Valette: Contacts (4th ed.) Cahier d'exercices

You will be expected to acquire a copy of both the textbook and the exercise book by the second class, as these represent the principal material for the course. You will also need at least one blank cassette tape for lab exercises and exams.

In French 0130A, we will cover the second half of the Contacts text and workbook, starting from where we left off in French 0120A. You are asked to spend as much time as necessary working with the practice tapes, in order to master the material learned in each lesson.

### Attendance

As new language structures will be introduced daily, class attendance is deemed essential. A pattern of missing classes will eventually manifest itself in poor performance and failing grades. Class participation is strongly encouraged!!! A student who has missed a total of ten classes in any semester without demonstrating just cause for the absences, and whose average for the term is below fifty percent, may, at the discretion of the instructor, be barred from writing the final exam.

### Activities

Mondays will be lab days (Tuesday following Labour Day and Thanksgiving). Please remember to bring your blank cassette and your workbook. You will then hand in your workbook on the following day. All exams will be on Fridays, except for the orals and the midterm aural exam (see below). Besides the text, you will be working with worksheets, short readings, poems and songs.

### Exams and Assignments

There will be six quizzes, each worth six percent. At the end of the semester, the lowest mark attained will be dropped. Thus, the remaining five will provide thirty percent of the final grade.

There will also be a midterm, valued at twenty-five percent, and a final also worth twenty-five percent. All exams include a written and an aural component. The midterm and final exams have an oral component also. The remainder of your grade will be as follows:

one oral report, to be delivered at a pre-chosen time during the last week of the term, worth five percent.

one essay, due on or before the last day of class, worth five percent.

ten weekly lab assignments, each worth one percent.

Although no grade has been assigned for class participation, a discretionary five percent extra can be obtained by those whose input adds to the quality of the course. In other words, brownie points are available!

### Exam/Assignment Timetable

Note these dates well! Please be prepared to take the exams on the dates scheduled. "I didn't have time to study", "I forgot it was today", etc. are not acceptable reasons to request makeups. Sorry! Only verified illness will justify a makeup.

Quiz 1	Friday, September 11	
Quiz 2	Friday, September 25	
Quiz 3	Friday, October 9	
Quiz 4	Friday, November 6	
Quiz 5	Friday, November 20	
Quiz 6	Friday, November 27	
		Total: 30%
Midterm:	(Aural) Thursday, October 22 (Oral) October 19-21 (Written) Friday, October 23	25%
Final:	(Aural) Friday, December 4 (Written) Scheduled by the Registrar (Oral) By appointment between December 7-9	25%
Essay:	Friday, December 4	5%
Oral Report:	Between Monday November 30 and Thursday December 3	5%
Lab Assignments:	Wednesday, September 9 Tuesdays, September 15, 22, 29 October 6 Wednesday, October 14 Tuesdays, November 3, 10, 17, 24	
		<u>10%</u> 100%

If you budget your time wisely, there should be few problems in keeping to the schedule.

### Essay Topics

Choose one of the following. 200-250 words. Double-spaced, in ink.

- 1) Décrivez un accident que vous avez vu, ou qui vous est arrivé.
- 2) La libération de la femme, et ses effets sur la famille moderne.
- 3) Ce dernier semestre: ses joies, ses chagrins.

### Oral Report Topics

Choose one of the following topics, and be prepared to discuss it for approx. five minutes. You may use any aids you like (e.g. slides, pictures, audio tapes, etc.)

- 1) L'importance d'apprendre une deuxième langue.
- 2) Décrivez un voyage que vous avez fait - ou que vous aimeriez faire.
- 3) Si vous gagniez un million de dollars à la loterie, que feriez-vous?

Et maintenant - parlons français!