

Department of Modern Languages
French 1442
COURSE SYLLABUS
FALL 2010

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MyFrenchLab Code: _____

****IMPORTANT NOTE**** You are expected to read and understand this syllabus in its entirety and complete all readings, exams, and assignments as indicated. If you have any questions, please ask your instructor. Since this is a multi-section course, the same policies are applied to all students to be fair to everyone. **Being unaware of course policies, exam/due dates, etc. is not an acceptable excuse.**

In this syllabus, you will find important information on the following:

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1. COURSE GOALS. French 1442 is the second course in the beginning sequence for the study of French at the University of Texas-Arlington. Following this course, students should be able to (1) **read** a short text of simple sentences and summarize it in French, (2) **write** a short paragraph in past and present tenses expressing opinions or analysis, (3) **listen** / comprehend simple sentences about familiar topics and respond to questions pertaining to spoken text, (4) **speak** using short responses to familiar questions using a basic vocabulary. Students will begin to use between present and past tenses, recognize object pronouns and accurately describe these grammatical features. Students will also become familiar with some aspects of francophone culture and civilization around the world.

2. PLACEMENT. Any student who wants to take French 1442 and who has had experience in the language in the last five years must take the placement test (CLEP test) before enrolling. When students take the placement test, they can receive up to 14 hours of credit and can choose to take the grade they receive or simply take the credit. Thus, if a student receives a grade of "A" for 1441-2313, and a grade of "C" for 2314, then that student can receive 11 hours of "A" and 3 hours of credit, thus not adversely affecting his/her GPA. For detailed information about placement tests please see <http://www.uta.edu/uac/testing/placement> or call 817.272.2362.

In case of doubt over whether you are enrolled in the right course, you can contact the French Section's Director of Basic Language (Christopher Stewart, cmstewar@uta.edu) with any questions.

3. REQUIRED TEXTS. You are expected to have the following texts with you in class every day, unless otherwise instructed by your teacher.

- Valdman, Pons & Scullen, *Chez nous*, 4th Edition with MyFrenchLab

4. GRADING. Your grade in this course will be calculated according to a 1000-point system.

The point values for various course components in FREN 1442 are as follows:

Unit Tests (2 @ 100 points each)	200 Points
Quizzes (2 @ 70 points each)	140 Points
Participation and homework checks (7 points per week)	105 Points
Compositions (2 drafts @ 60 points each)	120 Points
Workbook (4 chapters @ 30 points each)	120 Points
Internet activities (2 @ 30 points each)	60 Points
Final oral evaluation	105 Points
Final written evaluation	150 Points

896 – 1000 = A	796 – 895 = B	696 – 795 = C	600 – 695 = D	0 – 600 = F
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PLEASE NOTE: If you must miss class, it is **YOUR** responsibility to make arrangements with your instructor **BEFOREHAND**, as per University policy: http://www3.uta.edu/catalog/content/general/academic_regulations.aspx#5

5. PARTICIPATION AND HOMEWORK CHECKS. Active participation and proper preparation are all crucial for improving your French. For this reason, **you are expected to be in class every day**. To help gauge your progress, you can earn up to **seven points per week** for these essential components.

3 points per week for participation

4 points per week for the homework check

Participation: You are allowed **up to 5 permitted unexcused absences for any reason on days where there is no exam or quiz**. If you are absent more than 5 times, or if you miss an exam or composition, you need to present a valid excuse from a doctor or other written documentation that is acceptable to your instructor. After your 5 permitted unexcused absences, if you don't have a valid excuse, you will lose 3 points per absence. Each week, participation will be graded according to these criteria:

3 points = active and excellent participation, frequently volunteers to participate in class, always attempts to speak French, contributes positively in group and pair work, comes prepared for class every day

2 points = good participation, volunteers to participate in class, usually attempts to speak French, actively participates in group and pair work, usually prepared for class

1 point = poor participation, rarely volunteers to participate in class, usually speaks English, does not participate in group and pair work

0 points = Very poor participation, does not volunteer to participate in class, never speaks French

You are expected to **read the assigned pages in the textbook daily before coming to class and participate actively in individual, pair, and group work in French**. If you don't, you won't receive full points for participation.

Homework checks: Once a week, your instructor will pick a random day to look and see if you have **all the homework exercises listed for that day completed and corrected**. If you don't, you'll get no points that week for the homework check.

6. EXAMS. To give both you and your instructor an idea of how well you are doing in learning the language, there are periodic tests and quizzes scheduled. **Exams cover grammar, vocabulary, and cultural readings from the textbook**, as well as any additional material covered in class that your instructor indicates.

If you are absent from any quiz or test for illness or other reason, you **must** obtain a note from a doctor or other written documentation that is acceptable to your instructor. Otherwise, you will not be able to make it up.

7. ASSIGNMENTS. In order to help you develop a variety of skills in French, there are a number of assignments you will complete.

- **MyFrenchLab Workbook.** These oral and written exercises take place completely online and are meant to provide you with additional practice with listening, grammar, vocabulary, and writing. In addition to the weekly homework checks mentioned above, **your instructor will verify that you have completed all assigned MyFrenchLab exercises for each chapter on the days indicated on the syllabus**. **NOTE: MyFrenchLab will allow you to correct wrong answers for all close-ended exercises**. Your grade for that chapter's homework (out of 30 points) will then depend on the amount of correct / full responses you provide for each submission.

- **Compositions.** You will be asked to write an in-class composition to develop your writing skills. For this composition, there are two drafts: the first draft written in class and the final draft written at home. Each draft is worth 60 points. After your instructor grades the first draft, **you will be expected to make corrections and type up a final version to be printed out and turned in**. If you are absent on the day of the in-class composition, you **must** obtain a note from a doctor or another valid written excuse. Otherwise, you will not be able to make it up.

- **Internet Activities.** These activities are designed to introduce you to French-language information used by French speakers and to help you learn more about French-speaking culture. **You are expected to complete each of the activities** as indicated on the instruction sheets you will receive.

In addition to the required Internet activities, there are additional resources available on the *Chez nous* website, <http://www.pearsonhighered.com/cheznous>. These include grammar and vocabulary practice as well as additional cultural information to explore on your own or as instructed by your teacher.

8. ADDITIONAL POLICIES. In addition to the above policies on participation, exams, and assignments, you are responsible for being aware of these broader policies, so please read them carefully.

Official UTA e-mail address:

Please be sure to use your UTA e-mail address when communicating with the instructor or the Modern Languages Department. All UTA students are assigned an e-mail account, and important university and class information is sent to that address only. You will be expected to check it regularly.

Disability Accommodation:

The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of federal equal opportunity legislation; reference Public Law 93112, The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. With the passage of new federal legislation entitled Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), pursuant to section 504 of The Rehabilitation Act, there is renewed focus on providing this population with the same opportunities enjoyed by all citizens.

At UTA we are dedicated to assisting all students with disabilities. If you have a disability which requires specific accommodation, you must INFORM YOUR INSTRUCTOR IN WRITING AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER and register at the Office of Disability Accommodation on the lower level of the University Center. Please let me know as soon as possible if there is anything I can do to assist you.

Academic Standards:

It is the philosophy of The University of Texas at Arlington that academic dishonesty is a completely unacceptable mode of conduct and will not be tolerated in any form. Use of translated material not of your own creation is considered plagiarism and will be referred to the Office of Student Affairs. All persons involved in academic dishonesty will be disciplined in accordance with University regulations and procedures. Discipline may include suspension or expulsion from the University.

"Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking and examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts." (Regents' Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter VI, Section 3.2, Subdivision 3.22).

You may consult tutors, classmates, friends, and others outside of class **for general practice** to help improve your fluency in French. However, with the exception of help from the student's instructor, **outside assistance is not allowed on any graded assignments** in this course and is considered **cheating**.

Acceptable resources for preparing all graded assignments include the following:

- Course textbooks and workbooks
- Dictionaries and grammar references
- Your instructor, or other French instructors

Prohibited resources for preparing all graded assignments include the following:

- Tutors, friends, native speakers, etc.
- Spell/grammar check
- Computer-assisted translators or online translation programs

PLEASE NOTE: copy-pasting from websites WITHOUT indicating that you did not author the pasted text IS plagiarism and will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

Student Support Services Available:

The University of Texas at Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. These resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals to resources for any reason, students may contact the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107 or visit www.uta.edu/resources for more information.

Language Lab:

The Language Acquisition Center (LAC), located on the 3rd floor of Trimble Hall, offers audio, video and computer services for UTA foreign language students. LAC hours and holidays are posted at the LAC entrance. *All LAC check-outs require a valid student ID.*

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23	25	27 Introduction to course Chapitre 5, Leçon 1 (pp. 180-185)
30 Chapitre 5, Leçon 1 (pp. 186-190) WB : 5-1 – 5-19		
SEPTEMBRE 2010		
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	1 Chapitre 5, Leçon 2 (pp. 191-195) WB : 5-20 – 5-25	3 Chapitre 5, Leçon 2 (pp. 196-198) WB : 5-26 – 5-29
6 LABOR DAY	8 Chapitre 5, Leçon 2 (pp. 198-201) WB : 5-30 – 5-37	10 Chapitre 5, Leçon 3 (pp. 202-206) WB : 5-38 – 5-41
13 Chapitre 5, Leçon 3 (pp. 206-208) WB : 5-42 – 5-45	15 Chapitre 5, Leçon 3 (pp. 208-211) WB : 5-46 – 5-56	17 Chapitre 5, « Venez chez nous » et « Révision » WB : 5-57 – 5-63
20 QUIZ : Chapitre 5 Chapitre 5 HW due WB : 5-1 – 5-63	22 Chapitre 6, Leçon 1 (pp. 220-226) WB : 6-1 – 6-7	24 Chapitre 6, Leçon 1 (pp. 226-228) WB : 6-8 – 6-11 INTERNET ACTIVITY #1 DUE
27 Chapitre 6, Leçon 1 (pp. 228-231) WB : 6-12 – 6-19	29 Chapitre 6, Leçon 2 (pp. 232-235) WB : 6-20 – 6-25	

OCTOBRE 2010		
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		1 Chapitre 6, Leçon 2 (pp. 235-240) WB : 6-26 – 6-37
4 Chapitre 6, Leçon 3 (pp. 241-244) WB : 6-38 – 6-45	6 Chapitre 6, Leçon 3 (pp. 245-248) WB : 6-46 – 6-56	8 Chapitre 6, « Venez chez nous » et « Révision » WB : 6-57 – 6-64
11 UNIT TEST : Chapitres 5 & 6 Chapitre 6 HW due WB : 6-1 – 6-64	13 Chapitre 7, Leçon 1 (pp. 258-264) WB : 7-1 – 7-8	15 Chapitre 7, Leçon 1 (pp. 264-267) WB : 7-9 – 7-16
18 Chapitre 7, Leçon 2 (pp. 268-273) WB : 7-17 – 7-26	20 Chapitre 7, Leçon 2 (pp. 274-276) WB : 7-27 – 7-34	22 Chapitre 7, Leçon 3 (pp. 277-281) WB : 7-35 – 7-40
25 Chapitre 7, Leçon 3 (pp. 281-283) WB : 7-41 – 7-44	27 Chapitre 7, Leçon 3 (pp. 283-287) WB : 7-45 – 7-55	29 Chapitre 7, « Venez chez nous » et « Révision » WB : 7-56 – 7-62
NOVEMBRE 2010		
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1 QUIZ : Chapitre 7 Chapitre 7 HW due WB : 7-1 – 7-62	3 INTERNET ACTIVITY #2 DUE Prewriting Activities	5 In-Class Composition * Last day to drop classes
8 Chapitre 8, Leçon 1 (pp. 298-305) WB : 8-1 – 8-7	10 Chapitre 8, Leçon 1 (pp. 305-310) WB : 8-8 – 8-19	12 Chapitre 8, Leçon 2 (pp. 311-317) WB : 8-20 – 8-27
15 Chapitre 8, Leçon 2 (pp. 317-320) WB : 8-28 – 8-35	17 Chapitre 8, Leçon 3 (pp. 321-325) WB : 8-36 – 8-41	17 Chapitre 8, Leçon 3 (pp. 325-329) WB : 8-42 – 8-56

22 Chapitre 8, « Venez chez nous » et « Révision » WB : 8-57 – 8-63	24 UNIT TEST : Chapitres 7 & 8 Chapitre 8 HW due WB : 8-1 – 8-63	26 DISPENSATION DU COURS Happy Thanksgiving !
29 <u>Review for Oral Final</u>		
DÉCEMBRE 2010		
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	1 <u>ORAL FINAL EXAM</u>	3 <u>ORAL FINAL EXAM</u>
6 <u>ORAL FINAL EXAM</u> / <u>RÉVISION CHAPITRES 5 - 8</u>	8 <u>RÉVISION CHAPITRES 5 - 8</u>	10 <u>RÉVISION CHAPITRES 5 - 8</u> ÉVALUATION DU COURS

NOTE : Final Exams are scheduled for the week of December 11 – 16. Your exam time is scheduled by the University and will be posted as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your understanding.