



French II 2013-2014

Course Description:

The second level of French is appropriate for those students who completed the FRENCH I course. Students will continue to develop the four basic language skills of listening comprehension, speaking, reading and writing in units with themes on aspects of life in French speaking countries.

Course Content:

Unit 1: Review

1. Basic vocabulary review
2. Adjective-noun agreement
3. Subject-verb agreement
4. Irregular verbs être, avoir, aller, faire
5. Numbers and time
6. Professions, sports and activities
7. Irregular verbs vouloir, pouvoir and devoir
8. Regions of France and francophone countries
9. Monuments of Paris, French cities

Unit 2: La Suisse

1. Basic travel and geography vocabulary
2. New adjectives, irregular adjectives
3. Comparisons and superlatives
4. Futur proche and the use of infinitives
5. Swiss regions, government and products
6. Comparison to Belgium, Luxembourg and Andorra

Unit 3: Comment vous sentez-vous?!

1. Parts of body
2. Health terms
3. Louis Pasteur and his contributions
4. Red Cross and Médecins sans Frontières

Unit 4: Le week-end, enfin!

1. The weekend and vacation activities
3. Past tense with Avoir
4. Past tense with Etre
5. Interlude 2 Camping
6. Basic French history, Versailles and important people (Lafayette and Napoleon)

Unit 5: Bon appétit! (Discovering French Blanc)

1. Table settings and meals
2. Restaurants and regional specialties
3. Irregular verbs prendre and boire
4. The partitive, tout and quantities
5. The metric system
6. Faire les courses - food shopping

Unit 6: Loisirs et spectacles!

1. Media and Entertainment
2. Irregular verb connaître v. savoir
3. Irregular verbs lire, dire and écrire, croire
4. Verbs that require à
5. Object pronouns in first and second persons

Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

The following book will be the primary text used throughout the year. In addition, internet sites and articles will be used to supplement the book as needed.

Discovering French Nouveau Blanc by Valette and Valette. McDougal Littell, 2007.

Course Requirements:

Students are expected to complete all homework, projects, class assignments, quizzes, and tests. Students must also participate in oral class activities such as communicative or paired activities, role play and dialogues. Good attendance and consistent practice are very important in world language study.

Grade Components/Assessments:

Grades will be based on total points.

Participation is a critical component of foreign language learning. Therefore, students are expected to participate in class as often as possible. They will receive a grade for participation approximately every 10 class days. The grade will be out of ten points. Below is the grading scale:

Actual tallies	Participation grade
10+ tallies	10/10
9 tallies	9.5/10
8 tallies	9/10
7 tallies	8.5/10
6 tallies	8/10
5 tallies	7.5/10
4 tallies	7/10
3 tallies	6.5/10
2 tallies	6/10
1 tallies	5.5/10
0 tallies	5/10

Each marking period is worth 20% of a student's overall grade. The midterm and final exam are each worth 10% of a student's overall average:

Quarter 1	20%
Quarter 2	20%
Midterm	10%
Quarter 3	20%
Quarter 4	20%
Final	10%

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

There are no required summer reading assignments for French II.