



French III 2013-2014

Course Description:

This course provides practice and refinement of listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Grammar and vocabulary activities are aimed at building comprehension and communication skills. Increased emphasis will be given to reading and writing.

Course Content:

Unit 1: Review

1. Review of descriptions
2. Review of irregular verbs
3. Review of present and past tenses, use of depuis
4. Sports, beach and vacation vocabulary
5. Holidays, travel and tourism in France

Unit 2: Les Voyages

1. La voiture, conduire
2. L'avion et le train – révision
3. Virtual trip to France - project
4. Review of past tense
5. Le Vol de la Joconde (book) and the Louvre

Unit 3: L'environnement

1. Review of futur proche tense
2. Formation of formal future tense
3. Irregular verbs voir, croire, savoir, produire
4. Nature and animal vocabulary
5. Vocabulary of the sea - Trouver Nemo

Unit 4: Le Monde

1. Various –ir verbs ouvrir, souffrir, découvrir, guérir
2. Countries and their capitals in the French-speaking world
3. The impact of the European Community
4. World geography and ethnic awareness
5. Problems and solutions?
6. Conditional tense and Si clauses

Unit 5: L'éducation dans le monde

1. Education vocabulary
2. Verbs lire, dire, écrire
3. Object pronouns
4. Comparison of educational systems in francophone countries

Unit 6: Vive le sport!

1. Sports and healthy living
2. Daily routine
3. Reflexive verbs
4. Healthy eating, cuisine review, regional specialties

Unit 7: Chez nous

1. Families and homes now and in the past
2. Imperfect tense
3. Telling stories and talking about the past
4. The Renaissance

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 III.