TEXTBOOK  Contacts : Langue et Culture Française (texte) Houghton Mifflin 2001  
Cahier d’Activités : Workbook  

COURSE OBJECTIVES  
This course is the continuation of French 100 and our objective will be to further develop some oral as well as written skills in French. By the end of the semester a student, who has done the work assigned on a regular basis, should be able to engage in a simple everyday conversation in French. During the semester we will also become acquainted with some aspects of French culture, especially contemporary culture. To achieve all this, we will try to proceed with the study of one lesson per week. Vocabulary is going to be strongly emphasized because without it nothing, even the slightest bit of conversation, is possible. Students will be asked to express themselves in basic French at all time during the semester.  

COURSE POLICIES  
Attendance and class participation  
Regular work and homework is expected at all times throughout the semester. Learning a language is easy and oftentimes fun and interesting but it takes time, and time cannot be compressed. This is the reason why regular and steady work is necessary.  
You are expected to attend class and to participate in everything we do in class, be it discussions, drills or other kinds of activities. Oral participation will account for 20% of your final grade. Since oral participation in class depends mostly upon how well you are prepared, completion of all homework will obviously be mandatory. Assignments not completed on time will not receive credit.  
You will be entitled to three absences with no question asked. After that a doctor’s note will be necessary. A note from the College nurse that says it was given to you “at your request” will not be considered as a valid reason for the absence. Notes from
friends or roommates will not be accepted either, but notes from parents and doctors will. After the three allowed absences, the delinquent student will be penalized for each additional absence and the final grade will be lowered. **This will be enforced, no matter the grade the student is getting at the time of the unexcused absence(s).** There will be no make-ups except in extremely serious cases that I will evaluate myself.

**Evaluation**

There will be **six quizzes** and **one final exam**. Your quizzes will be averaged and the grade will account for **50%** of your final grade. Before averaging the grades, I will drop the lowest one. If you miss one quiz, then your six grades will count. If you miss two quizzes, one of the six grades will be an F. **The final exam will account for 30%** of your final grade, and as mentioned before class participation (enthusiasm, ability to answer questions and pronunciation) will account for **20%**. There will be no mid-term as such. The mid-term grade will be the average grade of the first quizzes combined with your class participation.

Remember that if you attend class regularly and do your homework, it is very likely that you will have no problem. You may even enjoy the class very much and learn a lot.

To foster an environment conducive to learning, please avoid chewing gum or eating in class. It is not polite and it will prevent you from speaking clearly. Do not wear caps whose visor hides your face, make sure your cellular phones are turned off, and avoid looking bored.

**Last recommendation**

**Do not ever use electronic translation engines to do your homework. Those are usually so bad that their use is immediately noticed. Moreover such practices are called cheating or plagiarism, and as such they are reprehensible.**

If you have a problem of whatever kind, please let me know early. Do not wait until the situation becomes worse. Come to my office (next door from the classroom) and we will discuss it.

HAVE A GOOD SEMESTER.