Français 150 – French Conversation and Contemporary Life
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French is the “Language of simplicity, of clarity, of truth, which seems like the perfect vehicle for forming the subtlest thoughts, the highest conceptions, the most generous assertions. Language of liberty . . . language of pity, language of justice . . . language of friendship, language of love . . . it is the genius of our race, it is the glory of our past . . . it is the invincible hope, it is the solid anchor of the future.” Georges Clémenceau, French Statesman, 1896.

Heures de présence: mardi: 10h30 – 11h30; mercredi: 10h00-11h00

Please note that my off-campus supervision of 4 student teachers may sometimes make it impossible for me to keep these hours. It is advisable to confirm my availability by e-mail.

Texte / Student Activities Book / CDs


Les Objectifs du cours:

Principaux:
To develop proficiency primarily in the two skill areas of listening and speaking;
To increase active vocabulary

Secondaires:
To reinforce grammatical proficiency, specifically as it applies to oral communication.
To become familiar with aspects of francophone culture and to be able to discuss them with some ease.
To study some regional speech variations (Canada; les Antilles; le Midi, France)
To study the social impact of the resistance movement in France during WWII.

Course Academic Honor Policy: When preparing for exams you are prohibited from studying from exams taken by other students in this or previous semesters. You may collaborate on homework assignments. Collaboration consists of mutual assistance, not copying. Use of electronic translation services for anything other than single word inquiries is also prohibited. Any of these actions may be plagiarism. If you are ever unsure about how you are using an electronic source, you should discuss the situation with the professor. You may consult the Student Handbook, pages 51-56, for a full description of Moravian’s Academic Honesty Policy.
Point Distribution:

Examens (4)
  Personnages 40% (interrogations orales et écrites)
  Le Chemin du retour 10% (interrogations orales)
Examen Final 15% (interrogation orale et écrite)
“Euros” 10%
Participation / Devoirs: 5%
  Personnages
  Le Chemin du retour
Radio France Internationale 10% (reportages écrits)
Attendance 5%
Table Française (3) 5%

I encourage you to make use of my office hours if you need any help. If you cannot come to my official hours you may make an appointment with me at a mutually convenient time. I can be reached by e-mail or office phone.

The Department sponsors a tutoring program which provides help to you free of charge. You will hear more about this during the early weeks of the semester.

Course Policies:

➢ There are no make-ups for Examens except in the most serious of situations which I will evaluate on a case by case basis. Contact me by phone or by e-mail BEFORE the test to inform me of the reasons for your absence.

➢ Written reports of Radio France Internationale broadcasts are due on 10 Mondays of your choice. They consist of your own summaries of 30 minutes of French broadcast news (not music) of any kind. Always include the date and times of the program (s).

➢ I fully expect all students to attend class and to participate in work done in class. In order to participate well homework assignments, including lab work with CDs, must be completed carefully BEFORE coming to class, even after an absence.

E-mail or phone number of two classmates to contact for work in case of absence:

Name: ________________________ Contact info: ________________________
Name: ________________________ Contact info: ________________________
I allow **three absences**. Absences are counted, **regardless of the reason for them or of your presentation of doctors’ notes**. Please inform me (or the *Office of Learning Services*) if you have a chronic health problem which may result in more than the 3 allotted absences. Your final attendance grade (5%) is computed as follows: 0-1 absence = A+ / 2-3 = A / 4 = B- / 5 = C- / 6 = D- / 7 = -2.5 / 8 = -3 / 9 = -3.5 / 10 = -4 / 11 = -4.5 / 12 or more = -5

*Please remember that attendance and participation are critical if you expect to develop your oral skills.*

In order to have a class-room environment that is conducive to learning I ask that the following conditions be respected:

- **Arrive in class on time** in order to begin work promptly. Repeated late arrivals will be reflected in a lowered class participation grade. Late arrivals of more than 15 minutes will be counted as an absence.

- **Participate fully in class work**. Unsatisfactory classroom behavior, such as little or no verbal response, uncooperative interaction with others for group work, or a disrespectful attitude will be reflected in a lowered class participation grade and may lead to a conference with my and/or your academic advisor and/or the Academic Dean of the College. Please **use bathroom facilities before class**; leaving during class is disruptive. Finally, **keep cell phones turned off**.

Thank you for your cooperation!

*A Noter:*

Students can expect preparation for class to take between 6-10 hours per week.

Students with disabilities who believe that they may need accommodations in this class are encouraged to contact the Learning Services Office as soon as possible to enhance the likelihood that such accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion.

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*Vous serez les bien-vénus aux activités du Club Français qui seront annoncées prochainement.*

*La Table Francaise se réunit, le jeudi, 11h30-12h30 dans le Air Products Room du HUB.*

The calendar on page 4 of this syllabus is subject to change. All significant changes will be made in writing.
CALENDRIER

la semaine du 19 janvier  Introduction au cours
Personnages: Chapitre Prélminaire & Chapitre 1 - Paris
Le Chemin du retour: Chapitre prélminaire & Episode 1

la semaine du 26 janvier  Personnages: suite
Le Chemin du retour: Episodes 2 & 3

la semaine du 2 février  Personnages: suite
Le Chemin du retour: Episodes 4 & 5

la semaine du 9 février  Personnages: Examen & Chapitre 2 - Québec
Le Chemin du retour: Episode 6

la semaine du 16 février  Personnages: suite
Le Chemin du retour: Episodes 7 & 8

la semaine du 23 février  Personnages: Examen & Chapitre 5 - Le Maghreb
Le Chemin du retour: Episode 9

la semaine du 2 au 6 mars  conge

la semaine du 9 mars  Personnages: suite
Le Chemin du retour: Episodes 10 & 11

la semaine du 16 mars  Personnages: suite et Examen
Le Chemin du retour: Episodes 12 & 13

la semaine du 23 mars  Personnages: Chapitre 7 - Martinique
Le Chemin du retour: Episode 14 & 15

la semaine du 30 mars  Personnages: suite
Le Chemin du retour: Episodes 16 & 17

la semaine du 6 avril  Personnages: suite et Examen
Le Chemin du retour: Episode 18 & 19

la semaine du 13 avril  Personnages: Chapitre 9 - Strasbourg
Le Chemin du retour: Episodes 20 & 21

la semaine du 20 avril  Personnages: suite
Le Chemin du retour: Episode 22

la semaine du 27 avril  Personnages: suite
Le Chemin du retour: Epiloque