



Instructor contact information

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Course Title: Elementary French 1 **Semester and Year:** full 2015-2016
Course Prefix: FREN101
Course Number: 43898 **Class Days & Times:** Thur. 6 - 8:45 p.m.
Credit Hours: 3
Class Room Location: A127

Course overview

Catalog Description

Beginner's pronunciation, oral practice and dictation, conversation, use of recordings for ear training, basic principles of grammar, simple exercises in composition, easy reading which includes cultural material

Course Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- (1) express themselves –orally and in writing-- in simple phrases and sentences concerning personal data and daily activities, schedules
- (2) understand short, formulaic and/or contextualized simple questions, statements, and phrases referring to personal information and their familiar environments, in both written and auditory form
- (3) demonstrate control of vocabulary covering a range of concrete topics
- (4) reveal conceptual awareness and partial control of basic and high frequency grammatical elements, such as the present tense, articles, and adjectives
- (5) show incipient awareness of common cultural features and contrasts.

Required Materials:

- Ariew & Dupuy, *Francais Monde*, Pearson, 1st edition, ISBN: 978-0-13-503184-1

Instructor guidelines and policies

Attendance: Attendance and participation make up a significant portion of your grade. You cannot learn a new language without practice. Therefore, class will begin at the scheduled time. Please be on time to avoid disrupting other students learning process. Everyone takes the final at the assigned date and time in accordance with UNM official policy. More than 3 unexcused absences will seriously impair your ability to successfully complete the course. Students will lose 0.5% points on the participation grade for every class missed after the 3rd unexcused absence. An excused absence requires real life circumstances (i.e. a doctor's note, but not work or car troubles), and should be discussed with the professor before the absence if possible.

Compositions: There will be 3 compositions of varying lengths assigned this semester. Please attempt to type them using Microsoft Word, or an equivalent program. If you cannot add accent marks in the program, you may hand write them on the page. Compositions should be 12 pt. and double spaced.

Online Cahier Homework: Most of your assigned homework will involve the online workbook's listening and written activities. Do these regularly, as your growth in command of the French language requires practice. Do not wait until the last minute to do homework, as language learning is a gradual process.

Make-up Exams: Test and assignment due dates are noted in the syllabus. Please mark these in your calendar so that you can plan your work schedule. You may make up one test if you have an excused absence (see above) on the day of the test. In such cases, you are urged to e-mail or telephone me *beforehand* to alert me of your absence.

Oral Exam: At the end of the semester, you will take an oral exam on the course's communicative topics. This exam will count for 10 percent of your final grade. This exam will test whether you have been participating and practicing your French at home.

Tests: Tests have a listening portion, along with reading and writing segments. This semester, there will be a total of three tests plus the final. Students must pass the final in order to pass the course.

Late work: Work should be turned in by its assigned date. Any work turned in one class period late will earn only 75% of what it would have earned if it was on time. Work will not be accepted more than one class period late without an excused absence (see above).

Final Examinations: A final examination will occur during the finals week. This date may not be moved except by the appropriate vice dean.

Cell phones: Please silence and ignore your cell phones for the duration of class. I will not take them from you, but I will take points away for their use and you will be required to leave the room.

Google Translate: Google translate can be one source (out of many) to double check a single word translation. Please do not use it to write whole sentences or compositions. It does not understand grammar, and results in complete gibberish. I will know if you do this, and you will receive very poor scores on any assignment on which this takes place.

GRADE DETERMINATION:

Your grade will be determined by the following	Tentative Date	Percent of Final Average
Participation, quizzes & attendance	-	20%
Homework, compositions, labs	Compositions: 9/17, 10/15, 12/3	20%
Chapter tests	9/10, 10/1, 11/19	25%
Oral exam	12/4	10%
Final exam		25%
		100%

LETTER GRADE ASSIGNMENT:

Letter Grade	Final Average in Percent
A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	0-59%

UNM-Valencia Policies:

Withdrawal policy: Withdrawal from the course after the official day of record (Sept. 4) and/or on or before Nov. 6 (the deadline for withdrawing from a course to avoid a penalty “F” grade) will result in a final grade of “W” on the student transcript and no credit will be awarded. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate a request for withdrawal and to complete and submit it to the Admissions Office for withdrawal from any course. Withdrawals are processed only if the student completes and submits for signature(s) the required withdrawals form(s) available from the Admissions Office.

Academic Integrity: The University of New Mexico system upholds the core values of learning--honesty, respect, fairness, and accountability. The system promotes the importance of personal and academic honesty. The system embraces the belief that all learners will act with integrity and honesty and must produce their own work and give appropriate credit to the work of others. Fabrication of sources, cheating, or unauthorized collaboration is not permitted on any work submitted within the system. The consequences for academic dishonesty are determined by the professor, or the professor and academic dean, or the professor and chief student services officer and can include penalties such as additional class requirements or being expelled from the college system.

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Tentative Schedule:

Week	Course curriculum
1	Introduction to the course, begin chapitre 1
2	Finish chapitre 1, begin chapitre 2
3-4	Finish chapitre 2, Test on chapitres 1 & 2
5	Begin chapitre 3, Written assignment #1 due
6	Finish chapitre 3. Begin chapitre 4
7	Finish chapitre 4
8	Test on chapitres 3 & 4. Begin chapitre 5
9	Fall break
10	Chapitre 5; written assignment #2 due.
11	Finish chapitre 5.
12	Begin chapitre 6
13	Finish chapitre 6
14	Test on chapitres 5 & 6
15	Thanksgiving
16	Oral exam, written assignment #3 due
17	Final exam 12/7-12/15