

Competencies and Objectives
Intermediate French 1 – FREN-324

1. Course Objective: To demonstrate continued acquisition of grammar structures in French: knowledge of regular and irregular verbs in past tenses with proper time frames the affirmative, negative, and interrogative forms, use of expressing obligation and advice with the subjunctive, nouns and gerund forms, use and proper placement of direct and indirect objects and pronouns

Competencies:

1. Students continue to learn proper past tense usage, detailing of events in logical order, describing and telling of on-going events through classroom lecture
2. Students complete written homework assignments in text and on supplemental worksheets assigned as homework and class work
3. Students interact orally with instructor and classmates in the classroom using proper tenses and time expressions

2. Course Objective: To demonstrate continued acquisition of reading comprehension skills in French; to increase the ability to understand more advanced idioms and expressions, sentences, dialogues, paragraphs, essays, selected readings and poetry.

Competencies:

1. Students continue to acquire new vocabulary words, idioms, and expressions and are able to comprehend what they read through interaction with the instructor and classmates in the classroom.
2. Students read more complex French material and comprehend what they read from the text and supplementary materials, including newspaper and magazine articles, short stories, extracts from novels, etc. for homework and class work and discuss the readings in the classroom.
3. Students use the CD-Rom and Internet to accompany the text to do more complex exercises in reading to improve their reading comprehension both within the classroom and as assigned homework.

3. Course Objective: To demonstrate improvement and expansion of writing skills in French using the grammatical structures listed above; to be able to write statements of advice and obligation; write in paragraph form on various topics, and connect paragraphs into logical composition

Competencies:

1. Students complete the assignments from the text as homework and class work assignments.
2. Students create original paragraphs and short compositions to express their thoughts and opinions on various topics.
3. Students understand written documents on various topics.

4. Course Objective: To demonstrate continued acquisition of proper pronunciation of the French phonetic system and to improve rhythm and intonation while speaking or reading aloud.

Competencies:

1. Students continue to improve pronunciation of French sounds in words, phrases, sentences and short dialogues while making statements, asking questions, requesting clarification, expressing their thoughts and opinions with the instructor and classmates.
2. Students use correct rhythm and intonation when speaking in class with the instructor and classmates on familiar topics: making statements, asking questions, requesting clarification, and expressing their thoughts and opinions.
3. Students use proper pronunciation of more complex words when reading from the text and supplementary materials with the instructor and classmates.

5. Course Objective: To demonstrate continued acquisition of listening comprehension skills in French.

Competencies:

1. Students are able to comprehend the instructor during lectures on familiar topics at normal speed.
2. Students complete assignments as class work and homework with supplemental CDs and/or audio cassettes, films and/or videos that require oral comprehension.
3. Students have longer and more complex dictations in class and as part of quizzes, tests, and examinations on familiar topics at normal speed.

6. Course Objective: To demonstrate the ability to initiate, maintain, and end a coherent conversation in French.

Competencies:

1. Students engage in dialogues, ask questions, make statements, offer opinions and thoughts with the instructor in new subject areas covered in the course.
2. Students read more challenging selections, short stories, extracts from novels and poetry and discuss the readings with the instructor and classmates using proper conversational French.
3. Students expand discussions of daily routines, past experiences through narration, practice giving and asking for advice and speaking of obligations in class with the instructor and classmates.
4. Students watch videos/films in class and express their thoughts and opinions with the instructor and classmates.

7. Course Objective: To continue the acquisition of the culture, customs, and traditions of Francophone countries and people

Competencies:

1. Students expand knowledge of French culture and customs, traditions and folklore through cultural segments and readings in the classroom with the instructor and classmates.
2. Students use the Internet for research on cultural topics assigned by the instructor
3. Students continue to gain knowledge of past and present people, events, art, music, cooking, holidays, literature, architecture, geography, and sports of the Francophone world through lecture, readings and research.
4. Students study the influences of French culture worldwide.