

Competencies and Objectives
Intermediate French II – FREN – 424

1. Course Objective: To continue the acquisition of grammar structures in French: develop the ability to understand and express a more complete story in the past, detail events in logical order, tell on-going events, understand and use lexical and structural references to past, present, and future events, logically use more than one time frame within extended discourse; expand the ability to recognize and use future for and predictions and hypothetical situations

Competencies:

1. Students are able to understand and complete more complex past tense forms, present and future forms, can give advice and use expressions of feelings and emotions
 2. Students complete written homework assignments in the text and on supplemental worksheets assigned as homework and for class work.
 3. Students interact orally with the instructor and classmates with more complex grammatical patterns of speech.
2. Course Objective: To continue to acquire more complex reading comprehension skills in French; to increase comprehension of special idioms and expressions through more complex selected readings, stories, and poetry.

Competencies:

1. Students increase vocabulary acquisition through oral and written word drills in class and as homework assignments.
 2. Students improve reading comprehension through reading passages in the text, short stories, magazine and newspaper articles, and novels in French as class work and homework assignments.
 3. Students use the CD Rom and Internet sites that accompany the text for more practice with exercises in reading comprehension and for making statements and requesting clarification on homework assignments and in class.
3. Course Objective: To demonstrate continued expansion of writing skills in French using the grammatical structures listed above on various topics and to connect paragraphs and write essays in logical sequence.

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 on various topics 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 the 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 in French.
 2. Students complete assignments as class work and homework with supplemental CDs and/or audio cassettes, and 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 and 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

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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.