

Course Abstract

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Course ID and Name: FRE 221 Intermediate French I

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Prerequisites: FRE122

Co-requisites: None

Course Description:

Continuation of principles established during the first year: review of grammar, reading, and conversation. Emphasis on conversational activities and original compositions. Laboratory work is required.

General Education Status: GE HUM

Credits:

3

Lecture Hours:

3

Lab Hours:

Supplemental

Learning Outcomes:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of contextualized conversation with cognates, and some unfamiliar vocabulary.
2. Create sentences by recombining known lexical and syntactic structure in contextualized conversations.
3. Read simple poetry and prose selections demonstrating understanding in familiar context.
4. Compose short texts on familiar topics, and personal experiences.
5. Describe certain aspects of every day life, and identify major writers, artists, and historical figures.

Course Content Areas:

I. Grammar:

- subjunctive mood and accompanying expressions which introduce it
- reflexive verbs
- imperfect tense is reviewed and compared with preterit
- simple past tense or *passé simple*
- indirect and direct object pronouns are reviewed

- the pronouns *y* and *en* are introduced
- the use of *faire + infinitive* to express “have something done”

II. Vocabulary to:

- describe a person (color of hair, eyes, facial features)
- recount daily activities
- discuss pastimes
- talk about jobs and work
- describe objects-shape, texture, size, weight
- recount past events
- discuss the weather
- discuss historical subjects with simple past tense
- go shopping and purchase items in different shops
- go to beautician or barber and have your hair done

III. Readings and culture

- the French-speaking world
- culinary art and cuisine
- French art and literature
- French climate and seasons
- French music
- individual and group sports
- French history from Roman times until the 17th century
- French ecological issues

IV. Pronunciation

- review and improve pronunciation of all French sounds
- distinguish regional differences