

FREN 123 - French Language 1

School of Asian & European Languages & Cultures

TRIMESTER 1 & 2 - 2008

18 Points

1. STAFF

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2. CLASSES

Students must attend 2 lectures, 1 tutorial and 1 guided multimedia session per week.

Lectures			
Lecture 1	Monday	3-4pm	MC 102
Lecture 2	Wednesday	3-4pm	MC 102
Tutorials			
Group A	Tuesday	12-1pm	VZ 510
Group B	Tuesday	3-4pm	VZ 509
Group C	Thursday	10-11am	VZ 710
Group D	Thursday	12-1pm	VZ 510
Group E	Thursday	3-4pm	MY 531

NOTE: Room allocations may be subject to change. Information regarding room changes for Trimester 2 will be posted on the FREN 123 notice board, VZ Level 5 next to VZ 510 and on Blackboard.

Multimedia Guided Independent Language Learning

Students are required to include one hour per week in their timetable to work independently in the Language Learning Centre (Von Zedlitz building, Level 0) using the resources available such as CDROMs, computer programmes, videos and magazines. Multimedia exercises to be done each week in the LLC are listed in the *Course Programme* (see pp. 4-8). Students are advised to book a self-access hour a day in advance to avoid disappointment.

3. COMMUNICATION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information will be provided in class and/or posted on the FREN 123 notice board, VZ Level 5 next to VZ 510 and on Blackboard.

4. COURSE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES

This full-year French language course is for students who have already studied French to NCEA Level 3, or have reached an equivalent level, eg, FREN 113 (a minimum pass mark of 60% is recommended). FREN 123 aims to develop confidence and accuracy in speaking, writing, and understanding French.

The course consists of three hours each week, as follows:

The **first weekly lecture (CM 1: cours magistral 1)** is dedicated to grammar and writing skills. Students must prepare the topic from the grammar book as indicated in the *Course Programme*.

In the **second weekly lecture (CM 2: cours magistral 2)**, the focus is on vocabulary acquisition, reading comprehension and listening comprehension skills. Note that preparation for this class is essential as activities done in class will be on the basis of the prepared texts in the *cahier* (see details in the *Course Programme*, pp. 4-8).

Students improve their communicative and oral skills in the weekly **tutorial (TD: cours de travaux dirigés)**. Students are also required to use **multimedia** resources available in the LLC (VZ Level 0) on a weekly basis to reinforce basic grammatical knowledge and work on their particular learning needs such as reading / listening comprehension or pronunciation (see list of exercises to be done in the LLC in the *Course Programme*, pp. 4-8).

5. COURSE MATERIALS

- *Schaum's Outline of French Grammar*, Mary E. Coffman Crocker, McGraw-Hill Companies Inc., USA - ISBN: 2-07-013887-7, available at Vicbooks
- *FREN 123 - French Language 1 Study Guide (cahier)*, available from Student Notes

NOTE that French dictionaries, French grammar books and other reference materials can be accessed in the Self-Access Centre (LLC, VZ Level 0). The French Library in VZ 605 also has an extensive collection of dictionaries, reference books, novels and French magazines such as *L'Express* and *Les Clés de l'actualité*. Please use this library, it is yours.

6. ASSESSMENT

This course is internally assessed. Tests and assignments are designed to assess students' abilities in the four language skills (listening, reading, speaking and writing) and provide students with regular feedback on their progress. The assessment consists of

4 Assignments	(10% each)	40%
2 Written Tests	(20% each)	40%
1 Listening Test		10%
1 Oral Test		10%

IMPORTANT DATES

Trimester 1		
Friday 4 April	5pm	Assignment 1
14 - 27 April		Mid-trimester break
Wednesday 7 May	3pm	Test 1
Friday 23 May	5pm	Assignment 2
2 June - 6 July		Mid-year break
Trimester 2		
Wednesday 16 July	3pm	Test 2
Friday 8 August	5pm	Assignment 3
18 - 31 August		Mid-trimester break
Friday 12 September	5pm	Assignment 4
Wednesday 1 October	3pm	Test 3
6 - 10 October		Oral Test

7. PENALTIES

ASSIGNMENTS are given at the end of the Monday lecture and must be posted in the FRENCH assignment box situated on the left of the SAELC Reception area (VZ Level 6) on the following Friday at 5pm at the latest. Each assignment must include a signed SAELC coversheet.

Students are to respect the dates for handing in assignments and sitting tests. **Extensions** for assignments should be requested from the tutor as early as possible before the deadline. Late work may be accepted for course requirements but may not be marked. Students who did not apply for an extension before the deadline may be assigned a zero mark.

TESTS

Students are expected to sit tests at the scheduled time (see Section 6: **Important Dates**, p. 2). Alternative arrangements may be agreed by the Course Coordinator on presentation of a medical certificate or some other appropriate document(s) or in some cases by prior agreement. Such arrangements should be made **as soon as possible** at the latest the day after the test.

8. EXPECTED WORKLOAD

The faculty recommends students devote 6 hours per week to this full year course, i.e. **3 hours of individual study** (one of which should be spent on autonomous guided work in the LLC, see Section 12: *Course Programme*, pp. 4-8) in addition to the **3 hours of classwork**.

The completion of autonomous guided work (i.e. all the tasks to be done in the LLC and in your own time, see *Course Programme*, pp. 4-8) is a crucial part of this course. All these exercises are designed to reinforce what is covered in class and help students develop their knowledge of the language. Students are also responsible for learning the vocabulary and grammar as they are taught.

It is important to inform your Course Coordinator of any problems affecting your work. If you are having difficulties, you may want to discuss them with your tutor (see p. 1 for details regarding staff availability).

9. MANDATORY COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students must sit ALL tests and complete ALL assignments as scheduled to satisfy the mandatory course requirements (see Section 6: *Important Dates*, p.2).

Attendance and participation are vital in a skills-based course and it is strongly recommended for students to attend at least 80% of classes and complete all the self-learning tasks (in the LLC and in your own time) listed in the *Course Programme* on pp. 4-8 of this course outline.

10. PLAGIARISM

While you are encouraged and expected to work together in the tutorials, **your written assignment must be your own work**. Copying work from another student or any other text (including the internet) without proper acknowledgment, working with another student, i.e. discussing the assignment, comparing answers, asking someone to do or proofread your work is NOT acceptable.

Any student found guilty of plagiarism will be subject to disciplinary procedures under the *Statute on Student Conduct*, under the following section: *Academic Integrity and Plagiarism*, in the *General University and Policies and Statutes*, available on Blackboard.

11. GENERAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS, POLICIES AND STATUTES

Information on the *General University Requirements, Policies and Statutes* can be found on Blackboard.

12. COURSE PROGRAMME

The following *Course Programme* lists the objectives for the Monday Lecture (**CM 1**: cours magistral 1), Wednesday lecture (**CM 2**: cours magistral 2) and weekly tutorial (**TD**: cours de travaux dirigés).

Preparation work for lectures and tutorials (i.e. work to be done before the lectures and tutorials) is indicated in **bold**. This *Course Programme* also includes the list of tasks to be done in the LLC (Language Learning Center, VZ Level 0). Recommended materials for each task to be done in the LLC are indicated in **bold** (see *Légende*). Please refer to this *Course Programme* regularly.

