

FREN 113 - Elementary French

School of Languages & Cultures

Trimester 2 - 2008

18 Points

1. STAFF

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2. CLASSES

Students must attend 2 hours of lectures, 2 hours of tutorials per week and 2 guided multimedia sessions.

Lectures	Monday & Wednesday	11-11.50am	HM 104
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Tutorials						
Group A	Monday	1.10-2pm	VZ 510	& Wednesday	1.10-2pm	VZ 509
Group B	Tuesday	2.10-3pm	24KP-Room 203	& Thursday	2.10-3pm	22KP-Room 104
Group C	Tuesday	2.10-3pm	VZ 510	& Thursday	2.10-3pm	VZ 510
Group D	Tuesday	3.10-4pm	VZ 510	& Thursday	3.10-4pm	VZ 510

NOTE: Room allocations may be subject to change. Make sure you check all rooms on the course notice board (VZ Level 5 next to VZ 510) at the beginning of the course.

Supervised Multimedia Session

Students are also required to attend a supervised multimedia session on **Monday 14 July** [10-10.50am] in the LLC (Language Learning Centre, von Zedlitz Building, Level 0). This session is designed to help students familiarise themselves with the resources and use of equipment in the LLC. Please see information posted on the FREN 113 notice board (VZ Level 5 next to VZ 510) and on Blackboard.

3. COMMUNICATION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further course information can be found on the French Programme notice board, VZ Level 5 next to VZ 510 and on Blackboard.

4. COURSE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES

This intensive French language course follows on from FREN 112 and is designed for those who have mastered the basics of the French language. Note that a minimum pass of 60% is recommended or School Certificate French / NCEA 1. It is taught in the second trimester and is worth 18 points. It aims to teach the four skills of the French language [listening, reading, speaking and writing] in an interactive and communicative way, to enable students to reach a level comparable with that of Year 12-13 or 6th/7th Form. It prepares students for the French language course FREN 115.

Teaching is based on the second half [lessons 10-18] of *Panorama 1* (Jacky Girardet & Jean-Marie Cridlig, Paris: Clé International, 2004). Other materials, available at the Language Learning Centre (LLC, von Zedlitz, Level 0), are also used such as *Rencontres* video, CD-ROM programmes, audiotapes, *Documents oraux*, *Etincelle* magazine, etc. Objectives are presented pp. 190-191 in the *Panorama 1* Textbook and p.3 in the FREN 113 Course Booklet.

5. COURSE MATERIAL

Students are required to purchase for the first day of teaching:

- **Panorama 1 Textbook**, Jacky Girardet & Jean-Marie Cridlig, Paris: Clé International, 2004
Available from VUW Bookshop
- **FREN 112/113 - French Language for Beginners Course Booklet**. Available from Student Notes

Students can get copies of the following audiotapes from the LLC, VZ Level 0.

- **Panorama 1: Pronunciation Exercises** [Units 1-6] Callmark: FREN.LAN. 4343.A/3*
- **Panorama 1: Dialogues and Grammar Exercises** [Unit 4-6] Callmark: FREN.LAN. 4343.A/5*

Recommended Material

- **Collins French Dictionary plus Grammar**, Collins, 2001, ISBN 0004723686
Available from VUW Bookshop
NOTE: French dictionaries, French grammar books and other reference material are available in the Self-Access Centre, in the LLC (Language Learning Centre, von Zedlitz Building, Level 0) and in the French Library, VZ 605.

6. ASSESSMENT

The course is entirely internally assessed. Assignments, vocabulary quizzes, CALL tasks and tests are designed to encourage students to work regularly (in class and on their own) to ensure that grammar, vocabulary, idioms and culture are assimilated as the course progresses, and to provide students with regular feedback. The course assessment consists of:

- 3 assignments (10% each) = 30%
- 2 written tests (20% each) = 40%
- 1 listening comprehension test = 10%
- 5 vocabulary quizzes = 5%
- 5 CALL tasks on Blackboard = 5%
- 1 oral test = 10%

NOTE: Vocabulary quizzes will be conducted during tutorial times. CALL tasks are posted on Blackboard.

IMPORTANT DATES	
Friday 25 July	Assignment 1
Wednesday 13 August	Test 1
18 - 31 August	Mid-Trimester break
Friday 12 September	Assignment 2
Friday 26 September	Assignment 3
Wednesday 1 October	Test 2
Wednesday 8 October	Test 3
6 - 10 October	Oral Test

7. PENALTIES

Assignments are to be handed in the FRENCH Assignment Box located to the left of the SLC Reception area, VZ Level 6. Any problem regarding deadlines should be discussed in advance with the Course Coordinator (for tests) or with the Tutor (for assignments).

- **Assignments** must be submitted by the due date (see Section 6: *Important Dates*). Extensions for assignments should be requested from the Course Coordinator as early as possible before the deadline. Late work may be accepted to complete the requirements of the course but may be assigned a zero mark if no prior arrangement is made.
- Students who are unable to sit a **vocabulary quiz** or complete a **CALL task** due to extraordinary circumstances must contact the Course Coordinator as soon as possible. Arrangements may be made for students to do a replacement vocabulary quiz/CALL task on presentation of a medical certificate or appropriate document(s). If the Course Coordinator has not been contacted prior to or at the latest the day after the vocabulary quiz/CALL task date, no replacement quiz/CALL task will be offered and the missed assessment work will be assigned a zero mark.

- **Tests** should be sat at the scheduled time (see *Important Dates*, p.2). For students who are unable to sit a test due to exceptional circumstances such as health problems or a family bereavement, alternative arrangements may be agreed to by the Course Coordinator, on presentation of a medical certificate or other appropriate document(s). Such arrangements must be made as soon as possible, at the latest the day after the test date. If the Course Coordinator has not been contacted by that day, a fail grade may be awarded.

8. EXPECTED WORKLOAD

In line with Faculty workload guidelines, students are expected to do **6 hours of guided work** (including the 4 hours of classes) as well as **6 hours of independent study per week** for the duration of the whole trimester.

The guided work consists of

- 2 hours of lectures on Mondays and Wednesdays, 11 - 11.50am
- 2 hours of tutorials
- 2 hours of guided self-learning multimedia exercises in the LLC * [see *Course Programme*, pp.4-7]
- 6 hours of independent study [see Section 12 - *Course Programme*, pp.4-7]

As part of the independent self-learning component of the course, students need to make regular use of the resources in the LLC to work on their particular learning needs and to self-monitor their learning [Read *Successful Learning*, pp.7-9 in the FREN 113 Course Booklet].

Students are also responsible for acquiring vocabulary, idioms and grammar as they are taught. Daily independent learning is necessary [see *Successful Learning*, pp.7-9 in the FREN 113 Course Booklet]. All tasks are listed, pp.4-7 in the *Course Programme* of this Course Outline. Refer to it regularly.

9. MANDATORY COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Full class attendance is expected. Attendance at a minimum of 80% of classes and completion of ALL assignments and tests as scheduled [see Section 6: *Important Dates*, p.2] are required. Students who have not fulfilled the mandatory requirements will fail the course.

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

A copy of the *General University Requirements, Policies and Statutes* can be found on Blackboard.

12. COURSE PROGRAMME

The following Course Programme includes the objectives covered each week in the lectures and tutorials. **Preparation for tutorials** (i.e. work to be done **before** the tutorials) is **indicated in bold**. It also lists the tasks that you have to do in your own time (*Independent Learning*) and the activities in the LLC *. Please refer to it regularly.

13. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES AND STUDENT EVALUATIONS

In the second week of lectures, staff will facilitate the election of a class representative. Student reps are a valuable means of communication between teaching staff and students. Each trimester student reps of SLC courses will meet together with the Head of School. At the end of the course students may be asked to fill out questionnaires prepared by the University's Teaching and Development Centre in order to evaluate individual lecturers' performance and/or the course as a whole.

14. STUDENT SUPPORT

The School's Disability Liaison Person is:

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