

Department of French and Spanish

FRE 501/601 - SPEAKING AND WRITING FRENCH I AND II

Lower or Upper-Level Liberal Study

Calendar Description – FRE501: Designed for students with good oral French who wish to review major grammatical structures, develop vocabulary, and improve their writing. Course emphasizes differences/parallels between written and oral French, and development of variety in writing style. Writing assignments based on essays, literary works, press articles, etc., chosen to illustrate styles and levels of contemporary written French. A literary work will form the basis for class discussions and written work.

Calendar Description – FRE601: This course is a continuation of Speaking and Writing French I - FRE 501 using the same approach.

These courses serve as a continuation of Intermediate French II. They are also open to students with an appropriate knowledge of French as determined by a placement test (generally, high school graduation in French in Ontario with a good level of fluency in spoken French or equivalent). The primary objective is enhanced listening, comprehension and oral communication - correctness and spontaneity of expression - without, however, omitting the written aspects of the language.

Basic course materials range from CDs and internet resources, specifically intended for language study, to newspaper and magazine articles and short literary works. At least one work of literature, usually a novel or play, is studied each semester. All these materials serve as a basis for classroom discussion, student presentations and written work. Grammatical structures are studied in the grammar text Mise au point as well as in course materials.

In order to improve their writing and analytical skills in French, students are asked to write a number of short compositions and commentaries on issues discussed in class, and on the literary works studied.

TEXTBOOKS AND REQUIRED MATERIAL:

- Parmentier, Michel. *Mise au point*. Toronto : Nelson, 5th edition, 2007.
- Additional texts to be announced by instructor.

HOURS:

- 3 hours per week

DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES:

Tests & Assignments	40%
Participation	10%
Oral presentation	10%
Final Exam Oral	20%
Final Exam Written	20%

PREREQUISITE:

- FRE501:** FRE401 or placement test.
FRE601: FRE501 or placement test.

MODIFICATIONS TO THIS OUTLINE WILL BE DISCUSSED IN CLASS PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION, AND A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF REVISION WILL BE PROVIDED TO STUDENTS. ALL ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE AS THE INSTRUCTOR SPECIFIES.