

Department of French and Spanish**FRE 101 - INTRODUCTORY FRENCH I****A Lower-Level Liberal Study**

Calendar description: For students with very little or no knowledge of French. Classes use a communicative approach and the emphasis is on oral proficiency, comprehension and expression. Reading and writing skills are also developed. Through extensive practice in class, students acquire the basic vocabulary and constructions of French, providing a sound basis for further studies. Classwork is supplemented by handouts, audio recordings and cultural readings. Attendance is considered mandatory and a substantial percentage of the mark depends on class participation. Not open to students who have completed Gr. 12 or OAC French.

This is an introductory course for students with no knowledge or very little knowledge of French. The grammar text *Grammaire progressive du français* will be used to introduce students to the basic structures of the French language. The accompanying text *Communication progressive du français* provides dialogues and exercises which will allow students to work on their oral and auditive skills in French as well as develop their knowledge of vocabulary and syntax and give students a better understanding of the Francophone world. Through extensive practice in listening, speaking, reading and writing French, the student will acquire a basic knowledge of French structures and vocabulary in preparation for further studies. Emphasis is placed on oral proficiency through extensive group participation in class. Students are called upon to associate structures with situations, thus grasping the grammar of the language in much the same way as one acquires a mother tongue.

In order to improve their writing skills in French, students are given a variety of assignments: they usually write a dictation related to each lesson, and are asked to write a series of brief compositions on subjects or situations covered in the lessons and/or dialogues. In addition, students are required to use exercises from the CD-ROM which accompanies *Grammaire progressive du français* to improve grammar and writing skills as well as the CD from *Communication progressive du français* to improve their command of spoken French.

Language learning is cumulative and relies on group dynamics in class. Attendance and participation are therefore essential.

REQUIRED MATERIAL:

- Grégoire, Maia. *Grammaire progressive du français (niveau débutant)* (with CD-ROM). Paris : Clé International, 2001.
- Claire Miquel. *Communication progressive du français (niveau débutant)* (audio CD recommended). Clé International, 2004.

HOURS:

- 3 hours per week.

DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES:

Tests and Assignments	40%
Participation	20%
Final Exam Oral	20%
Final Exam Written	20%

EXCLUSION: This course is **NOT** open to students with OAC French or equivalent.

MODIFICATIONS TO THIS OUTLINE WILL BE DISCUSSED IN CLASS PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION, AND A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF REVISION WILL BE PROVIDED TO STUDENTS.