

French 1

UC/CSU "e" approved/NCAA approved

Grade Level: 9-12

Estimated Work Outside of Class: 1-2 hrs per week

Course Description:

This course provides an introduction to the language and cultures of France and other French speaking countries. Students develop basic listening, speaking, reading and writing skills necessary to communicate ideas about self, family, daily life, travel, food and basic needs. Students explore connections and cultural aspects of the French-speaking world and make connections with their own culture.

Prerequisite:

A desire to learn the language and culture of French speaking (Francophone) countries.

Recommended Prerequisite Skills:

Course Grade Categories:

Formative Assessments – 50%

Summative Assessments – 50%

Major Assessments/Units/Topics:

Units:

Unit 1- Greetings, people, and things around the classroom

In this unit students begin learning about basic French greetings and manners, the francophone world, as well as things and people around the classroom.

Topics: Nouns and articles, counting from 1-60, the verb "être" (to be), adjective agreement

Major Assessment: Unit 1A Quiz, Unit 1 Exam, Comic strip greetings project based assessment.

Unit 2- Academic Life and everyday activities

In this unit students learn how to communicate about academic life and everyday activities. Students also learn about French school life and cultural differences.

Topics: Regular -er verbs, forming questions, expressing negation, present tense of the verb "avoir" (to have), telling time.

Major Assessments: Unit 2A Quiz, Unit 2 Exam

Unit 3- Family, friends, pets, professions and occupations

In this unit students learn how to communicate about their families, friends, and pets. They also learn how to communicate about professions and occupations. Students learn vocabulary related to friends and family and also learn about families and relationships in France.

Topics: Descriptive adjectives, possessive adjectives, numbers 60-100, prepositions of locations and disjunctive pronouns.

Major Assessments: Unit 3A Quiz, Family Tree Project -Performance Based Assessment

Fall Final - Comprehensive exam which includes information covered in Units 1-3, but focuses on Unit 3 vocabulary and grammar topics. Exam includes multiple choice and fill in the blank grammar questions, a listening portion, a reading portion, and a writing portion.

Unit 4- Places and activities around town

In this unit students learn how to communicate about popular leisure time activities. They learn how to communicate about activities around town, such as going to cafés and restaurants.

Topics: The verb “aller” (to go), interrogative words, the verbs “prendre” (to take), “boire” (to drink), regular -ir verbs, and partitives.

Major Assessments: Unit 4A Quiz, Unit 4 Exam, “Au Café” presentational project -Performance Based Assessment. Students create and then act out a script about going to a café and ordering food and drinks.

Unit 5- Leisure Activities and the weather

In this unit students learn about leisure activities and sports. They learn how to communicate about the weather, and public spaces in France.

Topics: The verb “faire” (to do), Irregular -ir verbs, numbers 101 and higher, spelling change -er verbs.

Major Assessments: Unit 5A Quiz, Unit 5 Exam, Weather Report Project -Performance Based Assessment. Students create a simulated weather report.

Unit 6- Parties, celebrations, clothing, and colors

In this unit students learn about celebrations in France such as Carnival! They also learn about clothing, colors, and fashion.

Topics: Demonstrative adjectives, the passé composé with avoir (the basic past tense in French), indirect object pronouns, regular and irregular -re verbs.

Major Assessments: Unit 6A Quiz, Unit 6 Exam

Unit 7- Travel arrangements, transportation, hotels, and accommodation

In this unit students learn about travel and accommodations. They learn how to communicate about making travel and transportation arrangements as well as hotel accommodations. They learn about vacations in France and francophone countries such as Tahiti.

Topics: The passé composé with être, direct object pronouns, adverbs, the formation of the imparfait

Major Assessments: Unit 7A Quiz, Unit 7 Exam. Travel and Hotel presentational project -Performance Based Assessment. Students create, act out, and film a skit about checking into and staying at a hotel/hostel/campground.

Spring Final - Comprehensive exam which includes topics covered in Units 4-7. Exam includes multiple choice and fill in the blank grammar questions, a listening portion, a reading portion, a writing portion, and a speaking portion.