

Syllabus for
FRE 101—Elementary French I
4 Credit hours
Fall 2018

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

A beginning course in the French language with emphasis on the culture(s) of the Francophone world. Covers aural/oral work, grammar, including possessives, commands, present indicatives, future proche, and passé composé. Covers most activities listed in the ACTFL novice mid competencies.

Lab fee: \$40.

II. COURSE GOALS

- A. This introductory language course is designed to help the student develop communicative competence and oral proficiency in French, with proficiency defined as the ability to communicate specific messages in particular situations for a given purpose. This course provides the student opportunities for practical use of French in real life situations and the vocabulary and grammar necessary to accomplish this goal.
- B. The specific contribution of elementary and intermediate foreign language courses to the general education of the ORU student is to give them the practical tool for entering into foreign cultures for Christian service or career purposes. By acquiring another language, the ORU student can become “a part of the answer” and **not** “part of the problem” as he or she faces the ever-increasing globalization and interdependency of cultures everywhere and goes “**into** every person’s world,” not just go **to** every person’s world.
- C. Language and culture are intertwined, and in learning a foreign language, the student also learns from and about the foreign culture by studying how the people view themselves and their society in terms of history, politics, religion, and economic and social structures. One goal of the language courses is to develop an attitude of hearing a society’s questions rather than assuming Americans have all the answers.

III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR THIS COURSE

- A. **Terminal Objectives**—Upon successful completion of this course through class instruction, class participation, and laboratory exercises, the student will be able to do the following:
 - 1. Converse in the target language using common vocabulary, phrases, and topics, such as discussing hobbies, school, professions, family structures, as well as describing homes, businesses, and neighborhoods.
 - 2. Respond in complete sentences in French in present tense and futur proche.
 - 3. Read French texts aloud at the elementary level.
 - 4. Express oneself in written and spoken French at the elementary level.
 - 5. Use essential grammatical structures.
 - 6. Demonstrate target cultural understandings and compare cultures through perspectives, products, and practices of those cultures.
 - 7. Read, memorize, and recite Bible verses.
 - 8. Pray orally in simple sentences using level appropriate syntax.
 - 9. Perform most activities listed in the NCSSFL-ACTFL novice mid-level competencies as follow:
 - a. Communicate on very familiar topics using a variety of words and

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- phrases that he or she has practiced and memorized.
- b. Present information about him or herself and some other very familiar topics using a variety of words, phrases, and memorized expressions.
- c. Write lists and memorized phrases on familiar topics.
- d. Recognize some familiar words and phrases when hearing them spoken.
- e. Recognize some letters or characters and understand some learned or memorized words and phrases when read.

B. Objectives for Students in Teacher Preparation Programs

The Teacher Preparation Program meets the five goal areas of the World-Readiness Standards for Learning Languages as outlined by the National Standards in Foreign Language Education. These five areas and their corresponding standards are as follows:

1. Communication: Communicate in Languages Other Than English
 - Standard 1.1 Students engage in conversations, provide and obtain information, express feelings and emotions, and exchange opinions.
 - Standard 1.2 Students understand and interpret written and spoken language on a variety of topics.
 - Standard 1.3 Students present information, concepts, and ideas to an audience of listeners or readers on a variety of topics.
2. Cultures: Gain Knowledge and Understanding of Other Cultures:
 - Standard 2.1 Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the practices and perspectives of the culture studied.
 - Standard 2.2 Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the products and perspectives of the culture studied.
3. Connections: Connect with Other Disciplines and Acquire Information
 - Standard 3.1 Students reinforce and further their knowledge of other disciplines through the foreign language.
 - Standard 3.2 Students acquire information and recognize the distinctive viewpoints that are only available through the foreign language and its cultures.
4. Comparisons: Develop Insight into the Nature of Language and Culture
 - Standard 4.1 Students demonstrate understanding of the nature of language through comparisons of the language studied and their own.
 - Standard 4.2 Students demonstrate understanding of the concept of culture through comparisons of the cultures studied and their own.
5. Communities: Participate in Multilingual Communities at Home & Around the World
 - Standard 5.1 Students use the language both within and beyond the school setting.
 - Standard 5.2 Students show evidence of becoming life-long learners by using the language for personal enjoyment and enrichment.

IV. TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER LEARNING RESOURCES

Required Textbooks

Valdman, Albert and Cathy Pons. *Chez Nous: Media-Enhanced Version Plus MyFrenchLab, 4/E edition*. New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2014. ISBN-10: 0205949452

Note. The student may rent or purchase the hard copy or the etext of the book, but the student opting for the etext needs to have a mobile device in order to use the etext in the classroom. The student also needs to purchase the MyFrenchLab Access Card in order to access the online workbook and other resources.

V. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. University Policies and Procedures

1. Attendance at each class or laboratory is mandatory at Oral Roberts University. Excessive absences can reduce a student's grade or deny credit for the course.
2. Students taking a late exam because of an unauthorized absence are charged a late exam fee.
3. Students and faculty at Oral Roberts University must adhere to all laws addressing the ethical use of others' materials, whether it is in the form of print, electronic, video, multimedia, or computer software. Plagiarism and other forms of cheating involve both lying and stealing and are violations of ORU's Honor Code: "I will not cheat or plagiarize; I will do my own academic work and will not inappropriately collaborate with other students on assignments." Plagiarism is usually defined as copying someone else's ideas, words, or sentence structure and submitting them as one's own. Other forms of academic dishonesty include (but are not limited to) the following:
 - a. Submitting another's work as one's own or colluding with someone else and submitting that work as though it were his or hers;
 - b. Failing to meet group assignment or project requirements while claiming to have done so;
 - c. Failing to cite sources used in a paper;
 - d. Creating results for experiments, observations, interviews, or projects that were not done;
 - e. Receiving or giving unauthorized help on assignments.
By submitting an assignment in any form, the student gives permission for the assignment to be checked for plagiarism, either by submitting the work for electronic verification or by other means. Penalties for any of the above infractions may result in disciplinary action including failing the assignment or failing the course or expulsion from the University, as determined by department and University guidelines.
4. Final exams cannot be given before their scheduled times. Students need to check the final exam schedule before planning return flights or other events at the end of the semester.
5. Students are to be in compliance with university, school, and departmental policies regarding Whole Person Assessment requirements. Students should consult the Whole Person Assessment handbooks for requirements regarding general education and the students' majors.
 - a. The penalty for not submitting electronically or for incorrectly submitting an artifact is a zero for that assignment.
 - b. By submitting an assignment, the student gives permission for the assignment to be assessed electronically.

B. Department Policies and Procedures

1. **Class Assignments**

- a. Students need to come to class with the appropriate textbooks, course materials, and other supplies as designated by the professor.
 - b. Professors may refuse to accept an assignment if it has inappropriate content, does not meet the assignment's criteria (e.g., not typed, incorrectly documented), is incomplete, is suspected of plagiarism, or is turned in too late.
2. **Tardies**—Tardies are an inconvenience to the other class members and the

professor, and they prevent the late student from obtaining maximum value from the class. Therefore, excessive tardies may adversely affect the semester grade. It is to the student's advantage to make sure that the professor is informed immediately following the close of the class that the student was tardy and not absent. It is not the professor's responsibility to stop the class to mark the tardy; the student is the one responsible for conveying that information immediately following that class, not at a later time.

3. **Late Work**

- a. The student is responsible for obtaining class assignments and material covered during an absence, and all work is expected to be completed as scheduled. Late work may result in a lower grade. An absence is not an excuse for turning in late work or for being unprepared with assignments for the class following the absence. Computer or printer malfunction does not constitute an excuse for late work; students should have their work prepared in time to ensure that they can get it proofread, edited, and printed prior to the instructor's due date. These responsibilities assist the student in professional development.
- b. Any test taken late (except if the absence is administratively excused) incurs the ORU late exam fee (\$15), which must be paid before the late test can be taken.
- c. Assignments missed because of administratively excused absences are accepted with no penalty. Generally, assignments missed from an excused absence, such as sickness or family crises, can be made up and the instructor should be notified as soon as possible to reach an agreement on due dates and possible penalties. Each instructor has his or her own late-work policy that is given to students at the beginning of a course, so a teacher may decide that work missed because of an unexcused absence cannot be made up. Instructors use their own judgment in accepting late work resulting from all other absences. In cases where absences can be anticipated, such as for non-University sponsored mission trips, the work should normally be submitted prior to the absence.

4. **Attendance**

- a. **Excused and Unexcused Absences**—As stated in the university policy section of this syllabus, class attendance is mandatory, but because unavoidable circumstances can prevent perfect attendance, each student is allowed to miss class the number of times per week a class meets. This allowance is intended for illness, personal business, and emergency. Work missed because of an excused absence (e.g., illness, family emergency) can be made up; however, it is up to the teacher's discretion whether or not to accept work missed due to an unexcused absence (e.g., oversleeping, skipping class). If a student exceeds this number of absences, the student may lose points due to late work or for excessive absences, which may affect the semester grade. Extended illnesses are handled on an individual basis and require verification from a doctor.
- b. **Administratively Excused Absences**—Only absences that are required by approved University activities are given administrative excuses. Students who must miss class for University-sponsored activities must follow these procedures:
 - (1) Inform the professor before the event and make arrangement for the work to be submitted prior to the absence or at a mutually

- agreed upon deadline.
 - (2) Present an administrative excuse form with appropriate signatures when he or she returns to class. Doctors' or nurses' notes, or letters from groups sponsoring mission trips or activities do not qualify a student for an administratively excused absence.
 - (3) Obtain information covered during an absence. All work must be completed as scheduled.
 - (4) Not commit to class presentation (oral reports, speeches, group presentations, etc.) on a date that the student will be gone. Makeup work is not permitted if the student voluntarily committed to a performance on the date of an administratively excused absence.
- 5. **Plagiarism**—Each student attending Oral Roberts University is required to do his or her own academic work and must not inappropriately collaborate with other students on assignments.
 - a. Students must document all sources and ideas that are not their own original information by following correct MLA (Modern Language Association) documentation procedures. Failure to do this produces a plagiarized paper, which results in an F for the paper. Flagrant cheating results in an F for the course.
 - b. Students may be asked to submit their assignments to the Dropbox in D2L, which incorporates plagiarism detection.
- 6. **Incompletes**—As stated in the University catalog, incompletes are granted only for “good cause,” such as extended hospitalization, long-term illness, or a death in the family. Students must petition for an incomplete using the form available in the English and Modern Languages Department. Very few incompletes are granted.
- 7. **Whole Person Assessment**—If this course requires a WPA assignment, it is listed in the next section (“Course Policies and Procedures”) and explained in the WPA Handbook. Students need to comply as indicated in this syllabus, by the instructor, and in the WPA Handbooks.

C. Course Policies and Procedures

1. **Grades**

The final grade is based on the following requirements:

- a. Assignments, online work, quizzes, chapter exams, final exam, attendance, Cultural Center activities, oral evaluations (conversations), participation in class, and other assigned activities.
- c. Grading Scale: A=90-100% B=80-89% C=70-79% D=60-69% F=59% and below
- b. Quizzes over chapter readings, grammar points, and vocabulary can be given at any time with or without notice, but a chapter test is administered after the completion of each chapter. Chapter exams are given as well as a comprehensive final exam at the end of the course.
- d. Students must earn a minimum grade of “C” in this course before taking the next level.
- e. Students are required to participate in at least two events (on or off campus) related to Francophone culture. This may include a cultural event in the community, French Club cultural activities, or another activity as approved by the instructor.

4. **Extra Credit**

- a. Students should not expect extra credit to help raise a grade.

- b. Extra credit cannot raise a grade from a "D" to a "C" if the cumulative score is lower than a 68% before extra credit points are added.
- c. Students may earn up to 2% extra credit in the course by participating in activities or events related to the Spanish language or Hispanic culture beyond the cultural requirement as state in 3e above.

5. **Late Exams**

Only students who have an excused absence can take a make-up test. Students who miss an exam on the day it is scheduled but do not have an excused absence earn a zero on the exam.

6. **The Language Lab and Cultural Center (LLCC)**

- a. The LLCC, located in LRC 232B & C, is a valuable resource for developing foreign language proficiency and provides media resources as well as knowledgeable peer tutors for conversing in the target language.
- b. The student needs to spend an extra 5 hours outside of class time in target language conversation and other activities as directed by the instructor. The LLCC deadlines are posted in the LLCC and on D2L

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3 hours	Target Language conversation
2 hours	Activities based on teacher's instructions.
5 hours	TOTAL

- c. The student must log in his or her LLCC hours and activities on VISION before the deadline.

6. **Whole Person Assessment Requirements**

There are no Whole Person Assessment requirements for this course.

V. **COURSE CALENDAR**

WEEK	ASSIGNMENT
1-3	Leçon Préliminaire; Introduction to the Francophone world
3-5	Chapitre 1; Family life in Quebec and Louisiana
6-8	Chapitre 2; Sport in France
9-11	Chapitre 3; University life in the Francophone world – Montreal
12-14	Chapitre 4; Daily life in the Francophone world
15	Review
16	Final Exam (comprehensive)

Course Inventory for ORU's Student Learning Outcomes

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This course contributes to the ORU student learning outcomes as indicated below:

Significant Contribution – Addresses the outcome directly and includes targeted assessment.

Moderate Contribution – Addresses the outcome directly or indirectly and includes some assessment.

Minimal Contribution – Addresses the outcome indirectly and includes little or no assessment.

No Contribution – Does not address the outcome.

The Student Learning Glossary at <http://ir.oru.edu/doc/glossary.pdf> defines each outcome and each of the proficiencies/capacities.

OUTCOMES & Proficiencies/Capacities		Significant Contribution	Moderate Contribution	Minimal Contribution	No Contribution
1	Outcome #1 – Spiritually Alive Proficiencies/Capacities				
1A	Biblical knowledge			X	
1B	Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit			X	
1C	Evangelistic capability			X	
1D	Ethical behavior			X	
2	Outcome #2 – Intellectually Alert Proficiencies/Capacities				
2A	Critical thinking			X	
2B	Analytical problem solving			X	
2C	Global & historical perspectives		X		
2D	Aesthetic appreciation			X	
2E	Intellectual creativity	X			
3	Outcome #3 – Physically Disciplined Proficiencies/Capacities				
3A	Healthy lifestyle				X
3B	Physically disciplined lifestyle				X
4	Outcome #4 – Socially Adept Proficiencies/Capacities				
4A	Communication skills	X			
4B	Interpersonal skills	X			
4C	Appreciation of cultural & linguistic differences	X			
4D	Responsible citizenship			X	
4E	Leadership capacity				X

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