



FREN 113 - Elementary French COURSE OUTLINE Trimester 2 - 2007

1. CONTACTS

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2. CLASSES

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

Lectures

Monday	10am - 10.50am	MY 220
Wednesday	10am - 10.50am	MY 220

Tutorials

Depending on student numbers, the following tutorial groups will be run:

Group A	Tuesday & Thursday	1.10pm - 2pm	VZ 510
Group B	Tuesday & Thursday	2.10pm - 3pm	VZ 509
Group C	Tuesday & Thursday	2.10pm - 3pm	VZ 510
Group D	Tuesday & Thursday	3.10pm - 4pm	VZ 510

Room allocations may be subject to change. Make sure you check all rooms on the FREN 113 notice board (VZ, level 5, next to VZ 510) at the beginning of the course.

Multimedia Sessions

Monday 16 July and Monday 23 July

11am - 11.50am

LLC VZ Level 0

3. 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 MAIN AIMS

This intensive French language course follows on from FREN 112 and is designed for those who have mastered the basics of the French language: FREN 112. 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 FREN 123 and FREN 124 (First Year French Language Courses).

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 pp. 4-5 in the FREN 112/113 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 Students' Notes
- Two 60 minute blank audiotapes to make your own copy of the following cassettes
 - *Panorama 1: Pronunciation Exercises* [units 1-6]
Callmark: FREN.LAN.4343.A/3*
 - *Panorama 1: Dialogues and Grammar Exercises* [units 4-6]
Callmark: FREN.LAN.4343.A/5*

These tapes can be copied in the LLC, VZ Level 0

Recommended Material

- *Collins French Dictionary plus Grammar*, Collins, 2001
ISBN 0004723686
Available from VUW Bookshop

Note that French dictionaries, French grammar books and other reference material are available in the Self-Access Centre, LLC VZ Level 0 and in the French Library, VZ 650

6. ASSESSMENT

The course is entirely internally assessed. The course assessment consists of:

5 assignments	5% each	=	25%
4 tests	15% each	=	60%
Oral Test	15%	=	15%

See *Important Dates*, p.4 in this Course Outline.

7. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ASSESSMENT AND COURSE OBJECTIVES

Since regular work is paramount in learning a second language, attendance at all classes and completion on time of the guided self-learning multimedia tasks are strongly recommended.

Assignments 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.

8. DATES FOR ASSESSMENT WORK AND PENALTIES

See *Important Dates*, p.4

All assignments must include the SAELC **cover sheet**. Assignments are to be handed in to the FRENCH Assignment Box located to the left of the SAELC Reception area on the 6th floor on von Zedlitz.

Any problem regarding deadlines should be discussed in advance with the Course Coordinator (for tests) or with the Tutor (for assignments).

Extensions for assignments should be requested from the tutor as early as possible **before the deadline**. Late work will be accepted to complete the requirements of the course but may not be marked if no prior arrangement is made.

Tests should be sat at the scheduled time (see *Important Dates*, p. 4). Alternative arrangements for tests 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 will be awarded.

9. 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, 2 hours of tutorials, 2 hours of guided self-learning multimedia exercises in the LLC [see Section 12 - Course Programme, pp.4-10 for details]:

Hour 1: lecture on Monday, 10am - 10.50am
Hour 2: lecture on Wednesday, 10am - 10.50am
Hour 3: first tutorial
Hour 4: second tutorial
Hour 5: guided self-learning multimedia work (in your own time, in LLC*)
Hour 6: guided self-learning multimedia work (in your own time, in LLC*)
+ 6 hours of independent learning

* **LLC**: Language Learning Centre, von Zedlitz Building, Level 0

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 [see sections *Successful Learning*, pp. 7-9 and *Multimedia Material*, pp.11-14 in the FREN 112/113 Course Booklet].

Two hours of multimedia supervision and monitoring are scheduled to help students familiarise themselves with the LLC [see section on *Multimedia Material*, pp. 11-14 in the FREN 112/113 Course Booklet]. Students are also responsible for acquiring vocabulary, idioms and grammar as they are taught. Daily independent learning is necessary [see section on *Successful Learning*, pp.7-9 in the FREN 112/113 Course Booklet]. All tasks are listed pp.5-10 in the Course Programme of this Course Outline. Refer to it regularly.

It is important to inform the Course Coordinator of any problems affecting your work. If you are having difficulties, you may want to discuss them with your tutor (see p.1 for details regarding staff availability).

10. MANDATORY COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Full class attendance is expected. Attendance at a minimum of 75% of classes and completion of all assignments and all tests on due dates [see *Important Dates*, p.4] are required. Students who have not fulfilled the mandatory course requirements will fail the course.

11. 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 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. Read carefully the *Academic Integrity and Plagiarism* section in the *General University Policies and Statutes*, pp.11-12 in this Course Outline.

12. COURSE PROGRAMME

In line with Faculty workload guidelines, you are expected to do **6 hours of guided work**, i.e. 2 hours of lectures, 2 hours of tutorials, 2 hours of guided self-learning multimedia exercises in the LLC as well as **6 hours of independent study per week** for the duration of the whole trimester.

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 and the activities in the LLC (*Independent Learning*). Please refer to it regularly.

IMPORTANT DATES	
Friday 20 July	Assignment 1
Friday 3 August	Assignment 2
Wednesday 8 August	Test 1
Friday 17 August	Assignment 3
20 August - 2 September	Mid-Term Break
Wednesday 12 September	Test 2
Friday 21 September	Assignment 4
Friday 28 September	Assignment 5
Wednesday 3 October	Test 3
Wednesday 10 October	Test 4
8 - 12 October	Oral Exam

NOTE

Assignments will be handed out on Monday at the end of the first lecture and must be completed by the following Friday. All assignments must include the SAELC cover sheet and are to be handed in the FRENCH Assignment Box located to the left of the SAELC Reception, VZ Level 6.

REMINDER

Copying from another student's work, working with another student, i.e. discussing the assignment, comparing answers is NOT acceptable. **Your written assignment must be your own work**. See section 11 - *Plagiarism*, p. 3 and *Academic Integrity and Plagiarism*, pp. 11-12 in this Course Outline. Students who require an **extension** must contact their tutor or the course coordinator **before the deadline**. Note that late work may be accepted to complete the course requirements but may not be marked. For further details, see Section 8 - *Dates for Assessment Work and Penalties*, p. 3 in this Course Outline.