

FREN 112 - French Language for Beginners

School of Asian & European Languages & Cultures

Trimester 3 - 2007

18 Points

1. STAFF

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2. CLASSES

Students must attend 3 hours of lectures, 3 hours of tutorials per week and 3 guided multimedia sessions.

- **Lectures** Monday - Wednesday - Friday 10-10.50am HM (Hugh Mackenzie) LT002

- **Tutorials**

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

Group A Monday - Wednesday - Friday 11-11.50am VZ 510

Group B Monday - Wednesday - Friday 12-12.50pm VZ 510

Room allocations may be subject to change. Make sure you check all rooms on the FREN 112 / 113 notice board (VZ Level 5, next to the VZ 510 Tutorial room) at the beginning of the course.

- **Multimedia Sessions**

Students are also to attend 2 supervised multimedia sessions at the beginning of the course. These sessions organized by the Course Coordinator are designed to help students familiarise themselves with the resources and use of equipment in the LLC. Please see information posted on the FREN 112 / 113 notice board (VZ Level 5 next to VZ 510) and on Blackboard.

Session 1 Friday 23 November 2.10-3pm LLC, VZ Level 0

Session 2 Wednesday 28 November 2.10-3pm LLC, VZ Level 0

3. COMMUNICATION OF 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 OBJECTIVES

This intensive French language course for absolute beginners (with no previous knowledge of French) is worth 18 points. It aims to impart the basics of the French language in the four skills: listening, reading, speaking and writing, in an interactive and communicative way, to enable students to reach a level comparable with that of Year 11 / 5th Form. It is followed by FREN 113 (Elementary French) starting in the second trimester 2008. It is not recommended that students who obtained a final result of less than 60% in FREN 112 enrol in FREN 113.

Teaching is based on the first half [lessons 1-9] of *Panorama 1* (Jacky Girardet & Jean-Marie Cridlig, Paris: Clé International, 2004). Other materials available at the Language Learning Centre (LLC, von Zedlitz Building, Level 0) are also used such as videos, CD-ROMs, computer programmes, audiotapes and magazines. Objectives are presented pp. 188-189 in the *Panorama 1* Textbook and p.2 in the FREN 112 Course Booklet.

5. COURSE MATERIALS

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 - French Language for Beginners Course Booklet**. Available from Student 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 [Unit 1-3] Callmark: FREN.LAN. 4343.A/4*
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: 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 605.

6. ASSESSMENT

The course is entirely internally assessed (See *Important Dates*, p.3). Assignments, vocabulary quizzes 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. The course assessment consists of:

- 2 assignments 10% each = 20%
- 3 tests 20% each = 60%
- 5 vocabulary quizzes 2% each = 10%
- 1 oral exam 10% = 10%

NOTE: Vocabulary quizzes will be conducted during tutorial times.

7. PENALTIES

In this course outline. Any problem regarding deadlines should be discussed in advance with the Course Coordinator.

- **Assignments** must be submitted by the due date (see *Important Dates*, p.3 in this course outline). Extensions for assignments should be requested from the Course Coordinator as early as possible before the deadline. Late work may be accepted to complete the requirements of the course but may be assigned a zero mark if no prior arrangement is made.
- Students who are unable to sit a **vocabulary quizz** due to extraordinary circumstances must contact the Course Coordinator as soon as possible. Arrangements may be made for students to do a replacement vocabulary quizz on presentation of a medical certificate or appropriate document(s). If the Course Coordinator has not been contacted prior or at the latest the day after the vocabulary quizz date, no replacement quizz will be offered and the missed assessment work will be assigned a zero mark.
- **Tests** should be sat at the scheduled time (see *Important Dates*, p.3). For students who are unable to sit a test due to extraordinary circumstances such as health problems or a family bereavement, alternative arrangements 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 may be awarded.

8. EXPECTED WORKLOAD

In line with Faculty workload guidelines, students are expected to do 9 hours of guided work (including the 6 hours of classes) as well as 9 hours of independent study per week for the duration of the whole course.

The guided work consists of

- 3 hours of lectures: Monday - Wednesday - Friday, 10-10.50am
- 3 hours of tutorials: Monday - Wednesday - Friday 11-11.50am (Group A) or 12-12.50pm (Group B)
- 3 hours of guided self-learning multimedia exercises in the LLC * [see Section 12 - *Course Programme*, pp.4-7 for details]:
- 9 hours of independent study [see Section 12 - *Course Programme*, pp.4-7 for details]:

* 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 [Read *Successful Learning*, pp.4-6 in the FREN 112 Course Booklet].

Students are also responsible for acquiring vocabulary, idioms and grammar as they are taught. Daily independent learning is necessary [see *Successful Learning*, pp.4-6 in the FREN 112 Course Booklet]. All tasks are listed, pp.4-7 in the *Course Programme* of this Course Outline. Refer to it regularly.

9. MANDATORY COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Full class attendance is expected. Attendance at a minimum of 80% of classes and completion of ALL assignments and tests as scheduled [see *Important Dates*, p.3] are required. Students who have not fulfilled the mandatory requirements will fail the course and may be awarded a K grade.

10. 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.

Any student found guilty of plagiarism will be subject to disciplinary procedures under the *Statute on student Conduct*, under the following section: *Academic integrity and Plagiarism*, in the *General University and policies and Statutes*, available on Blackboard.

11. GENERAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS, POLICIES AND STATUTES

A copy of the *General University Requirements, Policies and Statutes* can be found on Blackboard.

12. COURSE PROGRAMME

In line with Faculty workload guidelines, you are expected to do **9 hours of guided work**, i.e. 3 hours of lectures, 3 hours of tutorials, 3 hours of guided self-learning multimedia exercises in the LLC as well as **9 hours of independent study per week** for the duration of the whole course.

IMPORTANT DATES	
Friday 7 December	Assignment 1
Monday 10 December	Test 1
22 December - 7 January	Christmas Break
Friday 11 January	Assignment 2
Wednesday 16 January	Test 2
Wednesday 23 January	Test 3
Monday 21 January	Wellington Anniversary Day
21-25 January	Oral Exam