



Nanchang University
FREN 201: French Language I
(Last Updated in Jan. 2025)

Credit: 4

Contact Hours

This course is composed of 24 lecture sessions, 3 tutorial sessions and 9 office contact hours. Each lecture session takes 2 contact hours in length; each tutorial session takes 3 contact hours in length; There will be a Q-A review session (3 contact hours) and Final Exam (3 contact hours) at the end of this term. This course has 72 contact hours in total.

Course Description

This course is designed specifically for one-semester intermediate French programs. It offers a contextualized review of the fundamentals, adding just enough new material to expand the language skills of French learners without overwhelming them. The course is divided into an in-class conversation manual and an out-of-class grammar reference, giving the flexibility to choose among readings, activities, and grammar practice to meet the varied needs of intermediate students. Regarding to the goal of this course, it is dedicated to offer students' with improved skills in reading, listening, composition and conversation.

Note: This Syllabus is subject to change based on the needs of the class.

Required Textbook

Textbook: *Sur Le Vif* by Hannelore Jarausch / Clare Tufts, Publisher: Heinle & Heinle Publication, Publication Date: January, 2005

Supplementary Reading

French Three Years; Blume, Eli; Amsco School Pubns Inc, 1994

Histoires Celebres; McGraw-Hill Education, the 1st Edition (Jan. 1, 1993)

Grading

- Participation 10%
- Papers 40%
- Midterm Exam 20%
- Final Exam 30%



A+ 96-100	A 90-95	A- 85-89
B+ 82-84	B 78-81	B- 75-77
C+ 71-74	C 66-70	C- 62-65
D 60-61	F < 60	

Course Schedule

The course has 24 class sessions in total. All sessions are 2 hours and 15 minutes in length.

Note: the course outline and required readings are subject to change.

Class 1:

Introduction to the course and syllabus-related materials

Class 2:

La francophonie & le française dans le monde (1)

Class 3:

La francophonie & le française dans le monde (2)

Class 4:

Les études (1)

Class 5:

Les études (2)

Class 6:

Les jeunes (1)

Class 7:

Les jeunes (2)

Class 8:

Les immigrants (1)

Class 9:

Les immigrants (2)

Paper 1

Class 10:

Les moyens de transports & la conduite (1)

Class 11:

Les moyens de transports & la conduite (2)



Class 12:

Les voyages (1)

Class 13:

Les voyages (2)

Class 14:

Midterm Exam

Class 15:

Les médias (1)

Class 16:

Les médias (2)

Class 17:

Revision grammaire (1)

Class 18:

Revision Grammaire (2)

Class 19:

Littérature française & francophone (poemes, histoire and ect) (1)

Class 20:

Littérature française & francophone (poemes, histoire and ect) (1)

Class 21:

Films français (1)

Class 22:

Films français (2)

Paper 2

Class 23:

In-class Presentation

Class 24:

Final Exam

Attending Policy



Regular and prompt attendance is required. Under ordinary circumstances, you may miss two times without penalty. Each absence over this number will lower your course grade by a third of a letter and missing more than five classes may lead to a failing grade in the course. Arriving late and/or leaving before the end of the class period are equivalent to absences.

Policy on “Late Withdrawals”

In accordance with university policy, appeals for late withdrawal will be approved ONLY in case of medical emergency and similar crises.

Academic Honesty

Nanchang University expects all students to do their own work. Instructors will fail assignments that show evidence of plagiarism or other forms of cheating, and will also report the student's name to the University administration. A student reported to the University for cheating is placed on disciplinary probation; a student reported twice is suspended or expelled.

General Expectations:

Students are expected to:

- Attend all classes and be responsible for all materials covered in class and otherwise assigned;
- Complete the day's required reading and assignments before class;
- Review the previous day's notes before class and make notes about questions you have about the previous class or the day's reading;
- Participate in class discussions and complete required written work on time;
- Refrain from texting, phoning or engaging in computer activities unrelated to class during the class period;
- While class participation is welcome, even required, you are expected to refrain from private conversations during the class period.

Special Needs or Assistance

Please contact the Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material. Our goal is to help you learn, not to penalize you for issues which mask your learning.