FREN 1001 – ELEMENTARY FRENCH I
Syllabus

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high school or you are a heritage speaker, please take the placement test
(https://modlangs.gatech.edu/students/placement-tests) and provide a copy of your score the first day of class to
demonstrate eligibility for this course.

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### COURSE OBJECTIVES

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### COURSE EVALUATION

**EVALUATION**

- Class attendance, Participation & Homework: 35%
- Test 1: 20%
- Test 2: 20%
- Final exam: 25%

**Grade Scale:**

- A=90-100
- B=80-89
- C=70-79
- D=60-69
- F=<60

- You must actively contribute to pair, group, and class discussions by both asking and answering questions. This also means that you will willingly engage in class activities and will always use French. All students are expected to attend every class day, arrive on time, be prepared for the course, and participate actively in the daily class activities. Absence from class will affect your grade, as will late arrivals, early departures, and regularly entering and leaving the room while class is in session. Before coming to class each day complete the course preparation.

- Class participation is graded based upon your desire to bring input, your completion of the preparation assignments and knowledge of the material to be studied for that day. The following rubric sets out the criteria upon which you will be evaluated:
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<td>Actively supports,</td>
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<td>Makes a sincere effort to interact</td>
<td>Limited interaction with peers</td>
<td>Virtually no interaction with</td>
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<td>engages and listens to peers (ongoing)</td>
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<td>with peers (ongoing)</td>
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<td>Never prepared</td>
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<td>Arrives fully prepared at every session</td>
<td>Arrives fully prepared at at almost every session</td>
<td>Arrives mostly, if not fully, prepared (ongoing)</td>
<td>Preparation, and therefore level of participation, are both inconsistent</td>
<td>Rarely prepared</td>
<td>Demonstrates a noticeable lack of interest in the material (ongoing)</td>
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<td>Plays an active role in discussions (ongoing)</td>
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<td>Participates constructively in discussions (ongoing)</td>
<td>When prepared, participates constructively in discussions and makes relevant comments based on the assigned material</td>
<td>Comments are generally vague or drawn from outside of the assigned material</td>
<td>Group dynamic is significantly harmed by the student’s presence</td>
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<td>Comments occasionally advance the level and depth of the dialogue (consistently)</td>
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<td>Demonstrates a noticeable lack of interest (on occasion)</td>
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<td>Group dynamic is consistently better because of the student’s presence</td>
<td>Group dynamic is often better because of the student’s presence</td>
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**Academic Integrity**

Georgia Tech aims to cultivate a community based on trust, academic integrity, and honor. Students are expected to act according to the highest ethical standards. For information on Georgia Tech's Academic Honor Code, please visit http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/policies/honor-code/ or http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/rules/18/.

Any student suspected of cheating or plagiarizing on a quiz, exam, or assignment will be reported to the Office of Student Integrity, who will investigate the incident and identify the appropriate penalty for violations.

**Accommodations for Students with Disabilities**

If you are a student with learning needs that require special accommodation, contact the Office of Disability Services at (404)894-2563 or http://disabilityservices.gatech.edu/, as soon as possible, to make an appointment to discuss your special needs and to obtain an accommodations letter. Please also e-mail me as soon as possible in order to set up a time to discuss your learning needs.

**Student-Faculty Expectations Agreement**

At Georgia Tech we believe that it is important to strive for an atmosphere of mutual respect, acknowledgement, and responsibility between faculty members and the student body. See http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/rules/22/ for an articulation of some basic expectation that you can have of me and that I have of you. In the end, simple respect for knowledge, hard work, and cordial interactions will help build the environment we seek. Therefore, I encourage you to remain committed to the ideals of Georgia Tech while in this class.
REMINDER OF SOME IMPORTANT RULES

1. Use of mobile devices: Sending text messages, surfing the web, checking emails, or otherwise perform non-class-related activities during class will not be tolerated.

2. Examinations/quizzes make-up policy: Make sure now that you will be able to attend all exams as no make-up quizzes or examinations will be given without an official excuse (a medical excuse from GT Stamps Health Services or your personal physician or circumstances listed below). No make up.

3. Class attendance: Class attendance is Mandatory. An absence is excused if a) you are required to participate in an official GT activity (documentation required) b) you are under a doctor’s care or scheduled an emergency doctor appointment (documentation required) c) you are granted a leave of absence from GT for reasonable cause by an academic dean (documentation required) d) documented illness or a significant life-event prevents you from attending class e) you are observing a major religious holiday f) going to a job/internship interview (documentation required).

4. Honor Code: When working on homework, you may not work with other students, and doing such is a violation of the GT Academic Honor Code. Submitting any work other than your own is also a violation of the Academic Honor Code.

5. Cheating off of another person’s test or quiz is unethical and unacceptable. Cheating off of anyone else’s work is a direct violation of the GT Academic Honor Code, and will be dealt with accordingly. For any questions involving these or any other Academic Honor Code issues, please consult me or click www.honor.gatech.edu

STUDY TIPS

1. Never miss class. Use every opportunity to speak, hear and read French. Keep on trying to keep a conversation going. Be willing to take risks, trying out the new structures and vocabulary you are learning. Students who play it safe (stick to the simple, reliable forms instead of trying new ones) will only hold themselves back. There is no disgrace goofing with something you didn’t know; but progress comes from learning from it and doing better next time.

2. Make a constant effort to participate in each class. The classroom is the primary focus. As you are beginner speakers, you should not be afraid to make mistakes. They are a necessary part of the learning process. Never fear to ask for help: often the same thing puzzling you is confusing others too. Get help fast when you need it; do not let problems develop.

3. Do not fall behind in your work. Be organized: do your homework in time. ‘Catching up’ is extremely difficult in a beginner language course. Success depends largely on regular contact with the material (In practicing a skill, four 15 minute-study periods with full concentration may work better for you than one-hour sessions). Don’t be satisfied with knowing the material. Be sure to practice enough times to be able to perform it with relative ease and fluency. Tests examine not only what you know, but how well you know it and how quickly you can put it into use.

4. Watch yourself as a learner: try to determine what type of material helps you learn best and what doesn’t. Ask for help from your instructor. Avoid translation at all costs: you want to develop skills in French, and it doubles your processing time. It is more useful to develop the ability to paraphrase (‘circumlocute’).

5. Design your own learning aids: flashcards, charts, lists, repertories, website, etc. This will help you memorize and recycle the material. Take advantage of cognates while building your vocabulary. Put tricky points on cards to carry with you and take advantage of those mentally idle moments in your day (walking, standing in line, eating breakfast, etc.) to practice the language. Memorize not only vocabulary, but useful formulas you can rely on to get things done.

6. Assume that grammar and syntax do mean something. In Romance languages, among others, place, form and endings of words can make a huge difference in meaning, and have for hundreds of years. Make good use of the Supersite Plus grammar tutorials and PowerPoint presentations.

7. Practice out loud. Read the material and learn the spelling of the words. Use the website’s suggestions to improve on your speaking and listening abilities.

Some of these suggestions come from the Middlebury College Summer Language School Handbook, 1997, the Wake Forest University Romance Languages Home Page and the following individuals: Kara Rabitt, Joan McRae, and Lucile Duperron. Also see Joan Rubin & Irene Thompson, How to be a More Successful Language Learner, Heinle & Heinle, 1982, or H. Douglas Brown, A Practical Guide to Language Learning, McGraw Hill, 1989).

This syllabus is based on the syllabus made by the GT-Atlanta Modern Languages Language Coordinators, Dr. Lionel Gall and Dr. Samba Sy
HOMEWORK & CALENDAR

• Homework will include grammar & vocabulary activities, lab activities and course preparation assignments. Course preparation assignments are to be completed before the class meets.

• This calendar is aimed at making your learning easier. I spread the homework as evenly as possible to ensure a regular learning process. I urge you to do the homework as advised rather than waiting for due dates, which would put unnecessary pressure on you. If done on a regular basis, it will seem like very little. Moreover, you will learn faster because you will come to class prepared, which in turn will help you participate and feel more comfortable in the classroom.

• Preparing in advance will also enable you to identify potential problems. Write down any questions that you may have. Either ask them in class or e-mail them to me or visit my office my office hours.

• If you ever feel uncomfortable about something in class, if you want me to focus on one aspect of your learning (pronunciation of a certain sound, grammar, vocabulary etc.) or if you need additional practice, let me know. My office hours are devoted to you. Never hesitate to come and talk to me or email me. I want to hear from you.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

We will cover 6 chapters : 1 to 6

UNITÉ 1 – LEARNING OBJECTIVES

• Oral communication: basic greetings and farewells, introducing yourself and others, common courtesy expressions, formal vs. informal settings.
• Grammar: the gender of French nouns; the use of definite and indefinite articles; numbers 0–60; the expression il y a; subject pronouns, the verb être in the present tense; c’est & ce sont vs. il/elle est & ils/elles sont; descriptive adjectives, adjectives of nationality & adjective-noun agreements.
• Listening comprehension: watching & understanding authentic French videos (Roman-Photo); French cognates.
• Vocabulary: terms to identify people & classroom objects.
• The French alphabet and the names of accent marks and the main characteristics of French phonetics: Silent letters, Liaisons, The letter r, L’accent (aigu, grave, circonflexe), la cédille, and le tréma

First 4 classes:


Homework will be assigned in class via Supersite

UNITÉ 2 – LEARNING OBJECTIVES

• The main characteristics of French phonetics: Oral vowels; Nasal sounds; Intonation.
• Oral communication: expressing likes, dislikes and preferences, talking about schedules and when things happen.
• Grammar: the present tense of regular -er verbs; spelling changes in -cer and -ger verbs; the verb avoir in the present tense & idiomatic expressions with avoir; forming questions; expressing negation.
• Vocabulary acquisition: terms to talk about your courses & classroom objects.
• Culture & intercultural skills: the French university system and l’Université; university courses and le bac; the French grading system (comparison with the US grading system); la France.

Next classes:


Homework will be assigned in class via Supersite

UNITÉ 3 – LEARNING OBJECTIVES

• Oral communication: telling time; talking about one’s family, family members, pets and marital status, names professions and occupations; expressing locations; talking about places and activities around town
• Grammar: expressing possession, possessive adjectives; numbers 61-100; use of descriptive adjectives (for physical and psychological descriptions); use of disjunctive pronouns.
• Listening comprehension: watching & understanding authentic French videos (Roman-Photo).
• Vocabulary acquisition: terms to talk about one’s family and describe oneself and others physically and psychologically
• Writing a personal description

Next classes:


Homework will be assigned in class via Supersite

UNITÉ 4 – LEARNING OBJECTIVES

• Grammar: the verb aller in the present tense, expressing future actions with the near future with aller.
• The preposition à in contractions with the definite articles le and les; interrogative words; expressions of quantity; the
• Verbes prendre and boire in the present tense;
• Partitive articles

Next classes:

Le verbe aller and its use in the future tense. Interrogative words and adjectives. Food vocabulary. The use of partitive articles

Homework will be assigned in class via Supersite

UNITÉ 5 – LEARNING OBJECTIVES
Oral communication: talking about sports and leisure activities; describing and talking about the weather; telling the date.

Grammar: expressions of frequency, the verb faire in the present tense, use il faut to express necessity/obligation; irregular -ir verbs numbers 101 and higher; -er verbs with spelling changes

Vocabulary acquisition: sports and leisure activities; weather expressions; months of the year.

Next classes:

This is a fairly easy chapter despite a lot of verbs to memorize. Le verbe faire et the expression il faut. Verbs ending in IR of the third group. How to talk about the weather. Verbs of the first group (er) with spelling changes.

Homework will be assigned in class via Supersite

UNITÉ 6 – LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Oral communication: talking about about parties, celebrations and the stages of life; talking about clothes and shopping.

Grammar: uses of demonstrative adjective; expressing past actions: the passé composé with avoir; regular and some irregular past participles; indirect object pronouns; more uses of disjunctive pronouns; regular and irregular -re verbs.

Listening comprehension: watching & understanding authentic French videos (Roman-Photo).

Vocabulary acquisition: terms to describe parties and celebrations; shopping and clothes; colors.

Culture & intercultural skills : the fashion industry in France; L’Afrique de l’Ouest et l’Afrique centrale.

Homework will be assigned in class via Supersite