FREN 2001 – French Culture I
SPRING 2023 – Syllabus and Homework Assignments

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course, the students should be able to:

• interpret and discuss literature and film at an intermediate level.
• describe significant cultural and historical events in a francophone country.
• demonstrate oral proficiency at the intermediate level.
• produce essays at the intermediate level
EVALUATION

- **Online homework** (Supersite): 35%
- **Essay** (1): 10% . Typed, double-spaced, font 12
- **Tests** (5): 40% (8% each; you will have a 12-hour testing window to complete each one-hour test on VHL)
- **Oral assessment**: 15% (guided conversation, exchanging information / role play)

Grading Scale

According to policy, grades at Georgia Tech are interpreted as follows:

- **A**: 90-100 Excellent (4 quality points per credit hour)
- **B**: 80-89 Good (3 quality points per credit hour)
- **C**: 70-79 Satisfactory (2 quality points per credit hour)
- **D**: 60-69 Passing (1 quality point per credit hour)
- **F**: = or <60 Failure (0 quality points per credit hour)

See [http://registrar.gatech.edu/info/grading-system](http://registrar.gatech.edu/info/grading-system) for more information about the grading system at Georgia Tech.

- **Online homework** will include grammar and vocabulary activities, cultural readings, virtual chats, and course preparation assignments.
- **Essay**: You will write an essay («Rédaction») this semester (at least ¾ of a page). You may submit the first draft for review at least two days before their due date. The topic will be discussed in class. Plagiarism (as defined in the Student Handbook) is banned. Proof-read your work before submitting it! Accents must be typed in. An essay is not a translation. The use of translation software such as Google Translate is strictly forbidden. You may use online dictionaries such as [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com) or linguee.fr.
- **There will be 5 tests.** The tests take place at the end of each unit. All tests will follow the same format and include the following: a listening comprehension section testing your oral/aural skills, a grammar section, and a vocabulary section.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Georgia Tech values diversity and inclusion; we are committed to a climate of mutual respect and full participation. Our goal is to create learning environments that are usable, equitable, inclusive and welcoming. If there are aspects of the instruction or design of this course that result in barriers to your inclusion or accurate assessment or achievement, please notify the instructor as soon as possible.

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/](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.

REMINDER OF SOME IMPORTANT RULES

1. **Tests make-up policy**: Make sure now that you will be able to attend all tests as **no make-up tests will be given without an official excuse** (a medical excuse from GT Stamps Health Services or your personal physician or documented exceptional circumstances). **You will need to communicate with the Dean of Students office in order to seek make-ups.**

2. **Class attendance**: **Attendance is expected.** 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).

3. **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. **Do not plagiarize!** Plagiarizing is defined by Webster’s as “to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own work.”
own: use (another's production) without crediting the source.” If are caught plagiarizing, you will be dealt with according to the GT Academic Honor Code. **You will be asked to put your initials under the Honor Code at the beginning of a test and be expected to abide by it during testing.**

4. 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](http://www.honor.gatech.edu)

5. **Health-Related Considerations: Current USG Language for Cloth Face Coverings**

Effective July 15, 2020, University System of Georgia (USG) institutions will require all faculty, staff, students, and visitors to wear an appropriate face covering while inside campus facilities/buildings where six feet social distancing may not always be possible. All members of the campus community will be provided reusable cloth face coverings. Face covering use will be in addition to and is **not** a substitute for social distancing. Anyone not using a face covering when required will be asked to wear one or must leave the area. Refusal to comply with the requirement may result in discipline through the applicable conduct code for faculty, staff or students.

There are a few exemptions. Reasonable accommodations may also be made for those who are unable to wear a face covering for documented health reasons.

For more information about face masks and coverings, review the [guidelines from Human Resources](http://www.honor.gatech.edu).

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**STUDY TIPS**

1. 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. As you are beginners, 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. **Schedule appointments with the instructor to discuss honestly your progress and difficulties.**

2. Do not fall behind in your work. Be organized: do your homework in time. ‘Catching up’ is extremely difficult in a beginners 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.

3. 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’).

4. 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.

5. **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.

6. **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.

7. If you ever feel uncomfortable, 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 talk to me! You are encouraged to attend my discussion hours. The different times will be posted on Canvas. They will allow additional opportunity for practice speaking.** I want to hear from you.

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HOMEWORK & CALENDAR

- 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.
- Preparing in advance will also enable you to identify potential problems. Write down any questions that you may have. Either ask them during my office hours or e-mail them to me.
- **Homework.** On the calendar you will see the column labeled “Devoirs”. You are responsible for preparing all readings, writing assignments, exercises, etc. before coming to class on the designated day.
- Supersite activities are to be done in preparation for the section taught in the next class. This is done in order to consolidate your understanding so you are better prepared to participate in class discussions.
- End-of-lesson **Rédaction** assignments (in the Littérature section): You may submit these writing activities ahead of time. You may also submit a draft of your writing assignments for review is due. You are responsible for handing in a final draft (through word doc sent to my email or on the Supersite).

This syllabus provides a general plan for the course. Deviations may be necessary. The instructor reserves the right to alter this schedule at any time to better accommodate the learning needs of the students. Any change will be announced ahead of time in class.

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<td><strong>Monday, Leçon 1 – Ressentir et Vivre</strong></td>
<td>Read about the desire to live and survival instinct. Learn and practice terms related to personal relationships.</td>
<td>Introduction to the course <strong>Leçon 1</strong>: Introduction, pp. 2–3 <strong>Pour commencer</strong>, pp. 4–5 <strong>Court métrage</strong>: pre-viewing, pp. 6–7</td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday</strong></td>
<td>1. Read about young French couples. Watch and discuss a short film about two people who were destined to fall in love</td>
<td><strong>Court métrage</strong>: Foudroyés, pp. 6–11</td>
<td>Supersite: <strong>Leçon 1</strong>: <strong>Court métrage</strong> and <strong>Imaginez</strong>: Galerie de créateurs and Qu’avez-vous appris? sections</td>
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<td><strong>Monday</strong></td>
<td>1. Watch and discuss a news clip about how students at one school fight stress. Communicate using spelling-change verbs in the present.</td>
<td><strong>Le Zapping</strong>, p. 15 <strong>Structures 1.1</strong>, Spelling-change verbs, pp. 18–21</td>
<td>Supersite: <strong>Leçon 1</strong>: <strong>Structures 1.2</strong> Fiche de grammaire 1.4, p. 392 Supersite: <strong>Leçon 1</strong>: <strong>Structures 1.3</strong></td>
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<td>2. Describe people and things.</td>
<td><strong>Structures 1.2</strong>, The irregular verbs être, avoir, faire, and aller, pp. 22–25</td>
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### Wednesday, September 13
1. **Ask questions.**
   Form questions.
   - *Structures 1.3, Forming questions,* pp. 26–29
   - *Synthèse,* p. 30
   - *Culture:* pre-reading, p. 31
   - *Read Les Francophones d’Amérique,* p. 33
   - *Rédaction*
   - *Supersite: Leçon 1: Culture*

2. **Read about French speakers in the United States.**
   - *Culture:* *Les Francophones d’Amérique,* pp. 31–34
   - *Littérature:* pre-reading, p. 35
   - Go over ideas for *Rédaction,* p. 38
   - *Read “Le pont Mirabeau”*, p. 37
   - *Write rough draft for Rédaction,* p. 38
   - *Lab Manual:* *Leçon 2: Littérature: Production orale; Leçon 2: Pour commencer*

### Monday, September 14
- **Read and understand a poem.**
  - *Review the lesson.*
  - *Write a letter.*

### Wednesday, September 14
- **TEST 1 – Lesson 1**
  - *Reminder: online Supersite assignments for Lesson 1 are due by midnight*

### Monday, September 20
- **Labor Day Holiday**

### Wednesday, September 21
1. **Read about pan handling in the subway.**
   - Watch and discuss a short film about finding love in the subway.
   - *Court métrage: J’attendrai le suivant...,* pp. 44–49
   - *Supersite: Leçon 2: Court métrage: watch J’attendrai le suivant...*

2. **Read about France.**
   - Learn about the cities of Lyon and Marseille.
   - Read about French artists and famous people.
   - *Imaginez,* pp. 50–55
   - *Supersite: Leçon 2: Imaginez: Le Zapping; Structures 2.1*

### Monday, September 21
- **Watch and discuss a video report about a bicycle sharing program in French cities.**
  - *Describe everyday actions.*
  - *Le Zapping,* p. 53
  - *Structures 2.1, Reflexive and reciprocal verbs,* pp. 56–59
  - *Supersite: Leçon 2: Structures 2.2*

### Wednesday, September 21
- **Describe people and things.**
  - *Structures 2.2, Descriptive adjectives and adjective agreement,* pp. 60–63
  - *Supersite: Leçon 2: Structures 2.3*
  - *Fiche de grammaire 2.4,* p. 396
  - *Fiche de grammaire 2.5,* p. 398

### Monday, September 21
1. **Describe people, things, and actions.**
   - *Structure 2.3, Adverbs,* pp. 64–67
   - *Synthèse,* p. 68
   - *Culture:* pre-reading, p. 69
   - *Read Rythme dans la rue: La fête de la Musique,* p. 71
   - *Leçon 2: Rédaction*
   - *Supersite: Leçon 2: Culture*

2. **Read about a musical event in France.**
   - *Culture: Rythme dans la rue: La fête de la Musique,* pp. 69–72
   - *Littérature:* pre-reading, p. 73
   - Go over ideas for *Rédaction,* p. 78
   - *Read Le Chocolat partagé,* pp. 74–77
   - *Write rough draft for Rédaction,* p. 78
   - *Supersite: Leçon 2: Littérature*
### Wednesday, TEST 2
Read and understand a text about the special bond between a man and his dog. Review the lesson. Write about the pros and cons of owning a pet.

**Littérature:** *Le Chocolat partagé* by Martine Mangeon, pp. 73–78  
Review Leçon 2  
Supersite: Leçon 2

Write final draft for Rédaction, p. 78  
Workbook and Lab Manual: Leçon 3: Pour commencer  
Supersite: Leçon 2: Littérature: Production orale; Leçon 3: Pour commencer

### TEST 2 – Lesson 2
**Monday, Leçon 3 – L’influence des médias**
Read about the media. Talk about film, television, the press, jobs in the media, and other media-related topics.

**Turn in final draft of Rédaction, p. 78**  
**Leçon 3:** Introduction, pp. 80–81  
**Pour commencer,** pp. 82–83  
**Court métrage**: pre-viewing, pp. 84–85  
**Supersite:** Leçon 3: Court métrage: watch Merci Monsieur Imada

### Essay 2 (p. 78) DUE

1. Read about the French film industry. View and discuss a short film about a famous director who pushes actors perhaps a bit too far.

   **Court métrage:** *Merci Monsieur Imada*, pp. 84–89

2. Read about Quebec. Read about artists from Quebec.

   **Supersite:** Leçon 3: Imaginez: *Le Zapping; Structures 3.1*

### Wednesday, Leçon 4 – La valeur des idées
Read about the value of ideas. Talk about justice, politics, and the value of ideas.

**Read Le Paysage musical au Québec, p. 111**  
**Leçon 3:** Rédaction  
**Supersite:** Leçon 3: Culture  
Fiche de grammaire 3.5, p. 402

**Supersite:** Leçon 3: Littérature  
**Leçon 4:** Pour commencer

### TEST 3 – Lesson 3
**Monday, Leçon 4 – La valeur des idées**
Read about the value of ideas. Talk about justice, politics, and the value of ideas.

**Read 99 francs, pp. 114–115**  
**Leçon 3:** Littérature  
**Supersite:** Leçon 3: Littérature

**Supersite:** Leçon 4: Court métrage: watch *Le Courrier du parc*
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<td>1. Read about a common type of slang known as <strong>le verlan</strong>. View and discuss a short film</td>
<td>Court métrage: <em>Le Courrier du parc</em>, pp. 122–127</td>
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<td>about a teenager who helps reunite a couple after a misunderstanding.</td>
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<td>2. Read about <strong>les Antilles</strong>. Learn about artists from <strong>les Antilles</strong>.</td>
<td>Imaginez, pp. 128–133</td>
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<td>Monday</td>
<td>View and discuss a video report about the opinions of young voters in Belgium. Discuss</td>
<td><em>Le Zapping</em>, p. 131 <em>Structures 4.1: The plus-que-parfait</em>, pp. 134–137</td>
<td><strong>Supersite</strong>: <em>Leçon 4: Structures 4.2 Fiche de grammaire 4.4, p. 404</em></td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>1. Use negation and indefinite adjectives and pronouns in speaking and writing.</td>
<td><em>Structures 4.2: Negation and indefinite pronouns and adjectives</em>, pp. 138–141</td>
<td><strong>Supersite</strong>: <em>Leçon 4: Structures 4.3 Fiche de grammaire 4.5, p. 406</em></td>
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<td>Monday</td>
<td>Read about Haiti.</td>
<td><em>Culture: Haïti soif de liberté</em>, pp. 147–150 <em>Littérature</em>: pre-reading, p. 151</td>
<td><strong>Supersite</strong>: <em>Leçon 4: Culture</em></td>
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<td>Read and understand a speech. Review the lesson. Write a speech to politicians where you</td>
<td><em>Go over ideas for Rédaction</em>, p. 154 <em>Culture: Discours sur la misère</em> by Victor Hugo, pp. 151–154 <em>Review Leçon 4</em></td>
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<td><strong>Leçon 5 – La société en évolution</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Talk about current social issues.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Monday, Essay 3 (p. 154) DUE</strong></td>
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<td>**Read about the national holiday in Switzerland. Watch and discuss a short film about a</td>
<td>Court métrage: <em>Samb et le commissaire</em>, pp. 160–165</td>
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<td>young thief being questioned by a police officer.</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>1. Learn about West Africa. Learn about artists from West Africa.</td>
<td>Imaginez, pp. 166–171</td>
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<td>2. View and discuss a public service announcement about racism. Use partitives</td>
<td><em>Le Zapping</em>, p. 169 <em>Structures 5.1: Partitives</em>, pp. 172–175</td>
<td><strong>Supersite</strong>: <em>Leçon 5: Structures 5.2</em></td>
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<td>3. Use the pronouns <strong>y</strong> and <strong>en</strong></td>
<td>*Structures 5.2, The pronouns <strong>y</strong> and <strong>en</strong>, pp. 176–179</td>
<td><strong>Supersite</strong>: <em>Leçon 5: Structures 5.3</em></td>
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| Wednesday,    | 1. Read about West African storytellers.     | Culture: Les Griots, maîtres de la tradition orale, pp. 185–188  
Littérature: pre-reading, p. 189  
Go over ideas for Rédaction, p. 194 | Read Le Marché de l’espoir, pp. 190–193 Write rough draft for Rédaction, p. 194  
Supersite: Leçon 5: Littérature |
Supersite: Leçon 5: Littérature: Production orale |
| Monday, Essay 4 (p. 194) DUE | Final instructional day – Review | | |
| Wednesday, TEST 5 | TEST 5 – Lesson 5  
Reminder: online Supersite assignments for Lesson 5 are due by midnight | | |

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### Helpful links:

**ACTFL Guidelines - samples**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VB9ZrPqVYAs
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BhAp-lCze3k

**Modern Languages website**
https://modlangs.gatech.edu/languages/french

**Language for Business and Technology Programs** (Summer programs in Senegal and/or France)
https://modlangs.gatech.edu/lbat/senegal
https://modlangs.gatech.edu/lbat/france

**Information of French minor**
http://catalog.gatech.edu/programs/minor-french/#requirementstext

**French Grammar Review**
http://www.laits.utexas.edu/tex/gr/index.html#v

**Online Dictionary**
http://www.wordreference.com

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http://www.filmfra.com