

## COURSE SYLLABUS FOR FRENCH 102 – WINTER 2012

BASIC FRENCH - FR 102 - Section W01  
4 Credits – 4 Contact Hours Mon. – Thur. 11:15 – 12:10 Room 241

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is a continuing course for students who have successfully completed FR 101 or who have some previous knowledge of French from high school. The emphasis is on continuing to develop communication in French through listening, speaking, reading and writing activities.

This class helps fulfill General Education requirements. It will also transfer to a four-year college or university if a foreign language requirement is a part of your program.

### PREREQUISITES:

You must have successfully completed (with a grade of C or better) FR 101 at MCC or another college, or have had at least two years of recent high school French or have instructor permission.

### OBJECTIVES:

This course presents more vocabulary enabling you to continue your communication skills. Grammar includes regular –re verbs, many irregular verbs, demonstrative adjectives, direct and indirect object pronouns, the passé composé and imparfait, and adverbs in –ment.

At the end of the course, you should be able to understand and participate in simple conversations related to themes studied, read simple written French using your limited vocabulary and continue an appreciation for the worldwide French culture.

### TEXTBOOK:

**Espaces 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition** packet (book, workbook, answer key)

Books are available in the Bookstore or online at [www.vhldirect.com/store/muskegon.htm](http://www.vhldirect.com/store/muskegon.htm)

COURSE OUTLINE: We will cover Leçon 5B page 160 through part of Leçon 9B page 324.

Jan. 9-12	Review Leçons 1A-5A	
Jan. 17-19	Leçon 5B	
Jan. 24-27	Leçon 5B	
Jan. 30 - Feb. 2	Leçon 6A	Exam - Leçon 10
Feb. 6-9	Leçons 6A-6B	
Feb. 13-16	Leçon 6B	
Feb. 20-24	Leçons 6B-7A	Exam over Leçons 11 & 12
MID SEMESTER BREAK		
Mar. 5-8	Leçon 7A	
Mar. 12-15	Leçon 7B	
Mar. 19-22	Leçons 7B-8A	Exam over Leçons 13 & 14
Mar. 26-29	Leçon 8A	
Apr. 2-5	Leçon 8B	
Apr. 9-12	Leçons 8B-9A	Exam over Leçons 15 & 16
Apr. 16-19	Leçon 9A	
Apr. 23-25	Leçon 9B	
Final Exam (Apr. 26 to May 2) covers Leçons 9A & 9B and main points of FR 102		

### GRADING:

The final grade is based on regular quizzes, unit exams, occasional corrected homework, the final exam, workbook, and faithfulness in attendance. All points are added together and are considered equally in the final grade (with the exception of attendance - see below).

I review assigned exercises in your workbook during chapter tests and keep a record of whether or not you have done them. Each completed Leçon will add points to your final total. Partial credit will be given for incomplete Leçons. Half credit will be given to late workbooks.

The Grading Scale: 94-100% = A; 90-93% = A-; 87-89% = B+; 83-86% = B; 80-82% = B-; 77-79 = C+; 73-76 = C; 70-72 = C+; etc.

There are extra credit points available on each exam to help you improve your grade.

**NOTE:** You must be present during a scheduled exam. The schedule is noted above and exams are announced in class a week in advance. Only an emergency (medical, family) should prevent you from attending and you must show proof for your absence. Upon returning to class, arrange with me to make up the missed exam. Any unjustified absence will result in a failing grade for that exam.

Quizzes are announced two days in advance. Any quizzes or graded homework missed because of an absence must be made up upon returning to class in order to receive a grade. It is YOUR responsibility to contact me and arrange to make up any work you missed. You have one week to make up that work.

#### ATTENDANCE POLICY:

The Foreign Language Department expects you to be present for every class. Attendance will affect your final grade. Perfect attendance will raise it 3% points. One to five absences will still raise your grade depending on the number of absences. Six absences will neither raise nor lower it. More than SIX ABSENCES will lower your final grade up to 6% depending on the number of absences. If you must be absent for an extended time due to any valid reason, please e-mail or phone me and I may require you to document your absence upon your return.

To receive a straight A as a final grade, you must not have more than six absences and actively participate in class.

**NOTE:** If you stop attending this class, it is your responsibility to drop it before final exams begin. Failure to do so will result in an "E" for the course.

#### STUDY METHODS:

Learning another language requires effort on your part to retain the material studied. You cannot expect to learn everything by simply attending class. You should expect to spend a minimum of **four hours** a week outside the classroom preparing for this class.

Complete exercises in the workbook as assigned. Then check your answers against the Key and correct any mistakes. Don't just copy the answers into your workbook! Do the exercise!

The access code to the Espaces web site is inside your textbook. There are many exercises on the Supersite which can help you. (See the attached document to access the site.) You will receive **extra credit** for the **STRUCTURES** sections completed with a grade of 70% or better. Completing them will raise your final grade up to a maximum of 3% points.

For individual help, a tutor may be available at the Tutoring Center in Room 204. There is no charge for this service. See me for information if you'd like a tutor.

#### **Laptops, iPods, texting, phones, etc. are NOT permitted during the class.**

For information on Academic Integrity, Student Behavior and the Academic Dispute Resolution Process, please see the Student Handbook.

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The Foreign Languages/Life Sciences secretary in **Room 243** (Phone: **777-0273**) takes my messages. If you call the main MCC switchboard and ask for the French Department you'll get my voice mail. If you need help, I am always available before this class or will make arrangements.

Use your **MCC e-mail address** if you need to communicate via e-mail.