

UC Paris Center Program in French and European Studies
PCC 12 A Beginning Grammar and Conversation

Fall 2011 Semestre

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REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS :

- Grammaire progressive du Français. Maia Grégoire, Odile Thiévenaz. CLE International 2003 (Livre bleu)

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

INTRODUCTION: This beginner's French class builds on the listening, speaking, reading and writing skills emphasized in the practicum. You will have the opportunity to use everything you learn in class as you go about your daily activities. You can expect to be able to talk about your friends and family, your courses, your living situation, and a wide variety of activities. While you are learning how to speak the language, you will continue your introduction to the culture of the French-speaking world. To immerse you in the language, only French will be spoken in class. Although you are not expected to understand every word, try to follow the gist by paying attention to context. You will find your comprehension increasing as the course progresses.

PARTICIPATION: Your French class will become a small, tightly-knit community. This is the place where you should take risks in trying to express yourself. Try to use the new vocabulary and grammar to express your own thoughts and opinions, both aloud and to yourself. This is one of the best strategies to reinforce and internalize the grammatical structures and vocabulary of the course. Don't always wait to be called on. Initiate! Questions are always welcome. Follow up on the comments of others. Say the unexpected. Listen to your classmates so that you can ask questions and respond. Silently answer all questions, whether directed towards you or not. If you have trouble speaking up but still want to participate, let your instructor know you wish to be called on.

Requirements:

ATTENDANCE: Daily attendance is mandatory. This class will move at a brisk pace. New topics with associated grammar and vocabulary will be presented every day. *Please review carefully the UC Study Center's policy on attendance and absences. Absences may only be excused for illness, in which case a doctor's note is required.* Any unexcused absence will automatically lower your final grade.

ORAL PARTICIPATION: 20% of your grade is based on your oral work in class, a combination of your proficiency and overall effort.

HOMEWORK: Homework will be assigned daily and collected at the beginning of the next class. Every assignment must include the following: your name, instructor's name, date, page(s) and exercise number.

COMPOSITION: Compositions are an opportunity for you to apply your newly acquired language skills more creatively, synthesizing everything you have learned in class. An "A" composition will be grammatically accurate, thoroughly address the topic and express something unique about you, the writer.

QUIZZES AND EXAMS: There will be three quizzes throughout the semester. The midterm and final exams will be cumulative, addressing all of the grammatical structures discussed in class and practiced in homework exercises.

Grading:

Participation / Attendance	20 %
3 Quizzes	20 %
Homework + 2 Compositions	20 %
Mid Term Exam	20 %
Final Exam	20 %

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COURSE SCHEDULE :

DATE	THEME ET CONTENU LEXICAL ET GRAMMATICAL
Lundi 12/09 Mardi 13/09	Introduction au travail du semestre Vocabulaire de la famille Les possessifs Systématisation du présent
Jeudi 15/09	ATELIER : - journal de bord - initiation à la littérature - chanson française
Lundi 19/09 Mardi 20/09	LA FORME PRONOMINALE au présent Les activités quotidiennes
Jeudi 22/09	ATELIER
Lundi 26/09 Mardi 27/09	La nourriture, Le restaurant LES PARTITIFS / L'EXPRESSION DE LA QUANTITE
Jeudi 29/09	ATELIER
Lundi 3/10 Mardi 4/10	QUIZ 1 L'EXPRESSION DU PASSE Le passé composé avec avoir et être Les marqueurs de temps
Jeudi 6/10	ATELIER
Lundi 10/10 Mardi 11/10	LA COMPARAISON L'éducation en France
Jeudi 13/10	ATELIER
Lundi 17/10 Mardi 18/10	QUIZ 2 LES PRONOMS PERSONNELS COMPLEMENTS Les loisirs en France
Jeudi 20/10	ATELIER
Lundi 24/10 Mardi 25/10	REVISIONS
Jeudi 27/10	MID TERM
Vacances de la Toussaint	

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Lundi 7/11 Mardi 8/11	Initiation à la lecture de la presse Expression orale / Expression de l'opinion
Jeudi 10/11	ATELIER
Lundi 14/11 Mardi 15/11	L'IMPARFAIT La santé en France
Jeudi 17/11	ATELIER
Lundi 21/11 Mardi 22/11	QUIZ 3 LE FUTUR
Jeudi 24/11	ATELIER
Lundi 28/11 Mardi 29/11	INITIATION AU CONDITIONNEL La vie politique en France
Jeudi 1 ^{er} /12	ATELIER
Lundi 5/12 Mardi 6/12	REVISIONS
Jeudi 8/12	Final Exam
Lundi 12/12 Mardi 13/12	Un film français (1 ^{ère} partie) Un film français (2 ^{ème} partie)
Jeudi 15/12	Résultats du Final Exam Feed Back
Vacances de Noël	