

Course Description:

FREN-001A - Elementary French-First Semester

Units: 5

This is an introductory course in speaking, reading, writing and comprehending French. Topics for conversation are everyday life situations and issues in the French-speaking world. Students will learn the fundamentals of French pronunciation and structure. Students will also study aspects of the diverse cultures of France and other French-speaking countries. Not recommended for native speakers of French. Concurrent enrollment in French 001L or French 200 is required. This course satisfies both foreign language requirements and GE requirements. See your counselor for limitations.

Lecture Hours: 5 Lab Hours: None Repeatable: No Grading: O

Corequisite: FREN 200 or FREN 001L

CAN: FREN SEQ A = FREN 1A + 1B

Advisory Level: Read: 2 Write: 2 Math: None

Transfer Status: CSU/UC Degree Applicable: AA/AS

CSU GE: C2 District GE: C2 IGETC: 6A

Learning Outcomes:

1. Express him/herself effectively and accurately in simple French about him/herself and his/her surroundings in the present tense and simple past tense (passé composé).
2. Construct simple sentences in French using accurate rudiments of syntax and grammar.
3. Write short paragraphs on simple topics, e.g., (the family, the home, weekend activities, dining out, etc.).
4. Demonstrate an elementary knowledge of French sentence structure through speaking and writing.
5. Pronounce French reasonably well.
6. Read French at an elementary level.
7. Identify and explain unique characteristics of various French-speaking people and their cultures.
8. Compare and contrast the similarities and differences between his/her own culture and those of various French-speaking cultures.
9. Identify the main geographical/topographical features of France and other French-speaking countries.
10. Differentiate between formal and informal registers of speech in French.
11. Examine and appraise cognates.
12. Evaluate and critique each other's oral and written performance for learning purposes.
13. Listen to basic spoken French and demonstrate understanding by writing and/or responding appropriately