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School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures

FREN 209
Beginners' French I
Winter 2022

Lecture 02: MWF 10:00 am – 10:50 am

Instruction Mode: Up to the 28th of January via Zoom. Afterwards regular in-person delivery EDC 384

Class Components: Lecture Required, Laboratory required

Meeting Dates: 2022/01/10 – 2022/04/11

COURSE OUTLINE

INSTRUCTOR'S NAME: Dr. Roberto Ayala

OFFICE HOURS: MW: 2:00 2:50 By appointment via Zoom (link provided on D2L)

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DESCRIPTION

Welcome to French 209! This is a 3-credit semester course for students who are beginners in French. Emphasis is placed on oral / aural communication, writing skills and strategies to read efficiently in French. In addition, students are introduced to French and francophone cultures through readings and exercises integrated with the materials used for language acquisition. This course aims at developing students' communicative competence in preparation for further study. It is based on the textbook *Entre Nous 1* and online activities posted on the *Espace virtuel*. In this course, we will cover units 1, 2, 3 and 4.

PREREQUISITES: None.

OBJECTIVES

Basic elements of the French language will be covered, including training in comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing of French.

OUTCOMES

Outcomes in language courses are usually measured in terms of five basic skills:

Listening: you will be able to ...

- understand audio and video material which accompanies the textbook as well as simple conversations.
- understand a variety of communicative situations presented in elementary but authentic French.

Speaking: you will be able to ...

- ask and answer simple questions using basic vocabulary concerning immediate surroundings.
- introduce yourself, talk about likes and dislikes, state your age, nationality, and profession, introduce your family, friends and a celebrity, describe your city and neighborhood, describe your hobbies.
- pronounce sounds of French correctly, as well as recognize and imitate essential intonation and rhythmic patterns of the language.

Reading: you will be able to ...

- read authentic French texts (up to 300 words in length) containing vocabulary studied in class as well as a number of cognates.
- understand the main ideas in simple authentic material (brochures, blogs, excerpts from magazines and online articles).
- apply some reading strategies (identifying cognates, scanning, dealing with unfamiliar words, predicting, activating background knowledge).



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Writing: you will be able to ...

- write simple texts (up to 200 words in length) and give information about yourself, your relatives and your friends, and to narrate events grounded in personal experience.
- write short compositions accurately using vocabulary, grammatical forms and structures introduced in the course, using the regular *-ER* verbs and some irregular verbs in present tense.

Culture: you will be able to ...

- differentiate between some sociolinguistic and pragmatic aspects of the language in particular the use of polite / familiar forms and basic formal / informal spoken and written speech patterns appreciate the similarities and the differences between Francophone cultures and your own culture, in terms of behaviour, attitudes and values in contexts such as the family, university studies, work, leisure, food, and festivals.

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS

Entre nous 1 + Online Access Code Package, available at the U of C Bookstore
Access code for the online version can be purchased online at: <https://espacevirtuel.emdl.fr/>

RECOMMENDED COURSE MATERIALS

Additional learning materials will be posted regularly on D2L. Use the *Espace Virtuel* to review vocabulary and do online exercises.

COURSE NOTES

1. The information on the course outline posted on D2L and on the SLLLC website is not binding and can change according to the needs of the class.
2. **Daily attendance is essential** to derive the utmost benefit of any language class. The instructor should be informed of any reason for prolonged absence.
3. **Missed tests and assignments** without any prior notice will be awarded a grade of zero.
4. Labs will start the week of **Monday January 17th, 2022**. The labs are an integral part of this course. They are mandatory and attendance will be taken. Oral participation in the labs will be assessed for consideration of the final grade. An oral presentation will be required as an element of the laboratory work. The topic and the rubrics of the oral presentation are posted on D2L. Please bring your textbook to the lab. Written and comprehension exercises will be done in the lab on a regular basis.
5. You are expected to participate actively in class. Please refrain from using digital tools irrelevant to the course. Please mute your cellphone during class and be on time for classes.
6. Practicing a foreign language entails taking risks and allowing yourself to be vulnerable in front of other people. Working in French is not always easy. For this reason, it is essential to establish an atmosphere of mutual respect in the classroom.
7. Students are expected to check the D2L page on a regular basis for announcements, homework, assignments, marks, and complementary learning materials.
8. How can you enhance your French experience? Go to the French Centre on a regular basis. The French Centre is a drop-in centre with French monitors hired to help you with your French. It is in Craigie Hall C301 and is open Monday to Friday, 9:00AM to 3:00PM. The French Centre organizes all kinds of activities for students of French. Please participate!



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ASSESSMENT

Assessment	Percentage	Date and time	Duration	Location and modality
Quiz 1	2.5%	Complete by Jan 31 11:59pm	Unlimited	D2L, open book
Dictation 1	5%	Feb 2	20 mins	In class
Quiz 2	2.5%	Complete by Feb 16 11:59pm	Unlimited	D2L, open book
Test 1 (Units 1-2)	15%	Feb 18 – 9:00am-9:50am	50 mins	D2L, open book at home
Composition 1	10%	Complete by Mar 2 11:59pm	24 hours	D2L, open book at home
Quiz 3	2.5%	Complete by Mar 18 11:59pm	Unlimited	D2L, open book
Test 2 (Unit 3)	15%	Mar 21 – 9:00am-9:50am	50 mins	D2L, open book at home
Composition 2	10%	Mar 28 – 9:00am-9:50am	50 mins	D2L, open book at home
Dictation 2	5%	Apr 4	20 mins	In class
Passport activities	2% x 5 = 10%	Complete by Apr 8	Approx. 5 mins each	In the French Centre (Monday-Friday) (One activity per appointment, one appointment per week throughout the semester)
Quiz 4	2.5%	Complete by Apr 11 11:59pm	Unlimited	D2L, open book
Lab oral presentation	10%	N/A (sign up with your lab instructor)	10 mins	During the lab
Active Participation	10%	N/A	N/A	Lecture and Lab

Notes:

- There is **no final exam**, but all tests are cumulative.
- The **two dictations** are closed book and will take place in class on the scheduled dates.
- The **two tests** will be open book and completed on D2L at home, during class hours. A grace period of 10 minutes will be provided to account for potential issues with technology.
- The **two compositions** will be open book and submitted in D2L Dropbox. Students will have 24 hours to complete Composition 1 and 50 minutes (+ 10-minute grace period) to complete Composition 2, during class hours. **Late submissions will not be accepted.**
- The **four quizzes** will be open book and completed on D2L by the submission due date.
- All assessments are to be done individually by the students. Students are advised to read the excerpt on plagiarism and academic misconduct.
- Missed tests, dictations, or compositions without a valid reason will be awarded a grade of zero.

1) Dictations are spelling tests. Your instructor prepares a paragraph and reads it to you slowly so you can write every word and punctuation. There is no memorization necessary and there are no questions to answer at the end of the test. Dictations are designed to verify your understanding of sounds, words, phrases, grammar, and syntax. When grading dictations, one mark is taken away for each of the following: spelling, verb agreement, adjective agreement, noun agreement, capital letters, accents, punctuation, and all omissions. Dictations are approximately 100 words long. To prepare for dictations, follow your instructor’s advice on the pages to review in the textbook, read chapter vocabulary aloud paying attention to accents and liaisons, spell each new noun with its article, and write down each verb with its conjugation. Each dictation is worth 5% of your final mark.

2) Compositions are written on a specific topic given by your instructor. They can vary in length: 100-200 words in FREN 209. Compositions are marked out of 10 points and are graded for content (respect of the given topic, appropriate length, creativity, avoidance of repetition, use

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of vocabulary seen in class) and for proper language use (varied vocabulary, conjugations, punctuation, agreements, sentence structure, spelling, prepositions, and avoidance of anglicisms). The grading rubric will be discussed in class. Each composition is worth 10% of your final mark.

- 3) Oral presentation (in Lab)** is designed to give you a chance to practice French orally. Topics are posted on D2L with the marking rubrics (content, grammar, syntax, varied vocabulary, pronunciation, speech delivery, props, creativity, and effort). Your oral presentation will take place exclusively in person, during the lab. You will do your oral presentation with a partner, but individual marks will be granted. No reading is allowed. Only index cards with key words may be used. A penalty of -25% will apply to all oral presentations read to the audience. The oral presentation is worth 10% of your final mark.
- 4) Tests** are based on unit material and are divided into three sections. They will include listening comprehension, reading comprehension, and grammar/vocabulary questions. Each section is presented with detailed instructions, as well as the mark value and the weight. Before each test, your instructor will discuss the format of the test and provide review. Each test is worth 15% of your final mark.
- 5) Online Quizzes.** There are four (4) online quizzes posted on D2L and available immediately. Each quiz corresponds to one of the 4 units covered during the semester (*Entre Nous 1* Units 1, 2, 3, and 4) and consists of 80 self-correcting questions. Use your book, answer all questions, and submit your quiz. Your grade will appear immediately, but you will not see your answers. If you want to see your quizzes, make an appointment with your instructor. To access the 4 quizzes, enter D2L FREN209, click on "Assessments" --- "Quizzes" ---- "Start Quiz".
- You are allowed **unlimited attempts** for all 4 quizzes before the submission due dates. Your highest grade will count.
 - There is no time restriction to do the quizzes.
 - You will respond to 80 questions randomly drawn.
 - You may start the quiz, save all your responses, stop it, and resume it later.
 - There are 3 kinds of questions: Fill in the Blanks, Multiple choice, and True/False.
 - You will need to access the *Espace Virtuel* to complete the "Comprehension" questions.
 - If your computer is not equipped with French accents and cedilla, you will be able to cut and paste them from the top of the quiz page.
 - Precise spelling is required.
 - You will see all questions on the same page.
 - You may go back to any question and make changes until you submit your quiz.
- You need to **complete each quiz at the end of each unit** (see the submission dates below):
- Quiz 1** is due on **Monday Jan 31, 2022** at 11:59 PM.
 - Quiz 2** is due on **Wednesday Feb 16, 2022** at 11:59 PM.
 - Quiz 3** is due on **Friday Mar 18, 2022** at 11:59 PM.
 - Quiz 4** is due on **Monday Apr 11, 2022** at 11:59 PM.
- 6) Active participation** in lab (5%) and class (5%) is worth 10% of your final mark. Attendance is crucial. You need to come prepared for class and lab, and **exercises must be done in advance**. Grading rubrics for oral participation are posted on D2L.
- 7) Passport activities**
- Students will have to complete **4** communicative activities in the French Centre, Monday-Friday (Craigie Hall C 301)
 - 5 activities x 2% each = 10% of your final mark.
 - You may do these activities in any order.
 - **One** activity per visit, **One** activity per week. **Plan accordingly.**
 - All activities are to be completed by **Friday April 8th, 2022**
 - **Details on each activity and the sign-up link will be available on D2L.**

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CALENDAR

Each date indicates the material covered **in class** that day. The numbers in bold are the activity numbers from the textbook. The underlined parts introduce complementary vocabulary for your D2L quizzes.

All tests, compositions, and dictations are scheduled. Do not miss these assessments, as **there are no make-up exams.**

Dates	Matière	Évaluations
SEMAINE 1		
Lundi 10 janvier	Présentation du cours et du syllabus	
Mercredi 12 janvier	Dossier de l'apprenant (p. 10-13) UNITÉ 1 - 1, 2, 8, 10 : <i>Bonjour!</i> (p. 18-20, 23, 25)	
Vendredi 14 janvier	Regards culturels : <i>tu</i> ou <i>vous</i> ? (p. 30-31); 3-6 : Alphabet	
SEMAINE 2		
Lundi 17 janvier	<u>Accents</u> ; nombres 0-20 (p. 20-21); 7 : Pronoms sujets, verbes en -ER (p. 22)	
Mercredi 19 janvier	Changement d'orthographe des verbes en -ER; verbe <i>s'appeler</i> (p. 22)	
Vendredi 21 janvier	9 : Articles définis (p.24); 11 : Genre et nombre des noms (p. 26); <u>Endroits à l'université</u>	
SEMAINE 3		
Lundi 24 janvier	11 : Parler de ses préférences (p.26); 12 : Pronoms toniques (p.27); Lexique (p. 28)	
Mercredi 26 janvier	<u>Programmes et cours à l'université</u> ; Phonétique (p. 29); <u>7 jours de la semaine, 12 mois de l'année</u>	
Vendredi 28 janvier	Révision – Unité 1; <u>objets dans la salle de classe</u> ; Cahier p. 168	
SEMAINE 4		
Lundi 31 janvier	UNITÉ 2 - 1 : se présenter (p. 34- 35) 2 : personnalités francophones (p. 36)	Quiz 1 due 11:59PM (2.5%)
Mercredi 2 février	3 : Se présenter et présenter une personne (métiers et passions); Adjectifs de nationalité (p. 37, 42- brève introduction)	Dictée 1 (5%)
Vendredi 4 février	4 : <i>Quel(le)(s)</i> , adjectifs possessifs (p. 38)	
SEMAINE 5		
Lundi 7 février	5 : Négation <i>ne...pas</i> , verbe <i>être</i> (p. 39)	

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Mercredi 9 février	6 : Nombres 21-100, pourcentage (p. 40-41)	
Vendredi 11 février	7, 8 : Prépositions et noms de pays et de villes, <i>où</i> ; Pays et nationalités (p.40-41); <u>Dire l'heure et la date</u>	
SEMAINE 6		
Lundi 14 février	8, 9, 10 : Articles indéfinis; Verbe <i>avoir</i> (p. 42-43)	
Mercredi 16 février	<u>Expressions avec <i>avoir</i></u> ; Lexique & Phonétique (p. 44-45); Révision : unités 1&2	Quiz 2 due 11:59PM (2.5%)
Vendredi 18 février	Test 1 (Unités 1-2) sur D2L (15%) À la maison : 9am-9:50am	
SEMAINE 7		
Lundi 21 février	Semaine de lecture : pas de cours	
Mercredi 23 février		
Vendredi 25 février		
SEMAINE 8		
Lundi 28 février	UNITÉ 3 - 1, 2 : Quartier et ville (p. 50-52); 3 : Villes de Marseille et de Calgary (p. 53)	
Mercredi 2 mars	Composition 1 (10%) – pas de cours Remettre dans D2L Dropbox 11:59PM	
Vendredi 4 mars	4 : <i>Il y a / il n'y a pas DE</i> (p. 54)	
SEMAINE 9		
Lundi 7 mars	5 : <i>Est-ce que / Qu'est-ce que</i> ; 3 ways to ask <i>yes / no</i> questions (p. 55)	
Mercredi 9 mars	6 : Pronom <i>on</i> ; Verbe <i>aller</i> (p. 56); Lexique (Ex. 4, 5): prépositions de lieu (p. 60)	
Vendredi 11 mars	Lexique (Ex. 8) : moyens de transport (p. 60); 7 : prépositions et moyens de transport; articles contractés (I) (p. 57)	
SEMAINE 10		
Lundi 14 mars	8, 9 : <i>C'est ou il / elle est</i> ; Accord des adjectifs qualificatifs (p. 58-59)	
Mercredi 16 mars	Lexique (Ex. 1-3, 6); phonétique (p. 60-61)	
Vendredi 18 mars	Révision : Unité 3	Quiz 3 due 11:59PM (2.5%)
SEMAINE 11		
Lundi 21 mars	Test 2 (Unité 3) sur D2L (15%) À la maison : 9am-9:50am	
Mercredi 23 mars	UNITÉ 4 - 1-3 : Membres de famille (p. 66-68); Lexique (Ex. 2, 3) : adjectifs qualificatifs (p. 76)	



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Vendredi 25 mars	6 : Exprimer sa motivation : <i>pour / parce que</i> ; Verbes comme <i>prendre</i> ; Verbes pronominaux (p. 70)	
SEMAINE 12		
Lundi 28 mars	Composition 2 (10%) Remettre dans D2L Dropbox À la maison : 9am-9:50am	
Mercredi 30 mars	7 : Adjectifs démonstratifs (p. 71); 9 : Verbe <i>écrire</i> (p. 72)	
Vendredi 1 avril	8, 10 : Articles contractés (II); Loisirs et verbe <i>faire</i> (p. 72-73)	
SEMAINE 13		
Lundi 4 avril	11, 12 : Verbe <i>venir</i> et la provenance (p. 74)	Dictée 2 (5%)
Mercredi 6 avril	13 : Pronoms toniques (p. 74-75); Phonétique (p. 77)	
Vendredi 8 avril	Pratique DELF	Date d'échéance des activités passeport
SEMAINE 14		
Lundi 11 avril	Remise des notes Fin du semestre	Quiz 4 due 11:59PM (2.5%)

*Veuillez noter que le programme et la matière de ce cours sont sujets à changements et pourraient être modifiés au besoin.

Il n'y a pas d'examen final.

GRADING SCALE

A+ = 100%-96%	B+ =85%-81%	C+ =70%-67%	D+ = 57%-54%
A = 95%-91%	B =80%-76%	C = 66%-62%	D = 53%-50%
A- = 90%-86%	B- =75%-71%	C- = 61%-58%	F = 0%-49%

The official grading system (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1) will be applied for the calculation of the final mark.

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Have a question, but not sure where to start?

The Arts Students' Centre is the overall headquarters for undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Arts. The key objective of this office is to connect students with whatever academic assistance they may require.

In addition to housing the Associate Dean (Undergraduate Programs and Student Affairs) and the Associate Dean (Teaching, Learning & Student Engagement), the Arts Students' Centre is the specific home to:

- Program advising
- Co-op Education Program
- Arts and Science Honours Academy
- Student Help Desk

Location: Social Sciences Room 102

Phone: 403-220-3580

Email: ascarts@ucalgary.ca

Website: arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate.

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Block.



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Contacts for the Students' Union Representative for the Faculty of Arts: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca.

INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Devices such as laptops, palmtops and smartbooks are allowed provided that they are used exclusively for instructional purposes and do not cause disruption to the instructor and to fellow students. Cellular telephones, blackberries and other mobile communication tools are not permitted and must be switched off.

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

Links to information that is not course-specific related to student wellness and safety resources can be found on the Office of the Registrar's website: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines>.