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FRE 101 Beginning French I

COURSE OUTLINE

Prerequisites: None

Course Description:

Introduces understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills and emphasizes basic French sentence structure. Part I of II. Lecture 4-5 hours per week. May include one additional hour of oral practice per week. (VCCS MCR Description)

Semester Credits: 4 Lecture Hours: 4



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Course Outcomes:

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Carry on a basic conversation in French using the past, present, and future tenses
- Read and understand the main idea of passage written in French
- Listen and understand the main idea of a short conversation in French
- Write a short passage in French using correct grammatical structures and proper sentence structures
- Better know, understand and appreciate the French language and culture

Required Materials:

- 1. Textbook, Texbook Website Access Code
- 2. Internet access
- 3. Blackboard

Textbook:

Wong, Weber-Fève, Ousselin, and VanPatten. *Liaisons*. Boston: Heinle, Cengage Learning, 2013. Print.

ISBN: 9781285900261

The following supplementary materials are available: None



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Topical Description:

Introductory Chapter: Bienvenue

- The verb être
- Subject pronouns
- o Questions
- Indefinite articles
- o Definite articles
- Adjectives (introduction)
- Vocabulary (greetings, expressions used in class, academic studies)

Chapter 1: Une vie équilibré

- o –er verbs
- Subject pronoun "on"
- Negations
- o Stress pronouns
- Adverbs
- Irregular adjectives
- Verb avoir
- Vocabulary (activities, days of week, time)

Chapter 2: Les plaisirs de la vie

- o The verb aller
- Preposition à
- o Theverb faire
- o Questions with inversion
- o The verbes lire, écrire, dire
- Adverbs
- Vocabulary (weather, sports, hobbies)

Chapter 3: Nos origines

- o Prepositions with geographical places
- The verbs venir and devenir
- Possessif adjectives
- Demonstrative adjectives
- Placement of adjectives



- The verbs sortir, partir, dormer, sentir Vocabulary (cultural and family origins, physical characteristics)



Chapter 4: Les espaces

- o Regular -ir verbs
- Imperative
- Question words
- Vocabulary (personal surroundings, city surroundings, country surroundings)

Chapter 5: Les plaisirs de la table

- o The verb prendre
- Partitive articles
- o The verb boire
- Choosing articles
- Passé composé

Optional Topics: Chapter 6: Du marché à table

- o Regular -re verbs
- o The verb metter
- o Passé compose with être
- Direct object pronouns
- o Various aspects of French life, customs, culture, literature, history

