French Language and Culture
Level I-B

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What is the class about?
This course is designed to develop proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing French, as well as to foster knowledge of French and Francophone cultures. In this course, we will focus on active language use, which involves interacting meaningfully with other class participants and developing communicative strategies.

What do I need for the class?
The required texts for this class are:

What are the class objectives?
By the end of the course, with reasonable effort, you will be able to handle routine situations of a concrete personal and social nature that involve supplying information about travel and transportation, human relationships, memories, everyday life, future hopes and plans, hypothetical situations, and current events.

What are the main assignments in this class?
There will four major assignments, listed below, which are due on the dates indicated in the online course calendar:
- **Written Exams**
  Six written exams will be assigned during the course of the semester. These exams are opportunities for you to demonstrate your understanding of the material covered in each of the seven chapters we will study in this course.

- **Compositions**
  Two compositions will be assigned during the semester as home assignments. Compositions will provide an opportunity to use creatively skills you have learned.

- **Oral Presentation (Team assignment)**
  In addition to ongoing in-class assessments of your speaking skills in French, you will give an oral presentation in class. I will hand out a detailed assignment sheet covering what is expected from the oral presentation.

- **Homework**
  Homework includes workbook, lab manual, and video manual assignments as well as written assignments from our textbook. Homework assignments will be checked or collected, on an unannounced basis, at the BEGINNING of the class period only.

In addition, you are required to spend at least TWELVE hours throughout the semester in the Modern Language Lab (Walker 114). The lab offers a variety of multimedia tools, including lab CDs, videos, CD-ROMs, and websites that will ease the development of your language skills. You will use log sheets to record your hours. Lab hours must reflect steady attendance throughout the semester; students are not permitted to make up large numbers of missed hours at the end of the semester.
How will you be graded?

- Written Exams 40%
- Compositions 10%
- Oral Presentation 20%
- Modern Language Lab Activities 05%
- "Social practices" 25%

(This grade will reflect your ability to communicate respectfully and thoughtfully in speaking and writing in class, your energetic participation in class, your involvement in conversations, and other in-class activities designed to assess that you are maintaining appropriate progress, as well as your commitment to submitting timely and complete homework assignments. Needless to say, if you are not in class regularly and on time, you are not participating, so this grade will also partially reflect your attendance.)

Grading scale: A: 100%-93%; AB: 92%-88%; B: 87%-82%; BC: 82%-78%; C: 78%-72%; CD: 72%-68%; D: 68%-60%; F<60%

Policies

Attendance Policy

I expect you to attend every class meeting on time and ready to participate fully and thoughtfully.

- You are permitted 3 free absences over the course of the semester. Each additional absence will cause your course grade to drop 1/2 letter grade (for example, B becomes BC, AB becomes B, CD becomes D.)
- Excused absences (such as those resulting from an official MTU activity) must be documented in advance, and work (including exams) must be completed prior to the anticipated absence. In the event of an unforeseen emergency, it is your responsibility to contact me promptly and to provide adequate documentation.
- 6 absences or more constitutes automatic failure.
- You are always responsible for work missed during an absence; if you come to class unprepared after an absence, your grade will suffer. When you miss a class, please do not email me to ask me "What did I miss?" Contact one of your classmates to find out what we did in class that day, and consult the online course calendar.
- Sleeping in class equals an absence.
- You are responsible for signing the attendance sheet. If you fail to sign the attendance sheet on a given day, it will count as an unexcused absence.

Late work

There is a strict NO MAKE-UP policy for assigned work, including homework, compositions, quizzes, and exams. A grade of zero will be given for any such missed work.

Academic Integrity

Plagiarism and cheating are serious academic offenses. They are defined by this policy as "knowingly copying another's work or ideas and calling them one's own or not giving proper credit or citation," and this policy covers copying sections or entire papers from printed or electronic sources as well as handing in papers written by students for other classes or purchasing academic papers. Plagiarism and cheating not only are dishonest but cheat you out of learning, the prime reason you are here. If you ever have questions about this issue, please talk with your instructor or consult a coach in the Writing Center (7-2007).

Discrimination and Harassment

MTU complies with all federal and state laws and regulations regarding discrimination, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have a disability and need reasonable accommodation for equal access to education and services at MTU, please call the Dean of Students Office, at 487-2212. For other concern about discrimination, you may contact your advisor, department head, or the Affirmative Action Office, at 487-3310.

I reserve the right the modify the syllabus and course schedule to best serve students' needs