

# Departmental Course Syllabus

Department: Foreign Languages/ESOL

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San Antonio College 1300 San Pedro San Antonio, TX 78212-4299

Course Number and Title: FREN1411 – Elementary French I

Credit Hours: 4

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- I. Catalog Description: This course is for students with little or no knowledge of French. This introductory course introduces students to the French language and francophone culture while preparing them to communicate in relevant everyday contexts. The fundamentals of the language are introduced to develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Students wanting additional practice in developing oral communication skills may take this course concurrently with FREN1300. A language laboratory is required.
- II. Pre-requisites, co-requisites and other requirements: None
- III. Text: À Vous !, V. Anover / T. A. Antes, ©2008 Houghton Mifflin [wkbk & CDs are included]
- IV. Instruction will consist of: Lecture, oral communication activities, presentations, listening, reading, writing, group work.
- V. Course Content: French 1411 is a first semester course for students who have had little or no formal instruction in the French language. It is designed to introduce students to the fundamentals of the French language and to give them an opportunity to practice listening, speaking reading and writing French, and it covers the first six chapters of the textbook.
- VI. Learning Outcomes and Performance Objectives with their methods of measurement are used to determine the students' mastery of those outcomes. The student should reach the Novice-mid level on the ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) scale in comprehension and speaking by the end of this course. For the description of the Novice-Mid Level consult the ACTFL web site.
- Performance objectives:
- By the end of the semester, students will be able to understand most spoken French at slow or normal pace, will develop skills and strategies for listening comprehension, and will
- be able to ask and answer questions on a variety of everyday conversations.
  - be able to describe present events.
  - be able to use French in performing daily routines, such as greeting, making appointments, making phone calls.
  - be able to read simple texts in French and will develop skills in reading basic authentic texts.
  - be able to write simple sentences and paragraphs on topics related to everyday experiences.
  - be able to identify some elements of the French culture.

### Method of measurement:

There will be four major exams during the course of the semester and a comprehensive, departmental final exam. The final course grade will be determined based on the grade distribution decided by each instructor. Example grade distribution: Major exams-50%, Quizzes-15% Homework assignments 10%, Departmental Final exam 25%. A minimum of 15 hours of language lab is required during the term. Students will fulfill the lab requirement by completing the assignments in the workbook and lab manual.

## VII. Course requirements and grade computation

A. College Requirements: A written, comprehensive final examination, not to exceed two and one-half hours in length, shall be given at the end of each semester for each course at the regularly scheduled time. Any exception to these requirements must be approved by the appropriate Dean. Other examinations are given at the discretion of the instructor. A student who must be absent from a final examination should petition that instructor for permission to postpone the examination. **A student absent without permission from a final examination is graded "F."** Postponed examinations result in a grade of "I." The final exam must be taken within 120 calendar days from the end of the semester or the grade automatically becomes an "F." (San Antonio College Bulletin, Faculty Handbook - January 1995)

B. Departmental Requirement: Homework: The instructor will assign written homework at the end of each class. If students are unable to attend a class, they still are responsible for completing the assignment and submitting it on the date that it is due. Punctual Attendance/Participation: It is very important for students come to class on time every day, ask and answer questions, participate in all class activities and encourage everyone else to participate. Excessive Absences: A student absent the equivalent of two weeks of instruction may be dropped from the class by the instructor with a grade of W. Also, a student may be allowed to make up the work only with the instructor's approval. Regardless of circumstances, the student will be held responsible for completion of all course requirements. Cell Phones: Students must turn off pagers and cell phones before entering classrooms and computer labs. Foreign Language students are expected to adhere to the college regulations and to their respective instructor's syllabus.

C. Instructor Requirements: See instructor's syllabus.

## VIII. College Policies:

A. San Antonio College does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability with respect to access, employment programs or services.

B. Students are urged not to bring children to either a class or a lab. Minors under the age of twelve (12) must not be left unattended on campus. College Academic Council - April, 1998

C. ADA Statement: "As per Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if an accommodation is needed, contact the Office of DisABILITY Support Services, CAC 124C, Phone: (210) 733-2347.

D. A Rapid Response Team exists for the purpose of responding to emergencies. If you have a disability that will require assistance in the event of a building evacuation, notify Disability Support Services, Chance Academic Center 124C, Phone: (210) 733-2347.

E. Academic Dishonesty: Students may be subject to disciplinary proceedings resulting in an academic penalty or disciplinary penalty for academic dishonesty. Academic Dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion. For additional information refer to the "Student Code of Conduct" in the San Antonio College Bulletin.

F. Students are required to silence all electronic devices (e.g., pagers, cellular phones, iPods, etc.) when in classrooms, laboratories and the library. College Academic Council, 01/ 2000.

G. San Antonio College Attendance Policy: Regular and punctual attendance is required. A student absent for any reason is responsible for all work missed. Both tardiness and early departure from class are forms of absenteeism. The instructor establishes the policy with regard for each. Absences of each student are recorded without exception. The counting of absences begins on the first day of class. A student absent the equivalent of two weeks of instruction in a 16-week semester may be dropped by the instructor with a grade of "W" (Withdraw). It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the withdrawal has been submitted.

H. San Antonio College is a smoke free campus.

I. ACCD DPS Emergency Phone Numbers:

- ACCD DPS Emergency Phone (210) 222-0911
- ACCD DPS General Phone (210) 208-8099
- ACCD DPS Weather Phone (210) 208-8189 (For information on college closures)

J. Students must also abide by the policies, procedures, and rules set forth in the "Student Code of Conduct" and by all other policies set forth in the San Antonio College Bulletin - [http://www.accd.edu/sac/sacmain/schedule/Student\\_Handbook\\_2007\\_2009.pdf](http://www.accd.edu/sac/sacmain/schedule/Student_Handbook_2007_2009.pdf)