

FREN-FRENCH (FREN)

FREN 1110. French I 4 Credits (4)

Intended for students with no previous exposure to French, this course develops basic listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills aiming toward the ACTFL novice-high level. This is an introductory course designed to teach the student to communicate in French in everyday situations and to develop an understanding of French and Francophone cultures through the identification of cultural products and practices, of cultural perspectives, and the ability to function at a survival level in an authentic cultural content. This course will also develop the student's sense of personal and social responsibility through the identification of social issues.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students can communicate and exchange information about familiar topics using phrases and simple sentences, sometimes supported by memorized language.
2. Students can usually handle short social interactions in everyday situations by asking and answering simple questions
3. Students can write short messages and notes on familiar topics related to everyday life.
4. Students can often understand words, phrases, and simple sentences related to everyday life.
5. Students can recognize pieces of information and sometimes understand the main topic of what is being said.
6. Students can understand familiar words, phrases, and sentences within short and simple texts related to everyday life.
7. Students can sometimes understand the main idea of what they have read.
8. Students can identify beliefs, behaviors and cultural artifacts of the French-speaking world.
9. In English, students will engage with social issues confronting the French-speaking world to develop their sense of personal and social responsibility.

FREN 1120. French II 4 Credits (4)

A continuation of French I, students will develop a broader foundation in skills gained during the first semester, including understanding, speaking, reading and writing French aiming toward the ACTFL intermediate-low level. This course is designed to increase student fluency in French as applied to everyday situations. Students will also learn to recognize and understand various French and Francophone products, practices, and perspectives, identifying common cultural patterns, describing basic cultural viewpoints, and further developing their sense of personal and social responsibility through the investigation of cultural issues. May be repeated up to 4 credits.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students can participate in conversations on a number of familiar topics using simple sentences.
2. Students can handle short social interactions in everyday situations by asking and answering simple questions.
3. Students can write briefly about most familiar topics and present information using a series of simple sentences.
4. Students can understand the main idea in short, simple messages and presentations on familiar topics.
5. Students can understand the main idea of simple conversations that they overhear.

6. Students can understand the main idea of short and simple texts when the topic is familiar.
7. Students can describe and make comparisons between decisions about beliefs, behaviors and cultural artifacts of the French-speaking world.
8. Students will engage with social issues confronting the French-speaking world to continue to develop their sense of personal and social responsibility

FREN 2110. French III 3 Credits (3)

In this third semester course, students will continue to develop a broader foundation in skills gained during the first year, including understanding, speaking, reading and writing French aiming toward the ACTFL intermediate-mid level. This course is designed to teach the student to communicate in a more sustained way in areas of personal interest and in everyday situations. Students will engage in and analyze various French and Francophone products, practices, and perspectives, as well as continue to develop their sense of personal and social responsibility through comparison and contrast of cultural perspectives. May be repeated up to 3 credits.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students can participate in conversations on familiar topics using sentences and series of sentences.
2. Students can engage in short social interactions in everyday situations by asking and answering a variety of questions. Students can usually say what they want to say about themselves and their everyday life.
3. Students can write on a wide variety of familiar topics using connected sentences.
4. Students can understand the main idea in messages and presentations on a variety of topics related to everyday life and personal interests and studies.
5. Students can understand the main idea of conversations that they overhear.
6. Students can understand the main idea of texts related to everyday life and personal interests or studies.
7. Students can analyze beliefs, behaviors and cultural artifacts of the French-speaking world, and discuss the nature and value of French and Francophone products, practices, and perspectives.
8. Students will engage with social issues confronting the French-speaking world to continue to develop their sense of personal and social responsibility

FREN 2120G. French IV 3 Credits (3)

In this fourth semester course, students will continue to broaden and refine skills gained during previous semesters, including understanding, speaking, reading and writing French aiming at the ACTFL intermediate-high level. This course is designed to teach the student to communicate in a more sustained way in situations that go beyond the everyday. Students will evaluate various French and Francophone products, practices, and create ways to demonstrate their sense of personal and social responsibility through participation in cultural interaction. May be repeated up to 3 credits.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students can participate with ease and confidence in conversations on familiar topics. They can usually describe people, places, and things. They can usually talk about events and experiences in various time frames.

2. Students can handle social interactions in everyday situations, sometimes even when there is an unexpected complication.
3. Students can write about topics related to school, work, and community in a generally organized way. They can write some simple paragraphs about events and experiences in various time frames.
4. Students can easily understand the main idea in messages and presentations on a variety of topics related to everyday life and personal interests and studies.
5. Students can usually understand a few details of what I overhear in conversations, even when something unexpected is expressed. The student can sometimes follow what they hear about events and experiences in various time frames.
6. Students can understand the main idea of texts with topics related to everyday life, personal interests, and studies, as well as sometimes follow stories and descriptions about events and experiences in various time frames.
7. Students can analyze beliefs, behaviors and cultural artifacts of the French-speaking world, and recognize and discuss the representations and controversies of French and Francophone products, practices, and perspectives.
8. Students demonstrate the essential skills of Critical Thinking, Personal and Social Responsibility, and Information and Digital Literacy, as per the New Mexico General Education Curriculum

FREN 2135G. Frontiers and Border Crossings in the French-Speaking World

3 Credits (3)

An exploration of frontiers and borders in the French-speaking world: geographical, linguistic, cultural, and symbolic

Learning Outcomes

1. Articulate the diversity of boundaries (geographical, literal, gender, cultural, symbolic) and the role they play in negotiating cultural identities in the Francophone world.
2. Critically analyze and communicate orally and in writing the nuances of frontiers, border crossings, and their expressions in the course texts.
3. Describe, through the study of French and Francophone borders and frontiers, how cultural contexts and human practices influence individuals and societies.
4. Apply the knowledge and skills gained through the study of boundaries in the francophone world to analogous settings and to students' personal academic goals.
5. Demonstrate information literacy and technological skills in researching and presenting themes related to the readings and to the films screened
6. Reflect on the effects of geographical, social, linguistic, and symbolic boundaries and crossings as expressed in the course content on individuals.