Course Title: French 1

Course #: 1321-1322

Course Description: This course provides an introduction to the language and cultures of France and other French speaking countries. Students develop basic listening, speaking, reading and writing skills necessary to communicate ideas about self, family, daily life, travel, food and basic needs. Students explore connections and cultural aspects of the French-speaking world and make connections with their own culture.

UC/CSU Approval: “e” approved

Grade Level: 9-12

Estimated Homework Per Week: 1-2 hours

Prerequisite: A desire to learn the language and culture of French speaking (Francophone) countries.

Recommended Prerequisite Skills: Enthusiasm for languages.

Course Grade Scale:

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Major Assessments/Units/Topics:

Unit 1- Greetings, people, and things around the classroom
In this unit students begin learning about basic French greetings and manners, the francophone world, as well as things and people around the classroom.

Topics: Nouns and articles, counting from 1-60, the verb “être” (to be), adjective agreement

Major Assessment: 2 Lesson Quizzes, 1 Unit Exam, Comic strip greetings project.

Unit 2- Academic Life and everyday activities
In this unit students learn how to communicate about academic life and everyday activities. Students also learn about French school life and cultural differences.
Topics: Regular -er verbs, forming questions, expressing negation, present tense of the verb “avoir” (to have), telling time.

Major Assessments: 2 Lesson Quizzes, 1 Unit Exam, Listening and speaking activities

Unit 3- Family, friends, pets, professions and occupations
In this unit students learn how to communicate about their families, friends, and pets. They also learn how to communicate about professions and occupations. Students learn vocabulary related to friends and family and also learn about families and relationships in France.
Topics: Descriptive adjectives, possessive adjectives, numbers 60-100, prepositions of locations and disjunctive pronouns.

Major Assessments: 2 Lesson Quizzes, 1 Unit Exam, Family Tree Presentational Project

Unit 4- Places and activities around town
In this unit students learn how to communicate about popular leisure time activities. They learn how to communicate about activities around town, such as going to cafés and restaurants.
Topics: The verb “aller” (to go), interrogative words, the verbs “prendre” (to take), “boire” (to drink), regular -ir verbs, and partitives.

Major Assessments: 2 Lesson Quizzes, 1 Unit Exam, “Au Café” presentational project -students create and then act out a script about going to a café and ordering food and drinks. Café Day in class!

Unit 5- Leisure Activities and the weather
In this unit students learn about leisure activities and sports. They learn how to communicate about the weather, and public spaces in France.
Topics: The verb “faire” (to do), Irregular -ir verbs, numbers 101 and higher, spelling change -er verbs.

Major Assessments: 2 Lesson Quizzes, 1 Unit Exam, Weather Report Project -students record a weather report.

Unit 6- Parties, celebrations, clothing, and colors
In this unit students learn about celebrations in France such as Carnival! They also learn about clothing, colors, and fashion.
Topics: Demonstrative adjectives, the passé composé with avoir (the basic past tense in French, equivalent in form to the “present perfect” tense in English, but equivalent in usage to the “past simple” tense in English), indirect object pronouns, regular and irregular -re verbs.

Major Assessments: 2 Lesson Quizzes, 1 Unit Exam, Fashion Show project

Unit 7- Travel arrangements, transportation, hotels, and accommodation
In this unit students learn about travel and accommodations. They learn how to communicate about making travel and transportation arrangements as well as hotel accommodations. They learn about vacations in France and francophone countries such as Tahiti.
Topics: The passé composé with être, direct object pronouns, adverbs, the formation of the imparfait
Major Assessments: 2 Lesson Quizzes, 1 Unit Exam, Travel and Hotel presentational project - students create, act out, and film a skit about checking into and staying at a hotel/hostel/campground.