

French-The Basics Part I LANG6301

Course Outline

Description: Have you always wanted to learn the language of love? Designed for the beginner, this course develops a basic vocabulary, explores fundamental grammar, pronunciation and verbs. You will develop your French Communication skills by learning to ask and answer simple questions in a variety of practical situations.

Course Goals: **As an Introduction to French** the aim of this course is to provide the participants with a basic understanding of how the language “works” . We will study for example, basic vocabulary and expressions, alphabet, numbers, basic regular and irregular verbs... The importance of basic grammar and proper pronunciation will be addressed through study and systematic practice of the French sounds, rhythm, grammar and simple communicative topics.

Course Objectives: At the completion of this course, the student will be able to: be able to understand elementary vocabulary and verbs. Asking and answering simple questions as studied in-class interaction and in practice.

Attendance Requirements:

Students must miss no more than two classes to receive a completion for this course. A grade report can be printed from myWCS.

Code of Student Conduct

The purpose of the Code of Student Conduct is to define the general standard of conduct expected of students registered at Western University, provide examples of behaviour that constitutes a breach of this standard of conduct, provide examples of sanctions that may be imposed, and set out the disciplinary procedures that the University will follow. For the complete Code of Student Conduct: <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/board/code.pdf>

Course Schedule:

Week 1 to Week 8

1. Introducing yourself. Learning French –Why?
What is your name and Greetings ---in French
The alphabet, numbers (1-10, ...)

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An introduction to the vowel's sounds and some examples

2. More Vowels sounds... and Pronunciation
Gender and plural of noun
Vocabulary: Family, objects (in the classroom ...and in daily life situations)
Verb: to have - AVOIR + question and negation
3. Pronunciation exercises and syllables
Numbers 20-50
Nouns and adjectives. Colours, shapes and sizes
Position of the adjectives
Short dialogues
4. Pronunciation exercises
Verb to be / ÊTRE + adjectives
Verb ÊTRE + question and negation
Vocabulary: Professions + ÊTRE
5. Verbs ending in 'ER' / to Sing--CHANTER
Questions- negation and 'ER' verbs
Numbers (60-80)
Vocabulary: action Verbs
Short dialogues
6. Verb to do – FAIRE
Expressions with Faire and questions using faire
Vocabulary: sports
Numbers (80-100)
7. Vocabulary: The seasons, months, days of the week, date.

Review of the course Basics 1 and short dialogues

8. **Final Exam:** 1. short written exercises (multiple choices, fill in the blanks, answer to simple questions). 2. Words and numbers games.