

FRENCH: BEYOND THE BASICS PART 2 LANG6322

Course Outline

Description:

Take your French to the next level. After reviewing the material of Beyond The Basics Part 1, you will continue to focus on a more compound discussion of the structure of the French language. In addition, you will expand your vocabulary, pronunciation and grammar skills. By developing your listening and oral skills you will learn how to apply this knowledge in small conversation situations.

Course Goals:

The course is designed for those who have studied French but feel necessary to upgrade the basic language performance. The aim is to provide essential tools and skills for communication bringing together such aspects as basic grammar, the most useful vocabulary and practice of understanding and speaking French. By developing your listening and oral skills you will learn to communicate in an increasingly sophisticated manner. The oral expression is strongly encouraged, and all students will have a lot of practice working in pairs and groups.

Course Objectives: At the completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Give advice and directions
- Invite someone to do something and express an obligation
- Give or obtain information about a wide variety of topics (about someone's life and daily routines, about going out, about a trip)
- Ask the specific price about objects
- Give the details about a story
- Indicate the exact place of a thing or a place (using a map or plan) and give directions
- Compare situations and their details
- Express a cause, a relation of opposites and/or consequence
- Express and action in the past in a wide variety of ways (actions that just happened, completed actions, habitual actions, interrupting actions, a typical day in the past, etc)

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>

Grammar Topics include:

- Present indicative of **modal auxiliary verbs** with infinitives (*vouloir, pouvoir, devoir, aller, faire*)
- Future tenses: **le future proche** (*aller* + infinitive) vs **le futur simple**
- Imperative (command forms)
- Prepositions (expressions of time and space)
- Direct and indirect interrogative sentences
- Expressions of cause and comparison
- Past tenses (*passé récent, passé composé, imparfait*)

Class breakdown:

1. Describing things that you **can** do, **want** to do, are **obligated** to do, or **are going** to do
2. Asking questions in direct / indirect discourse using question words or phrases
3. Using prepositions to show where something is exactly; in a scene of a crime; in geographic scenarios; in expressions of time
4. Comparing two situations using comparatives and superlatives; expressing causes using specific expressions of cause
5. Introducing the past tenses: the recent past, the *passé composé*, the *imparfait*; conjugations and uses
6. Talking about an event that is complete in the past; talking about an event in the past before and after a change
7. Final revision discussion, games and activities