

**Welcome to FRE 1120- Section W-10 / Introduction to French I – Spring 2016**

**La LANGUE, La CULTURE et La CIVILISATION DU MONDE FRANCOPHONE**

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**Office Hours:** By appointment

**Blackboard:**  ***Important announcements will be posted frequently on-line,***

***Blackboard or Maestro Supersite. Check this regularly.***

**Maestro Sign-up**

**Instructions:** Found on Blackboard; read in detail to sign up for correct course

**Required Text: *Promenades*, 2nd Edition**

Mitchell, James; Mitschke, Cherie and Tano, Cheryl. **Promenades**

Boston, Vista, 2014 (including Web SAM/MAESTRO Online Code)

**Pre-requisite:** No preview experience in French language is required.

**ADDITIONAL**

English Grammar for Students of French (optional)

501 French Verbs (optional)

English/French dictionary (optional)

**Meeting Times &**

**Location** **Online**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

***Introduction to French I*** is a four-credit-hour course for students who have **no previous experience in French**. There is a mandatory on-line component of the course, which will give the student ample time to practice grammar skills and hone listening and speaking skills in the target language. A portion of the material should be studied and practiced online, via Maestro, ***PRIOR*** to each class meeting, with Face-to-Face instructional time focusing on grammar clarification of previewed material. This is a basic course in French providing the student an introduction to the French language and culture through proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The successful student will be able to respond in complete sentences and engage in basic dialogues on topics such as: greeting; asking and answering questions; describing self and others; expressing likes and dislikes’ describing daily routines; negotiating elements of time; talking about the weather, activities, and going places; while showing a mature attitude toward cultural differences.

**COURSE OBJECTIVE:**

The objective in French 1120 is to promote a balanced, four-skill approach to learning the French language through listening, speaking, reading, and writing activities. At the completion of the first semester in French, the successful student will have mastered the basic vocabulary and structures of the French language and achieved an appreciation of the breadth of French and Francophone life. The course will focus on the structures and the vocabulary necessary to function in everyday situations that one may encounter when traveling or living in the Francophone (“French-speaking”) world. All of these aspects of Francophone language and culture will be reinforced by means of group work, drills and oral presentations.

**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:**

Students with disabilities who qualify for academic accommodations must provide a letter from the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) and discuss specific needs with the professor, preferably during the first week of class. The OSD (West Campus SSB, Room 102) determines accommodations based on appropriate documentation of disabilities. The goal at the OSD is to open doors, remove barriers and assist you in any way they can. The key to success is matching your needs to the services provided. Here is the link to Valencia’s OSD website: http://www.valenciacc.edu/osd.

**ACADEMIC HONESTY:**

Each student is expected to be in full compliance with the college policy on academic honesty as set forth in the admissions catalog and the student handbook **(6HX28: 8-03)**. I reserve the right to impose appropriate penalties (ranging from loss of credit for the assignment, all the way to authorizing a grade of “F” for the course, and/or extended appropriate actions through the office for the Code of Student Conduct) for any non-compliance. **This includes use of an on-line translator**; they are not only forbidden for use in ***any*** foreign language classroom, but they are also in most cases useless.

All sources must be properly cited with the MLA format; failure to do so may result in a plagiarism offense. (<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/01/> may help with this.)

**Important note:** All submitted work is to focus on the material that has been taught in class; resist the temptation to use verb tenses and other grammar structures not yet taught in the course! Working beyond level can be quite frustrating to your classmates! You are being assessed on the material **taught**.

#### EXPECTED STUDENT CONDUCT:

Valencia College is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge and learning, and to the development of responsible personal and social conduct. By enrolling at Valencia, a student assumes the responsibility for knowing and abiding by the rules of appropriate behavior as articulated in the Student Code of Conduct. The primary responsibility for managing the classroom environment rests with the faculty. Faculty may direct students who engage in inappropriate behavior that results in disruption of a class to leave; this will count as an absence. Such students may be subject to other disciplinary action which may include a warning, withdrawal from class, probation, suspension, or expulsion from the college. Please read the guideline for classroom behavior on Blackboard and the Student Code of Conduct in the current Valencia Student Handbook. Please treat everyone with respect and kindness; we are a team and will meet our goals of success together.

**COURSE POLICIES**

**ATTENDANCE and PARTICIPATION**: ***Regular attendance and participation are critical factors for success in a foreign language course.***

**Read the following details carefully.**

Regular and punctual class attendance is one of the most important elements to success in this course; ranks right up there with being prepared for class. Therefore, your attendance is expected at **all** scheduled assignments, discussions, oral activities etc. This is essential for achieving the goals of the course. The attendance will be based on how often the student in intervene. **Late or missing assignments, non-intervention will count as an absence**. Make sure you do submit your assignments on time and always involve in class activities, projects etc. **For this class, student must involve in class activities, included class project (projet de classe) posted on Discussion Tab; otherwise, your grade will be affected.**

**Attendance will be taken each week. It will be based on how often you involve in class activities (projet de classe), homework and by asking question. This is an online class; there will be no excuses for not doing the assignments and involving in class projects or activities. A weekly work will be posted each Sunday; student is responsible for all materials and *announcements* posted during the week. Every week, Student has to check Supersite and Blackboard for the announcements. Any class discussion may be subject to inclusion on an exam. Failure to check or involve regularly in online activities may result in withdrawal from the course. Student who thinks that he/she cannot keep up with the class must figure out earlier. For more details, read section on Withdrawal Policy/Procedure.)**

Attendance is being defined as **physical** and **mental** presence**.** **Student will be marked absent, if he/she doesn’t do his/her weekly homework or interventions.**

**PARTICIPATION**:

Since regular practice is essential for improving proficiency in foreign language, active participation is necessary to succeed in this course. It will be determined on the basis of your intervention, listening comprehension and speaking ability by doing the audio and online video activities. When the student has recording assignments, he/she is encouraged to speak clearly as much as possible. **It is a must because it is part of your grade**.

**HOMEWORK / LAB / READING ASSIGNMENTS:**

Due to the amount of material to be covered, it will be necessary to prepare a good bit of the material on your own, outside of class. You will need to study all assignments **BEFORE** coming to class or before doing homework, so that you are ready for the activities that will allow you to practice the vocabulary and grammar skills during our meeting time. **All reading assignments are due on specified dates; you will see these dates listed in Supersite or Blackboard announcements as we begin each chapter. All of your works are assigned on Maestro and Blackboard**. All written assignments and assessments must be understandable. Homework and attendance are major portions of your grade. Should a missing assignment or non-intervention be unavoidable, all students are responsible for securing their notes and assignments**.** (See the syllabus)

**MAESTRO: This is on-line homework.**

The grade that you receive will be based on the grade that you earn for the total of all activities (tests, quizzes, compositions, oral presentations, exercises for each chapter etc.). As the Maestro assignments are a significant part of the course; therefore, be certain that you set up your Maestro account and get started quickly, as these assignments must be completed in a timely fashion, ***before*** their due dates expire. Late assignments will receive an automatic 10% late penalty. Also in order to complete these assignments a **working microphone** on your computer is necessary. Do not wait until the deadline to complete all exercises for a given date. If your internet goes down, you will miss a significant portion of the grade for that chapter.

Remember Vista has a **Support Services for Students:** **1-800-248-2813;** use this service when you have Supersite problems. If you have difficulty learning the language, please do not hesitate to contact your professor or seek for extra help via tutors.

**WORKBOOK/LAB:**

Each student is to complete and submit workbook and lab manual lessons by each due date. These will include, but are not necessarily limited to, video and lab assignments on Maestro. If you do not have a computer you may use the computers in the Computer Access lab, located in the West Campus library, or in any open Computer Lab (there are several labs on any VC campus). **All students are required to use the language lab at least one hour for every three hours of class time** **or the equivalent in Maestro assignments.**

**PORTFOLIO / JOURNAL / QUIZZES:**

Further details will be covered in class and posted on-line.

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS, ORAL EXAMS:**

There will be a few oral presentations and oral exams. Each presentation/exam will be roughly five to ten minutes long (including Q. and A.) on topics/ themes discussed in class. Topics and details will be given at the time of assignment. All sources must be cited. The presentations are 10% of the student’s grade. There will be no make ups for missing presentation. Therefore, it is important for the student to submit his/her work. For the presentations, students will be paired at random and will be given a speaking prompt related to the themes studied in the corresponding chapters of the text. The presentation will be done online in French. **DO NOT miss it because there are no make ups.**

**CHAPTER EXAMS:**

For each Chapter, there will be an Exam or **Unité** **exams** which will be found on Supersite. It is the student’s responsibility to keep up with all announcements and changes. These exams will cover all vocabulary and grammar structures of the current chapter. No make ups will be given. In case you miss an exam, that exam will be considered your lowest grade exam. (**See note below for a breakdown of assignments and the tests)**.

**Withdrawal Policy/Procedure:**

***Student who deems necessary to withdraw from this class is entirely responsible for it.* The withdrawal deadline for Spring 2016 is April 1st @ 11:59 PM**

However, before you decide to withdraw from any course,it is wise to first consult with both your professor ***and*** your academic/financial-aid advisor, ***especially if you are receiving financial aid*.** **Do not wait until the last week of the Semester to do so**. After the Drop/Refund deadline of **January 19th (@ 11:59 PM)**, any student who either withdraws, or is withdrawnfrom the course through ATLAS, on or before the Withdrawal Deadline, will receive a grade of “W.” **It is the student’s responsibility to withdraw *via ATLAS* from any course that he/she does not intend to finish.** (See note below).

***NB. It is your responsibility to withdraw from classes through ATLAS; notifying professor of intent is NOT a withdrawal. After the withdraw deadline, the student is not allowed to withdraw. If any student stops attending the class and does not withdraw through ATLAS, he/she will receive a grade “F” for this course.***

***Grading:* Following a breakdown, along with a format to keep a handy record of your grades as you earn them:**

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**Assignments**  **Percentage of grade**

Attendance and Participation (Projets de class)/Blackboard/Supersite **10%**

Tests**/** **Unité** **exams** **20%)**

Quizzes **10%)**

Oral activities **10%**

Midterm (Blackboard) **10%**

Compositions (on Blackboard) **10%**

Final exams **15%**

Assignments (Homework Supersite) **15%**

Total **100%**

**GRADING SCALE:** **90 - 100 % A**

**80 - 89 % B**

**70 - 79 % C**

**60 - 69 % D**

**0 - 59 % F**

**TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE**

**\*\*THIS SCHEDULE IS TENTATIVE; THE PROFESSOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES AS NECESSARY. IT IS THE STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP UP WITH CHANGES. \*\***

**January 11 – May 1st 2016**

**Calendrier**

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| **SEMAINES** | **LESSONS** | **ASSIGNMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENT** |
| **SEMAINE 1**  January 11th- 17th | Introduction au cours/**Syllabus**.  Présentation :  Student introduction (participation and first attendance)  extrafrenchavecsous-titres.  **Unité 1:** Leçon 1A : grammaire / vocab | **1) Course introduction: Syllabus,**  **Textbook and Supersite**  2) In the first day, each student will introduce himself/herself to the Class.  3) Watch the series **French avec sous-titres** on YouTube to get ready to explore the French culture.  **The first homework will be posted on January 17th on Supersite and due next week.** |
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| **SEMAINE 2**  January 19th- 24th | Leçon 1A : grammaire / vocab (cont.)  Leçon 1A : exercices  Leçon 1A : Projet de classe  **Quiz** | **January 18th, Martin Luther King Day observed** No school  [Add / Drop and Refund Deadline](https://ptl5pd-prod.valenciacollege.edu/web/home-community/employees) January 19th (@ 11:59 PM)  **Quiz 1:** Leçon 1A, Vocabulary Quiz 1  It will bebased on lesson studied during the week and focus on **grammar and vocabularies**. Due on Supersite on January 24th.  **Homework due on Supersite** |
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| **SEMAINE 3**  January 25th- 31st | Leçon 1B : grammaire / vocab  Leçon 1B: exercices  Projet de classe/Class project  **Chapitre 1 – examen** | **Class project** will be practices: included vocabularies, reading, speaking, writing in French etc  **TEST 1 DUE:** **Unité 1, Unit Test 1.** To do on **supersite.** Due on Sunday January 31st.  **Homework due on Supersite** |
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| **SEMAINE** **4**  February 1st - 7th | Leçon 2A : grammaire / vocab  Leçon 2A : exercices  Leçon 2A : projet de classe    **Quiz** | **Class project** will be practices: included vocabularies, reading, speaking, writing in French etc  **Homework due on Supersite**  **Quiz 2 :** Leçon 2A, Vocabulary Quiz 2    It will bebased on lesson studied during the week and focus on **grammar and vocabularies**. Due on Supersite on **February 7th.**  <http://video.about.com/french/How-to-Use-Inversions-in-French.htm> |
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| **SEMAINE 5**  February 8th - 14th | Leçon 2B : grammaire / vocab  Leçon 2B : exercices  **Chapitre 2- Examen.**  Projet de Classe | Chapitre 2- Examen/ **Unité 2, Unit Test 1.**  To be done on **Supersite on or before Sunday February 14th.**  **Class project** will be practices: included vocabularies, reading, speaking, writing in French etc  **Homework due on Supersite** |
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| **SEMAINE 6**  February 15th- 21st | Leçon 3 A : grammaire / vocab  Leçon 3A : exercices  Leçon 3A : projet de classe  **Quiz** | **Quiz 3 :** Leçon 3A, Vocabulary, Quiz 2  It will be based on lesson studied during the week and focus on **grammar and vocabularies. Due on Supersite on February 21st.**  **Class project** will be practices: included vocabularies, reading, speaking, writing in French etc  **Homework due on Supersite**  [http://french.about.com/od/grammar/a/adjectives possessive.htm](http://french.about.com/od/grammar/a/adjectives%20possessive.htm) |
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| **SEMAINE 7**  February 22nd -28th | Leçon 3B : grammaire / vocab  Leçon 3B: exercices  **Composition** | **Composition 1:**  Read “**Les gens**” in page 119 of your book. Then, explain **in French (12 sentences**) what people in Paris do in Summer when they do not travel? (use your own words)  **Send through Blackboard on or before**  **February 28th.**  **Homework due on Supersite** |
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| **SEMAINE 8**    February 29th - March 6th | **Première Présentation orale**  **Midterm exam** | **1) ORAL 1 :** Décrivez en **français** votre endroit (ville, montagne, mer…) préféré, et pourquoi ? **12 phrases**. Due online (Supersite) on or before **March 6th 2016.**  **Midterm exam will cover Chapters 1 through 3. Due online on March 6th 2016.**  **Homework due on Supersite** |
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| **SEMAINE 9**  March 7th -13th | Spring Break | **No class** |
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| **SEMAINE 10**  March 14th -20th | Leçon 4A : grammaire / vocab  Leçon 4A : exercices  Leçon 4A: projet de classe  **Quiz** | Class project will be practices: included vocabularies, reading, speaking, writing in French etc  **Homework due on Supersite**  **Quiz 4**: Leçon 4A, Vocabulary Quiz 2  It will bebased on lesson studied during the week and focus on **grammar and vocabularies.** Due on Supersite on March 20th |
| **SEMAINE 11**  March 21st - 27th | Leçon 4B : grammaire / vocab  Leçon 4B : exercices  Leçon 4B : Projet de classe  Chapitre 4- Examen 4 | Class project will be practices: included vocabularies, reading, speaking, writing in French etc  **Unité 4, Unit Test 1** is due on **Supersite on or before March 27th.**  **Homework due on Supersite** |
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| **SEMAINE 12**  March 28th – April 3rd | **Deuxième Présentation orale**  **Composition 2**  Projet de classe: | **Withdrawal Deadline: April 1st 2016 @ 11:59 PM**  **1) Oral 2**: In 10 sentences, explain **in French** what do you do during the weekday?  **Due on Supersite on or before April 3rd.**  **2) Composition 2:** Student will writea letter in French on what he/she learns during the Semester.  **“Write a letter in French (15 sentences) to a friend or relative to explain the differences and similarities between French and English”.**  **Due on or before April 3rd on Blackboard.**  **Homework due on Supersite** |
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| **SEMAINE 13**  April 4th – 10th | Leçon 5A : grammaire / vocab  Leçon 5A : exercices  Leçon 5A : projet de classe  **Quiz** | **Quiz :** Leçon 5A, Vocabulary Quiz 2  It will bebased on lesson studied during the week and focus on **grammar and vocabularies.** Due on **Supersite on or before Sunday April 10th**  Class project will be practices: included vocabularies, reading, speaking, writing in French etc  **Homework due on Supersite** |
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| **SEMAINE 14**  April 11th -17th | Leçon 5B : grammaire / vocab  Leçon 5 B : exercices  Leçon 5B : projet de classe  Projet de classe/group presentation (practices)  Chapitre 5- Examen 5 | **Projet de classe**: Write a paragraph in French on what you are going to do on your **Summer Break. Bring it to share with the class on April 17th.**  **TEST 5 DUE:**  1) **Unité 5, Unit Test** 2  **Due on or before April 17th on** **Supersite**  **Homework due on Supersite** |
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| **SEMAINE 15**  April 18th -24st | **Review** | The review will be on **Unités 1-5**.  Questions on final exams will be answered.  Last day of class is April 24th. |
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| **SEMAINE 16**  April 25th – May 1st | Final | **The place and date for the Final exam will be announced weeks before.**  Good luck to all of you! Have a great Summer |

\*\*\* **Projet de classe/ Class project included: working in groups, practices in the class activities, discussions, conferences (skype, chats, Blackboard, facebook,** etc)

**NB: The homework will be assigned each week on Supersite or Blackboard. It is the student’s responsibility to follow up.**

**ON THE FINAL SCHEDULED DATE/TIME, STUDENT MUST SUBMIT HIS/HER EXAM. NO MAKE-UP TEST WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE FINAL EXAM.**

**FRENCH 1120  
COURSE COMPETENCIES**

* **Introduce self and others**
* **Describe self and others**
* **Ask and answer questions**
* **Express likes and dislikes**
* **Describe daily routines**
* **Negotiate elements of time**
* **Talk about the environment**
* **Express duration of time**
* **Talk about the past**
* **Compare people and things**
* **Show a mature attitude toward cultural differences**

Student Core Competencies

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**Student Code of Conduct**

**6Hx28:10-03**

**Classroom Behavior:**

Valencia College is dedicated to promoting honorable personal and social conduct. By enrolling at Valencia, a student assumes the responsibility for knowing and abiding by the rules articulated in the Student Code of Conduct (6Hx28:10-03). The instructor reserves the right to refer students who engage in activities that are disruptive to the learning environment to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action. The following list, though not exhaustive, includes things which are disruptive to the learning environment:

. Use of any electronic devices including but not restricted to: cell phones, iPods, and laptop computers (documentation from OSD will be taken into consideration). (Professor’s note: We move around frequently in this course. If permission is granted, any damage is at the owner’s risk.)

. Preparing homework for other courses during class

.Engaging in private conversations with classmates while class is in session

. Excessive tardiness

.Leaving and re-entering the classroom while the class is in session (Documented medical issues will be taken into consideration.)

. Excessive poor sportsmanship during class activities

.Comments of a derogative or disparaging nature

In addition, Valencia College strives to provide a drug-free learning environment for all those involved in the academic experience. Our policy is as follows:

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| **Policy:** | In compliance with the provisions of the Federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, Valencia College will take such steps as are necessary in order to adopt and implement a program to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by Valencia College students or employees on college premises or as part of any college activity. |