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Course: French 3142

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Course Information:

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: 3 hours per week for a total of 45 contact hours.

Course Description: Training in the fundamentals of French grammar, language and phonetics, using the direct method as often as possible.

Textbook: 1) Nickel! 1 CLE International 2014. An exercise book (cahier d'exercices) is an important component that you must obtain. For anyone who does not have the textbook, go to the ground floor of the Library (Sala de Reserva) where you will be able to purchase copies of the chapters (unités 6 to 10) of the textbook and those of the cahier d'exercices.

2) **Nickel ! 1** Le Cahier d'exercices is an important component of *Nickel !*. Completion of these exercises will count as part of the *Participation* component of the final grade. Le Cahier d'exercices should be completed at home daily and answers verified with the answer book (corrigés) that accompanies it.

3) Photocopies Fran 3142 – A Course Packet of photocopies of practice exercises is also available at Copy Avenue at the Town Centre. Simply ask for the Course Packet for Fran3141 and give my name. Don't be confused - the course packet is made up of supplementary exercises I have copied for you from *Grammaire progressive du français* by Grégoire Maïa. Answers to the course packet are in an answer book entitled *Grammaire progressive du français avec 400 exercices Corrigés* on Reserve at the main library.

Resource Material:

Course material has been uploaded to [ecourses uprm - Recinto Universitario de Mayagüez](https://ecourses.uprm.edu): <https://ecourses.uprm.edu>

You should familiarize yourself with the uploaded material which will complement the textbook and le Cahier d'exercices.

Also see Grégoire, Maïa, 1997. *Grammaire progressive du français*. Paris : CLE International. This is a resource book for grammar practice placed on reserve at the RUM library along with a booklet of answers. Please only borrow the book for 2 hours, so that everyone can use it.

Le nouveau bachelier l'art du conjuguer can be found in the RUM library and is an excellent resource for verb conjugation.

Absenteeism: You are allowed to miss **three** classes only without justification during the term. After that, for each class missed, 5 points will be removed from your overall score of 100. In other words, if you have 82% as a final grade (B) and missed 6 days, three of those unjustified absences will result in a loss of 15 points $82 - 15 = 67\%$ or D. You don't want that to happen, so save your 3 *grace* days for when you really need them!

If you have been ill and return to class with a medical certificate it will count as a justifiable absence. If you cannot bring the medical excuse the day you return to class, please speak to me as a doctor's note should be brought in within three days of your return.

Quizzes and partial exams are not given before or after the scheduled day. A medical excuse means that the day (s) missed will not count as unjustified absences, but there are no make-up quizzes or partial exams, for any reason. A mark of zero is entered for a missed quiz or exam.

If you have a pre-existing medical condition that may affect your attendance, please bring in documentation from your doctor at the start of the course.

Laser eye surgery should not be scheduled on an exam or quiz day, and will not be considered medical justification for missing an exam or a quiz.

If travelling for a job interview, please take these absenteeism guidelines into consideration.

Please ensure you sign the roll book every day and/or mention any discrepancies to me immediately. The roll book cannot be changed at the end of term or a week after an A for absent shows you as not having been in class.

Assignments: Homework must be turned in on time and must be word-processed and double spaced. All homework to be turned in should show student name, number, course number and section as well as the name and date of the assignment. Words must contain the proper French accents. Homework not turned in or turned in late without justification

will receive an F grade. If you are absent on the day that a quiz or exam is returned, it is your responsibility to contact me to pick up your paper.

A course program will outline the time allotted per chapter and dates of partial exams. Quizzes and assignments will be scheduled in advance. Occasionally short quizzes on material just covered are announced two days in advance.

Grading Participation:

The grade attributed for *Participation* is at my discretion based on your attitude and willingness to be an active participant in and outside of the classroom, based on completion of exercises that you will be required to do as homework, completion of the Cahier d'exercices and being on time. As part of *Participation*, students are expected to come to class prepared for what is going to be covered and to have reviewed material from the previous class. Since the class will be in French, you should always read upcoming material to be covered before coming to class.

Students using a laptop or tablette and who are caught on a page other than one being used in class will automatically lose 5 of the 10 points for Participation.

Grading Oral/Aural:

The grade attributed for Oral/Aural is at my discretion based on your grades in oral/aural quizzes and on efforts to speak French and listen actively in class. I will question you aloud throughout the term and will provide listening opportunities that will be the basis for the grade.

Kindly note that your continued attendance in this course is confirmation of your acceptance of the course rules and syllabus.

Evaluation:	Percentage of Final Grade
2 Partial Exams	40%
Quizzes and/or Assignments	25%
Participation	10%
Oral/Aural	10%
Final Exam	15%