French 9005 has no prerequisites.

**What is this course?**

The main objective of French 9005 is to help Graduate students attain a *reading* knowledge of French. The course provides basic tools to understand French texts and to translate them. It is not meant to help you speak French, nor does it focus on French writing. French 9005 enables you, as a Graduate student, to fulfill your language requirement; you are evaluated on a “pass or fail” basis, 60% being the minimum passing grade.

**Is this course for you?**

French 9005 is geared toward students capable of independent study. If you feel you can keep up with the workload without a classroom setting and regular meeting times, and if you like the freedom of not having to show up for class, you should enjoy this course. (And in that case, welcome!) If, on the other hand, you feel the need to have face to face contact with your professors and have trouble seeing yourself learning autonomously, you may want to rethink your decision to take this class; you may want to explore other options available to you within the Department of French Studies (e.g., French 1002, French 1010). If that is the case, you should seek advice from the Department of French Studies at french@uwo.ca. Please note that French 9005 does not fit into a prolonged French learning program. Because it concentrates on reading and translating, it does not serve as a prerequisite for more advanced French language courses.

**How does this course work?**

French 9005 is based on both an OWL/Sakai site and a textbook, *Reading French in the Arts and Sciences* (available at the bookstore). The course’s structure does not follow the book’s chapters; instead, it is divided into twelve modules (see below). The modules should be completed consecutively. This class is designed to keep you from falling behind. You will have a limited time to complete each module and the corresponding evaluation – in most cases a quiz. However, if you so choose, you may easily work ahead. Any given quiz may be written ahead of its respective deadline. Only the midterm and the final exam have a fixed date.
French 9005 MODULES
In your Reading French in the Arts and Sciences textbook:

Module 1
- Preface and introduction
- Chapter 1, p1-9
- Chapter 2, p10-19 (except p13 B)

Module 2
Quiz 1 – Due date: October 05, 2014
- Vocabulary lists 1A and 1B
- Chapter 3, p20-29
- Chapter 4, p30-43* (except p34 La Lumière, Le Son, L’Air; except p40-41 L’Oxygène, L’Azote, Un mystère mathématique)
- Chapter 5, p44-49
This module contains the first Readings. Do your best to understand each text. You will find English translations of these in the Answer Key available on OWL/Sakai by clicking the “Resources” tab.

Module 3
Quiz 2 – Due date: October 19, 2014
- Vocabulary lists 2A and 2B
- Chapter 5, p49-51 (except Les Mathématiques)
- Chapter 6, p52-63

Module 4
Quiz 3 – Due date: November 02, 2014
- Vocabulary lists 3A and 3B
- Chapter 7, p64-73 (except p71-72 Le Système solaire)
- Chapter 8, p74-85 (except p80-81 Sous-marins atomiques)

Module 5
Quiz 4 – Due date: November 16, 2014
- Vocabulary lists 4A and 4B
- Chapter 9, p86-94 (except p91C, p92 En Suisse)
- Chapter 10, p95-106 (except p104-105 Superficies de figures planes, p106 Qui va à la chasse?)

Module 6
Quiz 5 - Due date: November 30, 2014
- Vocabulary lists 5A and 5B
- Chapter 11, p107-115 (except p113-4 Thorium et uranium 233)
- Chapter 12, p116-121
Module 7
Midterm only – available: January 16-18, 2015

Module 8
- Chapter 12, p122-127 (except p122-3 La Guerre d’Amérique)
- Chapter 13, p128-132

Module 9
Quiz 6 – Due date: February 15, 2015
- Vocabulary lists 6A and 6B
- Chapter 13, p132-135
- Chapter 14, p136-141 (except p141 D)

Module 10
Quiz 7 – Due date: March 08, 2015
- Vocabulary lists 7A and 7B
- Chapter 14, p141-145 (except p144-145 Orientation)
- Chapter 15, p146-152
- Chapter 16, p153-158

Module 11
Quiz 8 – Due date: March 22, 2015
- Vocabulary lists 8A and 8B
- Chapter 16, p158-163 (except p158-159 La masse)
- Chapter 17, p164-174 (except p174 Océanographie, except p171-172 D&E)

Module 12
- Supplementary Reading, p179-181 Langue et société, Contre la technocratie
- Preparation for exam

Note:
The quizzes can be accessed on Owl/Sakai by clicking on the “Tests and Quizzes” tab. The quizzes and the midterm may be submitted on Owl/Sakai until 11:59 p.m. of the day on which they are due (see p.4 of this Syllabus for penalties).

How are students evaluated?

Quizzes 48% (8 quizzes, 6% each)
Midterm 12%
Final Exam 40%

In addition to the quizzes and the midterm, the final exam is a compulsory evaluation for the course – all students will have to complete the final exam in order to receive a final grade.
The quizzes and the midterm are completed online. Once you start a given assessment, there is a time limit within which you will need to finish it. (The time allotted is specified before you start the assessment.)

For each of the quizzes, you will be expected to learn the English meaning of a large number of French words and phrases. The idea is that you build up knowledge of frequently used words and expressions so that you are not relying excessively on the dictionary. The vocabulary is taken from the work you will be doing in the textbook; thus, you will be learning the words in context. Two lists of vocabulary will help you prepare for each quiz; these lists are available within each module. They are named 1A and 1B for the first quiz, 2A and 2B for the second quiz, etc.

Quizzes 1-5 contain fill-in-the-blank questions where you will need to translate expressions from your word lists. In quizzes 6-8, you will have to read an article in French, and then answer a number of questions based on what you’ve read. The Midterm will contain a combination of both types of questions.

**Important information regarding evaluations**

One important thing to remember with online evaluations: Once you have typed in your answers, don’t forget to review it, and to then press **save answers**. To submit the quiz, press **finish**.

The Final Exam will take place during the exam period either at Western or at an examination center if you are located outside of London, Ontario. The date of the exam will be designated by Distance Studies and will be announced before the end of the course. Accommodations to take the final exam outside of London need to be discussed in advance with Distance Studies: **distexam@uwo.ca**, or by phone 519-661-2111, ext. 84879. Distance Studies will not be able to arrange out-of-town exams at the last minute, so make sure you get in touch with them early enough in the session.

Similar to quizzes 6-8, the final exam consists of three French articles that you will not have encountered in the course. In addition to translating certain passages, you will need to answer questions (in English) based on the content of the articles.

Please note:

- OWL/Sakai will allow you to access and complete your quizzes and midterm after the deadline; in such cases a **penalty of 2% per late day (including weekends) will apply**.
- Unless adequate (e.g., medical) reason and/or documentation is provided in a timely manner, **any missed evaluation will be graded zero**.
How is Owl/Sakai accessed?

The Owl/Sakai login page can be found at: https://owl.uwo.ca/portal. This page allows you to login using your Western ID and password.

How is the French 9005 Owl/Sakai page organized?

When you log in to Owl/Sakai and select French 9005, you will be directed to the course home page. The home page is structured in the following manner:

- Left-hand side (vertically): Here you will see a list of tabs that allow you quick access to the different course site pages. These tabs are always visible when you navigate to and from the different pages of the course site.
- Top right corner: Recent announcements. Here you will be alerted to new items in the Announcements section.
- Center right: Calendar.
- Bottom right: Message Centre Notifications. Here you will be alerted to new items in the Forums section.

Any questions?

For technical questions, please consult Western Information Technology Services Help Desk: http://www.uwo.ca/its/helpdesk/index.html. Help is available in person, online, or by phone.

For course content questions, the Forums section of the French9005 OWL site is the preferred method of communication. As this is a Distance Studies course, students never meet with their professor. However, you are encouraged to ask questions through the Forums at any time during the course. Posting questions in the Forums will allow all students to benefit from the questions posted and from the answers provided.

For questions or concerns of a private or confidential nature, please feel free to contact me directly by e-mail at mstmaur@uwo.ca.

Welcome to French 9005!