

**The University of Western Ontario
Department of French Studies**

FRENCH 1002

COURSE OUTLINE

2011-2012

Prerequisite: Permission of the Department based on the Placement Test.

Antirequisite: The former French 002, Grade 11U French or equivalent.

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites. – from Western's *Academic Handbook*

Instructor 1			
name	e-mail	office	hours

Instructor 2 (some sections have 2 instructors)			
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

French 1002 (Beginner) is an intensive course designed for students with little or no experience of French. This course works in conjunction with French 1010 (Intermediate) to prepare students for first-year university French, (French 1910 or 1900E), and possible DELF A1 or A2 certification*. French 1002 begins in English with the basics of grammar and its terminology. We then move on to an active learning approach, calling on you to use your critical thinking skills and participate actively in the process of discovering the French language. This will include listening, reading, writing and speaking in French. We will cover the Preliminary Chapter and Chapters 1-7 of our textbook in French 1002. There is a weekly Language Laboratory session which supplements in-class instruction. French 1010 picks up where 1002 leaves off and covers the remaining Chapters in the textbook.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course, students will be expected to:

- be able to recognise and identify basic parts of speech.
- understand and use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases in French aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type.
- introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has.
- interact in a simple way if the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

* Students who continue on to French 1010 and successfully complete that course may be skilled enough to write either the DELF A1 or A2 French proficiency test in order to obtain a diploma certifying your French language skills. The *Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française* is a certification of French-language abilities for non-native speakers of French. These lifelong diplomas are officially awarded by the French Ministry of Education. Please consult <http://www.uwo.ca/french/undergraduate/langcourses.html> for more information.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

***Please purchase the *Mais oui!* package for main campus only.
The other *Mais oui!* packages are for the affiliated colleges.**

1. *Mais oui!* package, Thompson, Phillips, 4th edition, (Houghton Mifflin 2009)

The package contains the following 2 components:

- (1) *Mais oui!* Textbook
- (2) *Larousse* Pocket French-English dictionary

2. *TellMeMore* Student Access card.

Important Note: The TellMeMore Student Access cards will be available starting the week of September 19th. Please purchase your card during that week and bring it with you to your Lab hour for registration. Optional headsets are also available for purchase at the Bookstore for home use, if required.

3. *InPrint Coursepack French 1002*, 2011/2012 - Available at InPrint (UCC 78)

Important Note on used materials:

We do not recommend purchasing the old 3rd edition of *Mais Oui!* or any of its components.

DISTRIBUTION OF MARKS:

7 Chapter Tests @ 5%	35%
2 Listening Comprehension Tests @ 5%	10%
1 Oral Test	5%
1 Composition	5%
Class Attendance and Participation	10%
Lab Attendance and Participation	5%
Final Exam	30%
Total	100%

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM:

CHAPTER TESTS - 50 minutes (7x5% = 35%)

There will be 7 Chapter Tests, each worth 5%. Tests will concentrate on the most recently covered material in the chapter but they are cumulative, which means material from past chapters and *étapes* can be used in subsequent Chapter Tests.

Each Test will use various types of questions similar to those found in the textbook and the *InPrint* coursepack. A Test Outline will be available before each Chapter Test.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION TESTS - 30 minutes (2x5% = 10%)

There will be 2 Listening Comprehension Tests, each worth 5%. The Tests are administered in the Language Learning Centre once per term. The format will include a dictation and some oral translation exercises.

ORAL TEST - 10 minutes (5%)

An Oral Test given at the end of the second term. Each student will set up a 10-minute interview with the instructor(s), scheduled during regular class time. The Oral Test will consist of a reading of your Composition, followed by some specific and general questions.

COMPOSITION (5%)

A Composition is due at the end of the second term. The Composition is an integral part of the Oral Test. The subject and length is as follows:

**La fin des cours! Donnez votre opinion des cours, de vos amis
et de l'année en général. Expliquez ce que vous allez faire pendant l'été.**
(a variety of tenses)
150 words, every other line.

Important Note: The composition is to be done on your own. You may use as many dictionaries as you want, but **you cannot have any outside help**, not even for proofreading.

- Please make sure you write the minimum amount of words for the composition, as there is a penalty for compositions that are too short.
- As the Composition is an integral part of the Oral Test, a 2% per working day penalty for late submission will apply *plus* a 40% automatic penalty in the Oral Test mark if you do not have your Composition ready on the day of your Oral Test.

CLASS AND LAB ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION (10% + 5%)

- Regular attendance and active participation in class and in the Language Learning Centre are essential ingredients for success in any language course. We assume you are studying French because you want to listen, speak and interact with others using the language. A credit in French 1002 signifies not just that you have passed written examinations, but that you have “experienced” the language in class and in the lab for a certain number of hours.
- Attendance for each class and lab session will be recorded, so it is important to **arrive on time** and **stay until the end of class**.
- Each unjustified one-hour class or lab absence will result in a deduction of .5% from the Attendance and Participation mark. Two- and three-hour class absences will deduct accordingly. If you miss 20 hours or more of class time or 10 hours or more of lab time during the academic year, your Attendance and Participation mark will be zero. Please advise your instructor(s) in cases of unavoidable absence, such as serious illness or family emergencies. Be prepared to provide documentation to your instructor(s) for justification of short-term absences, (1 to 3 consecutive hours missed), or to your *Home Faculty Academic Counsellor* for long-term absences, (more than 3 consecutive hours missed).

Important Note: If you miss a *Chapter Test*, a *Listening Comprehension Test* or your *Oral Test* appointment, **documentation is absolutely required and you will have to see your Home Faculty Academic Counsellor** for evaluation of documentation and academic accommodation.

• Here is a link for the downloadable *Student Medical Certificate* (SMC), which should be brought with you to your medical appointment in case of illness:

<https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm>

You'll find the SMC under the Medical Documentation heading on this page.

• Please also note the following university regulation:

A student is entitled to be examined in courses in which registration is maintained, subject to the following limitations:

a) A student may be debarred from writing the final examination for failure to maintain satisfactory standing throughout the year.

b) Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course, will be reported to the Dean, (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the Department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course. – from Western's *Academic Handbook*

FINAL EXAM - 3 hours (30%)

A written Final Exam in the April 2012 exam period. There is no exam in the December 2011 exam period.

INFORMATION ON LAB ASSIGNMENTS:

Language Learning Centre, University College, Room 186 and Room 188

Check your timetable for the time and location of the Lab hour for your section.

Please note: You must attend the lab section corresponding to your lecture section. You need a special permission from the Course Director in case you wish to attend a lab section different than the one assigned to your lecture section. You must have a valid reason to request such a special permission (for example, a documented timetable conflict). *Evening sections cannot change their lab hour under any circumstances.*

The Lab assignments in the Language Learning Centre involve audio and written exercises in your *InPrint* Coursepack, as well as on-line exercises and instruction through the *TellMeMore* program. You will also write the *Listening Comprehension Tests* in the lab, and do other supplementary exercises with your lab instructor.

You should therefore bring your *InPrint* Coursepack to each Lab session.

Room 186 can also be used for independent study on a first-come, first-served basis if you want to review any exercises on your own time. Please check the schedule on the door before entering – you cannot use Room 186 if there is a scheduled course lab session in progress.

INFORMATION ON TELLMEMORE AND DELF CONTENT IN THE COURSE:

There are classroom and language lab exercises that reflect some of the *Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française*, or DELF, requirements. The DELF content is entirely in French, so you may have to use your bundled *Larousse* dictionary to help with some of the vocabulary as you prepare exercises assigned as homework.

For the classroom, DELF-themed exercises known as *Exercices en français* are included at the end of each *InPrint* chapter's supplementary exercises.

For the lab, the *Exercices en français* are at the beginning of each *InPrint* chapter's laboratory exercises. There is also the *TellMeMore* program which includes instruction and exercises in French only. These materials will help prepare you for the DELF French-only training environment.

For the DELF-themed material, your instructor(s) will speak mostly in French for earlier exercises, and entirely in French for later exercises.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US:

As instructors, we commit ourselves to being on time, well-prepared, and available for consultation. We strive to create a classroom atmosphere where each student is respected and feels comfortable participating. We undertake to provide clear guidelines about what is required in the course and to apply these guidelines with fairness to all students in all sections.

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU:

In order to help the class function smoothly and to ensure the best possible learning conditions for all, students are asked to exercise courtesy and cooperation in the following ways:

1. **Arrive on time and stay until the class is dismissed.** If you must leave early for an important reason, please let the instructors know this beforehand.
2. **Raise your hand** to indicate that you have a question or an answer to contribute. Participation is heartily encouraged, but only one person can be heard at a time. Please don't interrupt the instructor or another student who is speaking.
3. **Please don't talk to your neighbours**, even to consult about the lesson. No matter how quietly you are speaking, others, including the instructor, may find it distracting. There will be times when you are asked to work in pairs or in groups. Then, of course, you will be speaking to other students. Once the instructor announces the end of that activity, please stop your individual discussions and return your attention to the class.
4. **Come to class prepared**, and equipped with necessary books and completed homework so that you can participate fully, and so that the whole class can progress at a reasonable pace.
5. **If you have a concern** or dissatisfaction about the course, contact your class representative or make an appointment with your instructor to discuss the matter as soon as possible. All sections of the course receive the same course outline; thus, many aspects of the course are determined by the course director, not the individual instructors. Your instructors will refer you to the course director if your concern involves a matter that is beyond their jurisdiction.

POLICY ON CELL PHONES AND THE USE OF LAPTOP COMPUTERS:

The use of laptops is **not allowed** in the classroom during the lecture or the lab in any section of French 1002, unless specified by the instructor or for valid (documented) medical reasons. Please remember to always **switch off your cell phone** before entering any classroom. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

WEEKLY CLASS PROGRAM - TERM 1

2011

Date	In the Classroom	In the Lab
Week 1a Sept 8	Introduction to the course InPrint Grammar	No Lab
Week 1b Sept 12-15	Introduction to the course InPrint Grammar + Review <i>Chapitre Préliminaire</i>	Introduction to the Lab
Week 2 Sept 19-22	<i>Chapitre Préliminaire</i> <i>Chapitre 1</i>	Introduction and registration for TellMeMore <i>Chapitre Préliminaire</i>
Week 3 Sept 26-29	<i>Chapitre 1</i>	TellMeMore + <i>Chapitre 1 (InPrint)</i>
Week 4 Oct 3-6	<i>Chapitre 1</i> † Test Review (sections 002/003)	<i>Chapitre 1 (WebCT)</i>
Week 5 Oct 10-13	Thanksgiving Holiday Monday Test Review (sections 001/004/005/006) Test 1 – Preliminary/Chapitre 1 <i>Chapitre 2</i>	TellMeMore
Week 6 Oct 17-20	Test Correction <i>Chapitre 2</i>	TellMeMore + <i>Chapitre 2 (InPrint)</i>
Week 7 Oct 24-27	<i>Chapitre 2</i>	<i>Chapitre 2 (WebCT)</i>
Week 8 Oct 31-Nov 3	Test Review Test 2 – Chapitre 2 <i>Chapitre 3</i>	TellMeMore
Week 9 Nov 7-10	Test Correction <i>Chapitre 3</i>	TellMeMore + <i>Chapitre 3 (InPrint)</i>
Week 10 Nov 14-17	<i>Chapitre 3</i>	<i>Chapitre 3 (WebCT)</i>
Week 11 Nov 21-24	Test Review Test 3 – Chapitre 3 <i>Chapitre 4</i>	TellMeMore
Week 12 Nov 28-Dec 1	Test Correction <i>Chapitre 4</i>	Listening Test 1 <i>Chapitre 4 (WebCT)</i>
Week 13 Dec 5-7	<i>Chapitre 4</i>	No Lab

Important: The Tests will always be held during the first hour of the Wednesday class.

Exception: *sections 005/006* will have the Tests in the first hour of the Thursday class.

First Term Wednesday Test dates: October 12, November 2, November 23

First Term Thursday Test dates: October 13, November 3, November 24

- † No classes on Thanksgiving Monday, October 10th, meaning the Test Review will take place on Wednesday, October 5th for sections 002 and 003.
- Wednesday December 7th is the last day of classes for the first Term.

WEEKLY CLASS PROGRAM - TERM 2

2012

Date	In the Classroom	In the Lab
Week 14 Jan 9-12	Test Review Test 4 – Chapitre 4 <i>Chapitre 5</i>	Listening Test Correction TellMeMore
Week 15 Jan 16-19	Test Correction <i>Chapitre 5</i>	TellMeMore + <i>Chapitre 5 (InPrint)</i>
Week 16 Jan 23-26	<i>Chapitre 5</i>	<i>Chapitre 5 (WebCT)</i>
Week 17 Jan 30-Feb 2	Test Review Test 5 – Chapitre 5 <i>Chapitre 6</i>	TellMeMore
Week 18 Feb 6-Feb 9	Test Correction <i>Chapitre 6</i>	TellMeMore + <i>Chapitre 6 (InPrint)</i>
Week 19 Feb 13-16	<i>Chapitre 6</i>	<i>Chapitre 6 (WebCT)</i>
Feb 20-24	Reading Week	No Lab
Week 20 Feb 27-Mar 1	Test Review Test 6 – Chapitre 6 <i>Chapitre 7</i>	TellMeMore
Week 21 Mar 5-Mar 8	Test Correction <i>Chapitre 7</i>	TellMeMore + <i>Chapitre 7 (InPrint)</i>
Week 22 Mar 12-15	<i>Chapitre 7</i>	<i>Chapitre 7 (WebCT)</i>
Week 23 Mar 19-22	Test Review Test 7 – Chapitre 7 Exam Review	Listening Test 2 TellMeMore
Week 24 Mar 26-29	Test Correction Exam Review	Listening Test Correction TellMeMore
Week 25 Apr 2-5	Exam Review Oral Tests	No Lab
Week 26 Apr 9-11	Oral Tests	No Lab

Important: The Tests will always be held during the first hour of the Wednesday class. Exception: *sections 005/006* will have the Tests in the first hour of the Thursday class.

Second Term Wednesday Test dates: January 11, February 1, February 29, March 21

Second Term Thursday Test dates: January 12, February 2, March 1, March 22

- No classes for Reading Week, February 20th to 24th.
- Wednesday, April 11th is the last day of classes for the second Term.

Good luck with your year in French 1002!