



FSF4UI 2019-2020

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| Course Code | FSF4UI | Teacher | Mme R. Berndt |
| Period | A - Sem 2 | Office Location & Availability | Languages Office, Room 414 or 321 (lunch hour) |
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Course Description

This course provides extensive opportunities for students to speak and interact in French independently. Students will develop their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, apply language learning strategies in a wide variety of real-life situations, and develop their creative and critical thinking skills through responding to and interacting with a variety of oral and written texts. They will also enrich their understanding and appreciation of diverse French-speaking communities, and will develop skills necessary for lifelong language learning.

Prerequisite: Core French, Grade 11, University Preparation (FSF3UI)

Big Ideas

The main purpose of this course is to refine accuracy and fluency when communicating and interacting in French in both oral and written forms; and to deepen students' understanding of francophone culture around the world.

Essential Learnings – students will have multiple opportunities to demonstrate essential learnings

1. Students will use listening comprehension strategies in order to understand authentic and cultural-specific oral French texts from the francophone world. Students will understand and interpret a variety of spoken messages for the purpose of communication.
2. Students will be able to speak in a variety of formal and informal situations to present ideas and engage in conversations. They will apply the appropriate levels of language, structures, and vocabulary while exploring the diversity of language within the francophone world.
3. Students will read and understand a variety of original or adapted French texts from different Francophone countries. Students will analyze and interpret a variety of texts. Students will learn different cultural aspects of Francophone countries.
4. Students will write a variety of texts in French for different audiences while applying the new language structures and vocabulary. They will show an awareness of how language changes within the diverse Francophone world. They will follow the stages of process writing to organize ideas, edit and fix problems in order to produce a final piece of written work.

Course Texts and Resources

The following resources will be used to enhance understanding of the material:

- 1) *Destinations Nouveaux Horizons Anthologie*
- 2) *L'Étranger*
- 3) *Le Petit Prince*
- 4) Electronic resources will also be used to enhance understanding of the material
- 5) Other authentic print material
- 6) wordreference.com, linguee.fr, bescherelle.com

Students are responsible for replacing their notes if they lose them.

Please note, online educational tools such as Quizlet, Kahoot, Duolingo, and Kwiziq may be used in this course. These are external Apps accessible by the general public. As such students are encouraged to not enter their personal information when using these apps, rather they should just use their initials or nicknames.

Areas of Focus

| Areas of Focus Timing | |
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| 1. L'esthétique Phonetics: sound and musicality of French | Approx. 2 weeks |
| 2. La famille et la communauté <i>Jean de Florette</i> Language structures: la concordance des temps, l'infinitif passé | Approx. 3 weeks |
| 3. La science et la technologie, la vie contemporaine Les articles choisis par les élèves Language structures: le subjonctif, la négation | Approx. 3 weeks |
| 4. Les défis mondiaux, la quête de soi <i>L'Étranger, Le Petit Prince</i> Language structures: les pronoms possessifs, faire causatif et rendre | Approx. 9 weeks |

Course Evaluation/Body of Evidence

Overall, coursework will be worth 70% and summative evaluation(s) 30%. A specific breakdown of assessments is below:

| Assessment Breakdown | Weight |
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| Course Work - each section is worth 25% of the term mark 1. Listening 2. Speaking 3. Reading 4. Writing | 70% |
| Summative – each section is worth 25% of the summative mark 1. Oral presentation 2. Listening to material associated with themes studied in class 3. Sight passages with comprehension questions 4. Writing task designed to compare a text with course reading | 30% |
| Total | 100% |

Critical Body of Evidence:

The following assignments must be completed to demonstrate that the student has met the overall expectations of the course:

Writing assignments - based on literature studied in class
Prepared oral presentation that will involve spontaneous interaction with, and leadership of the class
Listening Comprehension
Reading Comprehension
Literary essay
Listening exam
Oral presentation
Final written exam with reading and writing components

Late and Missed Assessments

See the “**Late and Missed Assessments**” policy in the **WCI Student Planner**.

Cheating and Plagiarism

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Please note: At this level, Core and Extended French students, for the most part, do the same assignments. Although the evaluation breakdown for FSF4UI is similar to that of FEF4UI, there may be some variation in the actual assignments or in the grading of these pieces. This variation reflects the distinction between the grade 12 Core and Extended French courses.

Learning Skills

The development of learning skills and work habits is an integral part of your learning. The achievement of these skills is officially reported on the Provincial Report Card. The learning skills on which you are evaluated are **Responsibility, Organization, Independent Work, Collaboration, Initiative, and Self-Regulation**. The scale that is used for this evaluation are **E - Excellent, G - Good, S - Satisfactory, and N - Needs Improvement**.

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| <p>Responsibility</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>_____ I focus on learning.</p> <p>_____ I pay attention.</p> <p>_____ I complete homework and assignments on time.</p> <p>_____ I arrive to class on time.</p> <p>_____ I take responsibility for my own learning.</p> <p>_____ I maintain focus in class.</p> |
| <p>Organization</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>_____ I come to class prepared to work and I have all the required materials.</p> <p>_____ I keep track of due dates for all homework and assignments.</p> <p>_____ I manage time well by establishing priorities.</p> <p>_____ I keep an organized notebook.</p> <p>_____ I am ready to learn and to work.</p> |
| <p>Independent Work</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>_____ I am able to think for myself.</p> <p>_____ I am able to follow instructions with minimum guidance.</p> <p>_____ I participate well in small group and large group settings.</p> |
| <p>Collaboration</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>_____ I am present and engaged, actively and/or passively.</p> <p>_____ I am open to new ideas.</p> <p>_____ I am accountable to a group.</p> <p>_____ I function well in a large group.</p> <p>_____ I am an active listener.</p> <p>_____ I build healthy relationships.</p> <p>_____ I demonstrate self-control and I allow for others to learn in a balanced way.</p> |
| <p>Initiative</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>_____ I participate and speak in the target language.</p> <p>_____ I engage in classwork.</p> <p>_____ I seek extra help or ask for clarification whenever it is needed.</p> <p>_____ I go beyond learning expectations and I challenge myself to learn more.</p> <p>_____ I am curious and I continually want to learn more.</p> <p>_____ I take risks in the learning process.</p> <p>_____ I show a positive attitude toward learning.</p> |
| <p>Self-Regulation</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>_____ I continually assess myself and modify my personal learning goals if/when necessary.</p> <p>_____ I manage my electronic devices appropriately.</p> <p>_____ I revise and edit my own work.</p> <p>_____ I persevere with challenges.</p> |



Welcome to learning a new language! Are you interested in becoming bilingual? This does not just happen by attending a class in one semester. Here are some tips that can help you attain a second language.

1. Participate. The old saying, "practice, practice, practice" holds true in language learning. It's like playing a sport. You only get better by doing it! Show respect and you will be respected. Take chances! Don't be afraid to make a mistake. Toddlers don't start off speaking a language perfectly; it takes a lot of practice.
2. French will be the only language used in class with the teacher and with each other. If you can't finish a sentence that's ok. Look up the word and keep on talking! That is how you will discover what words you still need to learn!
3. Attend classes regularly. If you are absent, do the work you missed before returning; that way you are ready to start participating the day you return. If you know you are going to be away, tell your teacher in advance. This helps everyone stay organized.
4. Keep an organized binder with complete homework and notes. Write a date and a title on each note so that it makes sense when you study.
5. Don't be afraid to ask questions. It is very difficult to learn if you do not understand what has been taught. We are always available for extra help.
6. Stay on top of your homework and assignments. It becomes very difficult to learn new concepts if you have not yet mastered the old ones. Don't allow yourself to fall behind. This can cause a lot of stress and discouragement in learning.
7. Review continually. Practice the grammar. Write out verbs; it's not enough to just read them. It's like learning how to swim. Seeing how it is done is important but for you to become a great swimmer, you need to practice. Reread the same book or watch the same movie. It is during your second and third time of reading or listening to French that you will learn the language. Remember when you were young? How many times did you have the same book read to you or did you watch the same show?
8. Hand in all assignments and be accountable on days you need to present. Remember that your classmates are counting on you if you are in a group.
9. Have fun! Watch French shows and movies, listen to French music, read French magazines or newspapers. All these activities will help you become bilingual.