

## U400-101: First Semester French

**Course Format:** Online

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**Course Credits:** 4

**Prerequisites:** None

**Course Level:** Introductory; Appropriate for first-year or higher college students and high school students who have who have had little to no formal French language instruction.

**Course Description:** Develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, all in a cultural context as you learn about French-speaking cultures around the world. French 101 assumes no previous knowledge of the language. French 101 and French 102 use the same textbook and other materials.

### Required Course Materials

- *Promenades: À travers le monde francophone*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (Vista Higher Learning, 2018). ISBN: 978-1680050103
  - *Student Edition*
  - Supersite Plus + WebSAM Code (Supersite Plus + WebSAM + vText)
- Skype account for three required oral activities with your Course Facilitator. Free download at [Skype](#).

**Note:** Once successfully enrolled in this course, instructions on how to purchase the required eBook package above will be found in your course. Please wait to order until you view the instructions in the course.

### Hardware Requirements

You will need a webcam, speakers, and a microphone. A few of the assignments in this course will ask you to submit a recording. You will complete your exams through an online proctor, requiring all three components.

### Course Learning Objectives

- Recall vocabulary that relates to everyday life and activities (e.g., friends and family; school and leisure activities; time, weather, date, and numbers; places around town; food and clothing; transportation and travel).
- Recall pronunciation at a level that can be built upon through exposure to interactive communication.
- Indicate the basic content of contextualized communications in short readings and in videos where people use key vocabulary and grammar as they talk to and interact with each other.
- Use many basic grammatical constructions including nouns (gender and number) and articles (definite, indefinite, and partitive); pronoun forms; adjectives (descriptive, possessive, and demonstrative); verbs (types and present/past tenses); prepositions of location; and sentence construction (e.g., interrogative and negative expressions).
- Indicate basic facts about varied cultural components of the French-speaking world (e.g., greetings, le bac, le carnaval, vacations, and le café).
- Compose, in the past or present tense, basic narratives that use key course vocabulary and grammar to convey an array of descriptive information and requests (e.g., school activities; a favorite sport; a trip by plane, bus, or train; and a holiday party).

## Course Overview

UNIT #	UNIT TOPIC	EVALUATED ACTIVITIES
Première Activité Orale		Oral Activity 1
1	Salut!	Online Activity Unit Quiz
2	A la fac	Online Activity Unit Quiz
Deuxieme Activité Orale		Oral Activity 2
3	La famille et les copains	Online Activity Unit Quiz
4	Au café	Online Activity Unit Quiz
Midcourse Activities		Midcourse Review Midcourse Exam
Troisième Activité Orale		Oral Activity 3
5	Les loisirs	Online Activity Unit Quiz
6	Les fêtes	Online Activity Unit Quiz
7	En vacances	Online Activity Unit Quiz
Final Activities		Final Review Final Exam

### Evaluation Methods:

Your final grade will be based on your performance on the following:

- 1) Online Activities: 40%
- 2) Unit Quizzes: 10%
- 3) Oral Activities: 10%
- 4) Exam Reviews: 10%
- 5) Exams: 30%

#### *Online Activities (40%)*

Online Activities in the *Promenades* Supersite are assigned in each unit of this course and will cumulatively account for 40% of your final course grade.

#### *Unit Quizzes (10%)*

Quizzes containing a mix of multiple choice, short answer, and fill-in-the-blank questions are assigned with each unit of this course and cumulatively account for 10% of your final course grade.

#### *Oral Activities (10%)*

Three oral activities that you will schedule with the Course Facilitator and complete over Skype cumulatively account for 10% of your final course grade.

#### *Exam Reviews (10%)*

A midcourse review designed to help you prepare for the Midcourse Exam will account for 5% of your final course grade. A final review designed to help you prepare for the Final Exam will account for 5% of your final course grade.

**Exams (30%)**

A midcourse exam that reviews the first half of the course and largely mirrors the Midcourse Review will account for 15% of your final course grade. A final exam that reviews the second half of the course and largely mirrors the Final Review will account for 15% of your final course grade.

**Exam Method: Online with Proctoring**

This course requires all students to complete exams online with our proctoring service. Students receive two attempts on each exam. If you elect to take a second attempt, the average score of both exams will be recorded.

**Grading Scale**

The following grading scale is used to evaluate all course requirements and determine your final grade:

A = 93–100	B = 83–87.9	C = 70–77.9	D = 60–69.9
AB = 88–92.9	BC = 78–82.9		F = Below 60

**Pass/Fail Option**

Students who enroll in an Independent Learning (IL) course under the pass/fail option will receive a final grade of S in place of a final grade equivalent to an A, AB, B, BC, or C and a final grade of U in place of a final grade equivalent to a D or F.