

U400-347: INTRODUCTION À LA CIVILISATION FRANÇAISE

Course Format: Online

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Course Credits: 3

Prerequisites: Completion of U400-204 Fourth Semester French with a C or better or the equivalent

Course Level: Intermediate; Appropriate for second-year or higher college students.

Course Description: Interested in a comprehensive survey of French history and culture from prehistoric times to the revolution? If so, Introduction à la Civilisation Française is for you. You will study the Gauls, the Romans, the Wars of Religion, the Renaissance, and the French Revolution. You will learn about rulers such as Clovis, Charlemagne, Louis XIV, and Napoleon. Investigate political and social events, constitutional developments, economic changes, religious conflicts, intellectual history, and art and literary developments. This course has 11 units, 11 assignments and 2 exams. Students will complete most assignment activities in French and have the option of completing all work in French.

Required Course Materials

- Ross Steele, Susan St.Onge, Ronald St.Onge, La Civilisation française en évolution I, Thomson (Heinle and Heinle, 1996) ISBN-10: 0838460089, ISBN-13: 978-0838460085

Course Learning Objectives

- Identify important events of French history, culture and Civilization from 70 BC–1800 AD.
- Distinguish the relationship between power (politics), religion and art.
- Contextualize how a nation is shaped.
- Accurately apply French language grammar and structure while composing personal thoughts and opinions about French history, culture and civilization.
- Compare historical, cultural and social aspects of France with those of their culture of origin.

Course Overview

MODULE	MODULE TOPIC	EVALUATED ACTIVITIES
1	Les Origines de la France	Written Assignment
2	Les Siècles du Moyen Âge	Written Assignment
3	Les Moyen Âge (suite); Le XVIe Siècle (I)	Written Assignment
4	Le XVIe Siècle (II)	Written Assignment
5	Le Règne de Louis XIII et la jeunesse de Louis XIV	Written Assignment
Midterm Exam		
6	Le Règne de Louis XIV (I)	Written Assignment
7	Le Règne de Louis XIV (II)	Written Assignment
8	Le Règne de Louis XV	Written Assignment
9	Le Règne de Louis XVI et la Révolution	Written Assignment
10	Napoléon	Written Assignment
11	Révision	Written Assignment
Final Exam		

Evaluation Methods

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

1. Written Assignments (60%)
2. Exams (40%)

Written Assignments (60%)

Each written assignment has three parts:

1. Choice of identifications
2. Choice of short (one or two pages) essays
3. Selection of exercises in textbook

You have the option of writing all your identification responses and essays in French, but you **must write at least three identifications and one essay in French** in each lesson. You also have exercises to write in French.

Exams (40%)

This course has two proctored exams, each worth 20% of your course grade: a two-hour midterm examination after Unit 5 and a two-hour final exam after Unit 11.

Exam Method: Online without Proctoring

This course requires all students to complete exams online. 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:

Grade	Percentage
A	93–100
AB	88–92.9
B	83–87.9
BC	78–82.9
C	70–77.9
D	60–69.9
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.