

## WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING TO THE LAB?

Paper and a pen.

## WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE LAB SESSIONS?

The purpose of the Language Centre lab sessions is to provide you with dedicated listening practice, to help you develop skills of aural comprehension. This will include dictations. A second purpose of your lab sessions is to give you some informal (and not graded!) French aural and oral practice, with the assistance of a real live native speaker of French. You will NOT be graded on practice exercises; and you will NOT be graded on pronunciation and speaking. But: your language lab TEST mark counts for 10% of your final grade for FREN 101.

Each lab session will follow the following format:

- 10-minute warm-up: computer-based comprehension exercises
- STARTING AT 15 MINUTES PAST THE HOUR: DICTATION AND COMPREHENSION TEST
- 5-minute cool-down: pronunciation practice exercises

THE LAB TEST: During each lab session there will be a short test that will count toward the term mark. You should bring some paper and a pen with you. At the top of your paper, make sure to write down:

- your name
- the number of your main class section (= s. 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, or 110)
- and your section instructor's name

Lab monitors will read out the dictation script to you: this will be a text in French, and you should write down in French what you hear. The dictation will be read out in the traditional way: once through; then twice slowly, phrase by phrase; finally once more through for rereading and correction. The dictation will be followed by 2 or 3 short questions about what you just heard and transcribed, to test your comprehension; that may include translation into English. At the end of the test, hand your test in to your lab monitor; they will convey tests to the section instructors; your instructor will mark your test and return it to you in class the next week.

There will also be some time at the end of class for pronunciation exercises: this is purely voluntary and optional for you, an opportunity for practice with the lab monitors. The lab monitors are there to help to guide you, informally.

Each lab group (ex. L1A) will have at least one lab session covering work associated with each of the four *Horizons* chapters we are working on in your main class. Lab sessions cover material already worked on in that main class, usually from the previous week.

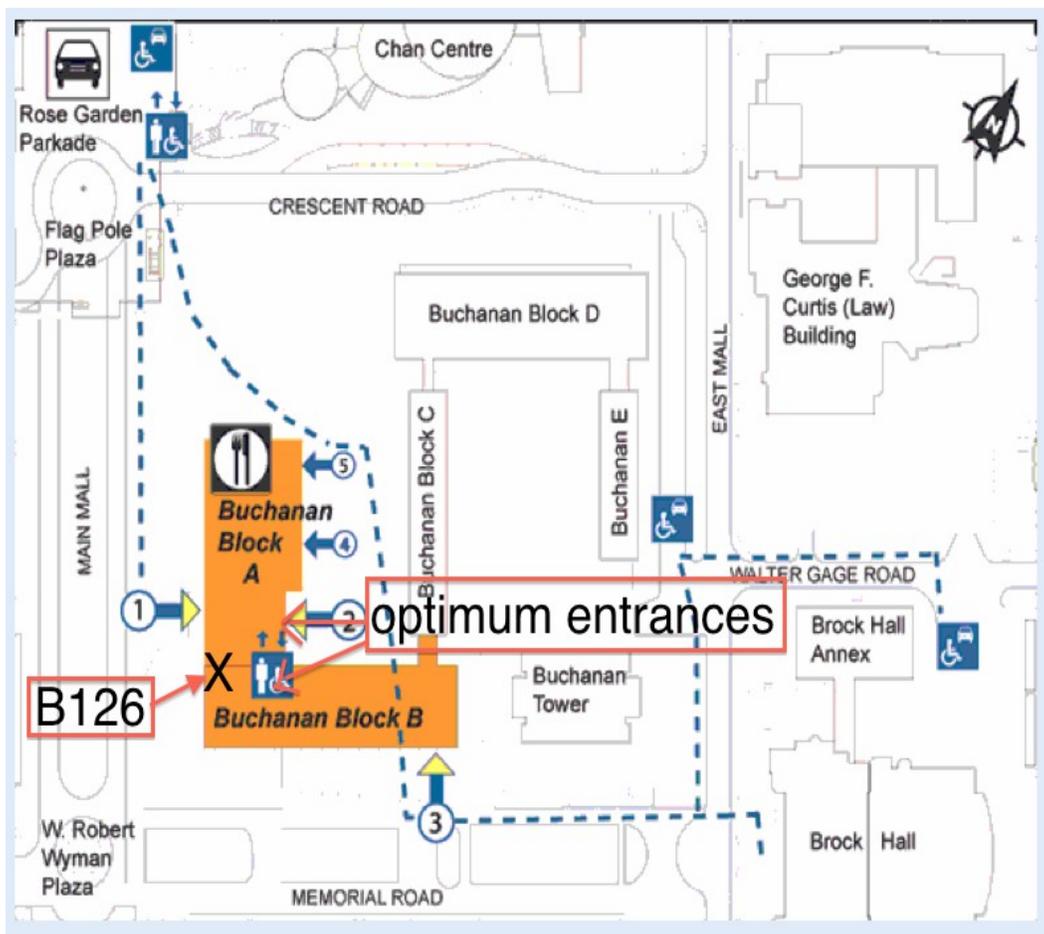
A number of students are going to miss sessions scheduled on Reconciliation Day (18 September), Thanksgiving (14 October), and Remembrance Day (11 November); they will not be required to make them up, even if they are able to attend a session on another day. **For that reason, the language centre mark will be based on the THREE best tests ONLY, for everybody.**

## WHERE ARE THE FREN 101 LANGUAGE LABS / THE LANGUAGE CENTRE?

The labs have several different names; on your timetable, it will probably appear as LANG LAB, as it does at the [Student Service Centre information pages for FREN 101 and its various sections](#) (ex. FREN 101\_101) and lab groups (ex. FREN 101\_L1A). The following information will hopefully clarify, calm, and reassure.

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- Buchanan/Arts block (= buildings A, B, C, D, E and the tower)
- Buchanan building B
- ground floor (100-level)
- go to the door for B120: inside, there are more doors; straight ahead of you is room B126



[Here is a larger-scale local area map, for Buchanan B.](#)

## WHEN ARE THE LABS?

The labs start in WEEK 3 (the week of 16-20 September). Labs are grouped in two sets, "A" and "B."  
"A" and "B" groups meet in alternate weeks.

See also: lab schedules for "A" and "B" groups.

Examples:

- A: If your group ends in the letter A  
(ex. FREN101 L1A)  
= your first lab is in the week of 16-20 September (week 3 of term)  
and your lab sessions will be in odd-numbered weeks (3, 5, 7, 9, 11)  
Ex. for group L1A, your first lab session on Monday the 16th from 12 noon to 1.00 p.m.
- B: If your group ends in the letter B  
(ex. FREN101 L1B)  
= your first lab is in the week of 23-27 September (week 4 of term)  
and your lab sessions will be in even-numbered weeks (4, 6, 8, 10, 12)  
Ex. for group L1B, your first lab session is on Monday the 23rd from 12 noon to 1.00 p.m.