

**UBC**  
**DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH, HISPANIC AND ITALIAN STUDIES**  
**FREN 101: 2013-14, TERM 1**

**CONTENT & OBJECTIVES**

FREN 101-102 is a beginners' French course, of a “blended” and “enriched” approach. The objective of the course is the acquisition of basic comprehension, communication, and writing skills. It aims to provide students with a solid grounding in French grammar and the development of an awareness of the language's structures, and to act as a useful introduction to French and Francophone culture. The course involves three hours a week of classroom work, plus five one-hour sessions of oral comprehension practice in the Multimedia Language Centre (the evening section, FREN 101\_901, has an online alternative).

**ELIGIBILITY**

FREN 101 is a course for true beginners, and for “false beginners” who have completed high-school French 9 (or less) or who have completed French 10 more than five years ago. It is not available to students who have completed French 11 or any equivalent course. Generally speaking, students may not earn academic credit for any course below the level for which they have qualified by previous study. Further information on placement is at [FHIS > Undergraduate > French > Advising > Beginning and Intermediate French](#)

**TEXTBOOK**

Manley, Smith, McMinn, Prévost, *Horizons* (5th edition). Heinle/CENGAGE 2012.

EITHER ISBN 9780176571498 = custom softbound text + iLrn package (includes e-book), from UBC Bookstore  
OR ISBN 9780840048738 or 9780840048745 = the purely online iLrn version (includes e-book)

Students will have access to the *Horizons* iLrn site, and may also have access to a UBC Connect site for supplementary resources. Further information will be provided by your instructor.

**MODES OF ASSESSMENT & DISTRIBUTION OF MARKS**

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| • Homework (two short compositions, around 100 words)                                       | 10% |
| • Online exercises + vocabulary quizzes   | 10% |
| • Language Centre work (daytime sections) or other exercises (evening section, FREN101_901) | 10% |
| • Chapter tests (three: the best two marks count)   | 10% |
| • Mid-term examination  | 20% |
| • Final examination   | 40% |

Such details as the quizzes, the content of tests, the composition topics and the exercises assigned may vary somewhat from section to section at the discretion of individual instructors. They may not, however, vary from student to student within a section, which means that students dissatisfied with the term mark they are earning in the ordinary way may not do extra work for extra credit.

Although students are strongly encouraged to speak French in class, speaking abilities will not be directly graded.

## THE FINAL EXAMINATION I : ATTENDANCE

There are only three exceptions to the rule requiring that all students write their final examinations at the appointed time.

1. Students with three examinations schedules within a twenty-four hour period are said to face an *examination hardship* and are entitled to have the middle exam rescheduled. If French 102 falls in the middle of such a combination, consult the coordinator (contact information below).
2. Students who are prevented by illness, bereavement or other personal or family affliction from writing an examination on the appointed day may apply to their Faculty's Academic Advising Office for deferral of standing. Documentary evidence will usually be needed to support the request.
3. An examination whose date falls on a religious festival will be rescheduled by the coordinator for adherents of the faith concerned. But please note: you may not invoke the policy to justify an early departure from campus for the holidays unless you adhere to a religion that has no place of worship in the Lower Mainland. Your exam will simply be moved a few days in either direction.

## THE FINAL EXAMINATION II : DIRE WARNINGS

1. Under no circumstances will an examination be rescheduled to accommodate a student's travel plans, not even to prevent the waste of money unwisely spent before the exam schedule was known.
2. No provision will be made for students who miss a schedules examination because they misread the timetable.

## WITHDRAWAL DATES

- Without a **W**: until Tuesday 17 September
- With a **W**: until Friday 11 October
- Withdrawal after 11 October is a formal academic concession, for which you will have to apply to the Academic Advising Office of your Faculty.

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