

**Department:** World Languages  
**Course Name:** Advanced Placement French

**Course Description:**

This course which follows Honors French IV prepares students for the Advanced Placement French Language examination. Students review and master grammar skills, review and enhance vocabulary, increase listening and speaking skills, write compositions and read literature. This rigorous course allows students to perfect their knowledge of French. Methods of teaching are modeled after the AP examination, which is required of all students.

**Content:**

Grammar

All verb tenses including passé simple and concordance of time  
Mood: Present and past subjunctive, conditional, and past conditional  
Active/passive voice  
Pronominal verbs  
Pronouns: reflexive, object, independent, possessive, demonstrative, relative, y and en  
Gerund and structures after certain prepositions  
Use of the negative and ne pleonastic  
Special verb usage  
Superlative  
Interrogative  
Adjective and adverb placement  
Prepositions and conjunctions

Vocabulary

Global issues: environment, tolerance, human rights, health, war, and current events  
Personal and Public Identities: alienation and assimilation, value systems, patriotism, and nationalism  
Families and Communities: family customs and social relationships in various cultures  
Science and Technology: inventions, discovery, and ethics  
Beauty and aesthetics: arts, music, and culture  
Contemporary life: advertisements, professions, leisure, and travel

Culture

The Enlightenment and its development to modern day themes  
Current events and global issues in the francophone world  
Philosophical movements  
Esthetics of the modern-day world

**Skills:**

Develop speaking skills with sustained control in a conversational setting  
Listen effectively to authentic recordings and assimilate listening exercises into writing  
Understand spoken French in various situations from francophone cultures  
Develop themes in writing and present ideas logically  
Augment and reinforce vocabulary related to the six themes mandated by the AP exam  
Understand and implement grammar concepts and advanced structures into speaking and writing  
Assimilate idiomatic structures into speaking and writing  
Develop cognitive, analytical and communication skills  
Gain an understanding of the francophone world and comparison with other cultures  
Pronounce words correctly

Develop use of technology in the classroom

**Text and Materials:**

Ladd, Richard, AP French: Preparing for the Language Examination, (Pearson, 2012)

Ladd Richard, Allons Au-Delà, (Pearson Education, 2012)

Sturges, Hale, Linda Cregg Nielsen and Henry Lynn Herbst, Une Fois Pour Toutes (Pearson Education, 2008)

Zwanziger, Elizabeth, Brittany Goings, Elizabeth Rench and Brittany Selden Griffin APrenons (Wayside Publishing, 2016)

**Methods of Instruction:**

Conversational exchange (teacher-student or student-student)

Direct explanation: lecture

Films and podcasts

Review/revision of homework activities

Dialogues

Individual and group projects

Drill/simulation activities

Games

AP Practice Testing

**Methods of Evaluation:**

Tests

Quizzes (oral and written)

Oral presentations

Homework checks

Graded compositions – teacher and peer editing

Dictation

Class participation

