

Department: World Languages

Course Name: French I

Course Description:

During this year-long course students acquire basic vocabulary and grammatical structures. The focus in class will be on real life language use, the integration of culture and language through exploration of the francophone world, and the four skills of reading, listening, writing, and speaking.

Content :

Grammar

Irregular verbs: être, avoir, aller, faire, boire, venir, mettre, prendre, vouloir

Regular -er, -ir- and -re verbs

Regular -er verbs with stem change

Formation of two verbs together

Near future

Present and passé composé

Imperative mood

Negative statements

Interrogative

Adjectives, descriptive and possessive

C'est vs. il est

Syntactical structures with prepositions

Aller + à + location

Venir + de

Construction using infinitives, especially the near future tense

Tenses and moods: present indicative, imperative, and past tense of -er, -ir, and -re verbs

Asking questions with inversion

Aller + à

Venir + de

Possession with 'de'

Adjectives : possessive, demonstrative 'ce', interrogative 'quel'

Irregular adjectives

Pronoun 'on'

Partitive article

Vocabulary

Greetings and leave-takings

Meal times in France

Expressions of courtesy

Days of the week, months, seasons, weather

Time expressions

Objects in the home and classroom

Family, home, sports and leisure activities

Vocabulary from films

Giving and asking for directions
Shopping for food
Preparing food
Shopping for clothes and accessories
Location and appropriate prepositions
Selected idioms

Culture

Geography of francophone world with emphasis on the Caribbean and la France
Current events
Festivals in the francophone world
Selected poems
Current events
School life

Skills:

Learn proper pronunciation
Recognize syntactical patterns
Listen to recognize English derivatives and cognates in order to interpret information
Develop use of the technology in the classroom
Learn to prepare French cuisine
Write dialogues, descriptions, and short essays describing characters in film and real life
Ask and answer questions about themselves and others around them
Practice proper pronunciation by memorizing new rhymes and songs
Compare middle schools in America and France
Explore different methods of note taking/ studying vocabulary
Describe people, activities and objects from school

Text and Materials:

Valette, Jean-Paul and Rebecca, Discovering French Nouveau, Bleu 1(McDougal-Littel, 2007)
Valette, Jean-Paul and Rebecca, Discovering French Nouveau, Bleu 1, wkbk(McDougal-Littel, 2007)
Ancillary materials provided by teacher

Methods of Instruction:

Conversational exchange
Cooperative activities
Direct explanation (lecture)
Discussion of supplemental materials
Drill
Role playing
Review and revision of homework
Evaluation of films, literature, and online media in French
Rote memorization

Methods of Evaluation:

Homework

Dictation

Oral presentation

Group and individual projects

Composition

Quizzes and tests

Teacher observation/ class participation

