

FRENCH FOR READING

1. About the course

This course is a French for reading course for students at the graduate level. During this semester, you will develop strategies that will assist you in acquiring a reading knowledge of French and it is designed to help students in developing a basic understanding of grammatical concepts in French. Instruction in this course will be done in English.

Course Goals

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Identify and use French syntax when reading and writing;
- Develop and apply pre- and post- reading strategies necessary for French reading and translation;
- Differentiate between French grammatical forms;
- Acquire new vocabulary necessary to read proficiently in French;
- Apply knowledge of French morphology to acquire new vocabulary in context; and
- Apply their understanding of concepts covered in the course in order to read original texts in French.

What you need

Required materials:

A computer that can handle Zoom conference calls.

[French for Reading and Translation. Becker, 2020.](#)

Useful materials:

[Hachette French dictionary](#)

[Larousse French dictionary](#)

[Duolingo](#) (specifically “Duolingo Stories”)

www.1jour1actu.com

JeuneAfrique.com

wiktionary.org

2. How your progress will be evaluated

Attendance & Participation (20%)

This course leverages active learning pedagogy, so your consistent attendance and active participation during class sessions is the primary key to your success in achieving the course goals. Additionally, we have a very small class, so discussions depend on you sharing your input!

Your mastery of the concepts covered in this course depends on your active participation, and this is also reflected in the course grading scheme. By coming to class and contributing to discussions, you will earn 20% of your final course grade.

Preparatory work (20%)

Consistent practice with another language will help build long-term linguistic competence. You will have exercises to complete in advance of each class session from our textbook

Homework Assignments (20%)

In addition to the preparatory work, you will also complete four long-form reading comprehension assignments throughout the duration of the course. These will involve reading and analyzing authentic French texts of varying length.

Final exam (40%)

In order to fulfill your English program requirements, you must complete a reading comprehension test:

The exam text will be between approximately 1000 and 1500 words; the author will be chosen in consultation with the student's advisor(s), and I will choose the excerpt considering an appropriate level of difficulty.

The exam will last for 75 minutes and is required to be completed in person. Students may use a paper or online dictionary and type their translation, but no other online resources will be permitted.