

FREN 3070—Advanced French Grammar & Composition

Tuesday/Thursday, 11:00 am-12:20 pm, PHYS 311

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Office of the Registrar—Fall 2014 Registration Guide

<http://registrar.unt.edu/registration/fall-registration-guide>

This is a link to important dates for adding, dropping, withdrawing, and so forth.

Office of the Registrar—Fall 2014 Exam Schedule

<http://registrar.unt.edu/exams/fall>

This is a link to the official schedule for final exams.

Undergraduate Catalog

<http://catalog.unt.edu/>

This is a link to the official catalog for all undergraduate students.

UNT Policy Manual

<http://policy.unt.edu/policy-by-number/1>

This is a link to the official policy manual for faculty and students.

Disability Accommodation

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic reasonable accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking reasonable accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with a reasonable accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request reasonable accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of reasonable accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of reasonable accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class.

Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of reasonable accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student.

For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at <http://www.unt.edu/oda>. You may also contact them by phone at [940.565.4323](tel:940.565.4323).

Absences

Having more than 2 unexcused absences during Weeks 1-7 will affect your attendance/participation grade for this part of the semester. Likewise, having more than 2 unexcused absences during Weeks 8-14 will affect your attendance/participation grade for this part of the semester. Please consult the UNT Policy Manual (see link above) for an explanation of the specific types of absences that are excused. If you happen to miss class **without a valid excuse**, do not ask me to allow you to make up a quiz, a homework assignment, a test, or anything else that would have been completed and/or submitted in class on the due date. This means that you need so "save" your unexcused absences for days when some major assignment is not due or is not supposed to be completed during class.

Course description

Focus on French grammar and practice through various writing projects and grammar exercises.

Course objectives

This course provides students with different types of opportunities to analyze French grammar as a way to understand how words, phrases, sentences can be interpreted and produced in ways that are socially and contextually appropriate.

Required Textbook

Contrastes, published by Prentice Hall/Pearson, 2010. **Second edition.**

Author: Denise Rochat

We will cover 1 or 2 chapters per week. Please note that we will also skip some chapters so that we can focus on sections that are more difficult than others.

In order to access the online workbook, please follow the steps listed below:

- 1) Locate the Access Code that was included with the book that you bought. If your book (i.e., used book) did not include an Access Code for the online workbook, you can buy a one-semester Access Code on the Pearson website.
- 2) Locate your Course Code, which is **CRSKLWE-8013195**. This Course Code is for FREN 3070.002, which meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 am to 12:20 pm during the Fall 2014 semester. Please be sure to join SECTION 002.
- 3) Sign in to your Pearson MyLanguageLabs account (or create an account if you do not already have one).
<http://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/northamerica/mylanguage/students/get-registered/index.html>
- 4) Use the Course Code and the Access Code to enter the FREN 3070.002 online workbook for Fall 2014.

Course Grade

Your grade will be based on the following items:

Attendance & Participation	20%
Homework & Quizzes	20%
Writing Projects (3 X 10% each)	30%
Exams (3 X 10% each)	30%

Grading Scale

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
59 and below	F

Attendance and participation are very important since the exams will be based partially on what is covered in class. Attendance is also crucial to your development as a learner of French. You will be given an attendance/participation grade at the end of the first half of the semester (Week 7), and you will be given another attendance/participation grade at the end of Week 14. There will be no participation grade given during the final week of the semester (Week 15) since that is when in-class presentations by students will be scheduled.

Homework and quizzes will be given on a regular basis. Quizzes may be announced or unannounced, and they may cover anything assigned in your textbook or anything discussed in class. All homework assignments will be done using the MyFrenchLab online workbook. The homework assignments provide you with additional opportunities to analyze and understand how grammar allows people to engage in meaning-making. Therefore, all homework assignments will be graded as *Completed* (i.e., full credit) or *Not Completed* (i.e., zero credit).

Exams will include different types of grammar exercises and some translation exercises. Any exam may include content covered in the textbook the online workbook, or anything discussed during classroom meetings. Exams will be given on the following dates:

- Thursday, September 25, 2014 (Exam 1)
- Thursday, October 30, 2014 (Exam 2)
- Thursday, December 4, 2014 (Exam 3)

Writing Projects 1 & 2 will be due at the beginning of class on the following dates:

- Thursday, September 18, 2014 (revised draft due Thursday, October 2, 2014)
- Thursday, October 23, 2014 (revised draft due Thursday, November 6, 2014)

Writing Project 3 will be due in Blackboard on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, which is the date scheduled for the final exam for this class. Writing Project 3 is assigned **instead of** a final exam. This means that **we will not meet for a final exam** on Tuesday, December 9, 2014.

You are not required to submit a revised draft. However, if you submit a revised draft, your grade **might** improve; however, an improvement of the grade is not guaranteed. Everything depends on the instructor's determination of the extent to which the quality of the writing project was improved compared to the original draft.

The following list combines the major assignments in chronological order:

- Writing Project 1: Thursday, September 18, 2014
- Exam 1: Thursday, September 25, 2014
- Writing Project 1 (revised): Thursday, October 2, 2014
- Writing Project 2: Thursday, October 23, 2014
- Exam 2: Thursday, October 30, 2014
- Writing Project 2 (revised): Thursday, November 6, 2014
- Exam 3: Thursday, December 4, 2014
- Writing Project 3: Tuesday, December 9, 2014

For Writing Projects 1 & 2, you will submit the assignment 1 week before an exam. After you take the exam, you will receive your corrected writing project with feedback, and you will have one week to work on revising your writing project. Writing Project 3 is the equivalent of a final exam, so Writing Project 3 will be kept on file for at least one year after the end of the course. You can make an appointment to review Writing Project 3, but it will not be returned to you.

More information will be provided about attendance/participation, homework/quizzes, exams, and writing projects in Blackboard, and this information will also be explained in class.

Please note that **Thursday, September 11, 2014** will be a "Getting to Know Blackboard" session. **We will not meet in the classroom on this date** because you will have a few small projects to do in Blackboard in order to become more familiar with various Blackboard tools.