Accelerated French 1010-1020, University of North Texas, FALL 2015 Course Information and Policies

FREN 1010.001 (8/24/15-10/14/15)

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Welcome to Accelerated French 1010-1020. The following pages outline the general information and policies for this course. Read them carefully and keep them for your reference throughout the semester.

Course Description and Organization

This course provides an introduction to both the French language and to the world cultures and societies where French is spoken. This course is composed of two segments (1010 and 1020) which complete the Elementary French language and culture sequence at the University of North Texas.

Each portion of the course is a three-credit course that meets <u>MWF for 110 minutes</u>. The course is designed to maximize your opportunity to achieve the targeted level of proficiency in French.

Course Objectives

By the end of this first-year sequence, you should be able to understand the main ideas of what you hear, see, and read in French. You should also be able to interact successfully on a basic level in both oral and written contexts. In addition to these linguistic skills, you should have a deeper understanding of the diverse aspects of societies and cultures in francophone areas of the world.

Eligibility

This course is designed for students who have **no previous experience** in French. Students who have studied French previously (in high school, for instance) may be eligible to pass out of French 1010 or other levels and to receive official credit for the course by taking the placement test. For information about the placement test, please contact the Department of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures in LANG 101 at 565-2404. You can also find placement test information on the department's website: http://worldlanguages.unt.edu/resources/testing/placement.

Required Materials

Horizons. 6th edition, 2015. Cengage. (Textbook and electronic workbook: iLrn™ Heinle Learning Center 24-Months Instant Access for Manley/Smith/Prévost/McMinn's Horizons, 6th Edition)

The **textbook** (hard copy or eBook) and electronic (on-line) workbook – **iLrn** – are required. The book key for the electronic workbook is usually bundled with the textbook when purchased at the University of North Texas bookstore.

If you buy a (new or used) textbook elsewhere, it is your own responsibility to make sure the book key is bundled with the textbook. Otherwise, it is your responsibility to buy a separate book key for the electronic workbook (iLrn).

The following site provides quick and easy access for students to purchase learning tools and materials for the course directly from Cengage. http://www.cengagebrain.com/course/site.html?id=1-1PS701B

Two options are offered:

- a) The hard copy with the Instant access to iLrn (book will be shipped to you)
- b) The iLrn access card ALONE. 24 months!

Important—To register for iLrn, you will need the information provided below.

Registration website address: http://hlc.quia.com/books

Course: Accelerated Elementary French

Access code: **DNEN949**

Section number: **1010-001**

[Chapters Préliminaire through 4 are covered in French 1010 while chapters 5 through 9 are covered in French 1020.]

General Policies and Information

For departmental information visit the World Languages page: http://worldlanguages.unt.edu/. For deadlines and dates concerning registration, tuition payment, adding, dropping, withdrawing, etc. please go to: http://registrar.unt.edu/registration/fall-registration-guide It is **your responsibility** to know these dates.

For information on rules, policies, procedures, etc. please go to: http://catalog.unt.edu

Students with learning disabilities

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic 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 <u>940.565.4323</u>.

Student Behavior in the Classroom

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. For more information and a link to the complete Student Code of Conduct go to: http://catalog.unt.edu/content.php?catoid=5&navoid=244#Code of Student Conduct

Policy on food and beverages in FREN 1010, 1020, 2040, and 2050 classrooms Students in FREN 1010, 1020, 2040, and 2050 are not allowed to consume food in the classroom during the class period. Students in these courses are allowed to consume appropriate/legal beverages only if the instructor gives his or her approval for doing so in the classroom during the class period.

Academic and personal misconduct

In accordance with university policy 18.1.16, the Department of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures fully supports and enforces all policies regarding academic misconduct (cheating, plagiarism, fabrication, etc.) and personal misconduct (disruptive behavior, incivility, etc.). For detailed descriptions and information covered by this policy please go to: http://policy.unt.edu/sites/default/files/untpolicy/pdf/7-Student Affairs-Academic Integrity.pdf.

Please be certain that all the work you submit in this course is **your own**. If you have questions about what constitutes academic misconduct in the context of this course, please contact your instructor or Mrs. Morton, the Coordinator of Elementary and Intermediate French: Language Building 405C; E-mail: smorton@unt.edu

Use of Electronics in class

Cell phones and other electronic devices are prohibited from use during any type of examination. Although technology is an important component of this course, emphasis is on face-to-face interaction and group communication. Individual instructors may choose to forbid use of various electronic devices during regular class time. Your instructor will need your full attention, therefore cell phones are not allowed during class (unless otherwise indicated by the instructor). Place your phone in your bag--not on the table, not on your lap. Students who opted for the electronic version of the book may bring a laptop or tablet to access it. However, students should make sure to only have the e-book open on their device. Failure to follow the above instructions will result in a loss of points in the participation/preparation category.

Use of E-Mail

Instructors of first- and second-year French (1010 through 2050) require students to use official UNT Mail for all communication. This means that your instructor will only respond to email sent by their students from a UNT Mail address (@my.unt.edu). Likewise, your instructor will only send e-mail to your UNT Mail address. Information about UNT Email can be found at the following Web address: https://my.unt.edu

A note on protocol

If you have a problem with anything related to your course (textbook, instructor, testing, etc.), it is your responsibility to discuss the problem first with your instructor before contacting the Coordinator of Elementary and Intermediate French. Most problems or misunderstandings can be dealt with effectively and efficiently if the people most directly involved can discuss the problem and communicate honestly with each other. However if you do not get resolution or are uncomfortable discussing a specific issue with your instructor, do not hesitate to set up an appointment with Mrs. Morton, the Coordinator. (sophie.morton@unt.edu)

Grading scale: Your grade will be calculated according to the following scale. Please note that grades are not curved. There is no extra credit awarded in this course.

Percentage	Letter Grade
90 – 100 %	Α
80 – 89.9 %	В
70 – 79.9 %	С
60 – 69.9 %	D
0 – 59.9 %	F

A note on Incompletes: A grade of (I), Incomplete, is a non-punitive grade given only during the last one-fourth of a semester and only if a student (1) is passing the course; (2) has justifiable reason why the work cannot be completed on schedule; and (3) arranges with the instructor to finish the course at a later date by completing specific requirements that the instructor must list on the grade sheet. All work in the course must be completed within the specified time (not to exceed one year after taking the course). This process must be initiated by the student. The official request form must be signed by the student, the instructor, and the dept./division chair. If all conditions are not met and all parties do not approve, no grade of Incomplete will be given. Please consult the appropriate UNT Catalog and an academic advisor for additional information.

Grade distribution for each segment:

Attendance	5%
Participation & Preparation	10%
Homework (ILearn, other activities) & Quizzes	30%
Unit Tests	40% (2 X 20% each)
Final Exam	15%

Attendance

Regular and punctual class attendance is required in this course. Any unauthorized absence will result in loss of points when you are graded for attendance. You will get one grade for attendance which will count for 5% of your final grade in the class. Specifically, you are allowed **3 unexcused absences** out of the total meeting hours during each half of the semester. (Note that there is no "carry over" policy for unused unexcused absences. During 1010 you will be allowed 3, and during 1020 you will be allowed 3.) For **every** additional unexcused absence hour during each half of the semester, the instructor will—using his or her discretion—reduce the score you would have received by **1% of the 5%** attendance grade each time.

** Students are expected to be in class and ready by the starting time. Repeated late arrival (or leaving class early) will be subject to loss of points in the Attendance Category. Late arrival (and/or early departure) of 15 minutes or more will result in the whole hour being counted as an absence.

The following 3 cases explained below are considered authorized absences.

Absence due to participation in a sponsored activity. Absences due to participation in sponsored activities must be approved in advance by the chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures and by your academic dean. Within 3 days after the absence, you must obtain authorized absence cards from the Dean of Students for presentation to your instructor.

Absence for religious holidays. Absences due to the observance of a religious holiday are authorized only if the religion is officially recognized by the University and you have notified your instructor of the date of the absence within the first 15 days of the semester. Notification must be in writing, with receipt of the notification acknowledged and dated by your instructor.

Absence due to illness, family emergency, etc. Absences due to illness, death in the family, or other emergencies will be authorized only if you contact your instructor immediately and if you provide proof that the absence was unavoidable (a physician's statement, accident report, obituary, service bulletin, etc.) within 3 days after the absence.

All other absences will be considered unauthorized and missed work will not be accepted.

Participation & Preparation

Since regular oral practice is essential for improving proficiency in a foreign language, daily attendance and active participation are necessary for your success in French 1010 and 1020. (Be sure to see attendance policy below.) Your instructor will evaluate your in-class oral coursework 5 different times during the semester (each period corresponding to a chapter), based on the quality of your regular participation. Thus, for the purposes of grading participation, preparedness, and oral class work, each course will be divided into five (5) grading periods corresponding to the 5 exams.

Your grade will be based on the following: 1) Use of French; 2) Interaction in group work and whole-class activities; and 3) Preparation for in-class exercises and tasks.

Each time your participation and oral classwork are evaluated, the rubric below will be used to establish a grade based on a scale of 10 possible points:

Level of participation and preparation	Grade
Uses only French when possible; exhibits excellent, cooperative behavior/participation; always comes to class prepared	10 pts.
Uses French often; exhibits good, cooperative behavior/ participation; usually prepared for class	8-9 pts.
Uses French and exhibits good, cooperative behavior/participation sometimes; adequate preparation	6-7 pts.
Frequent use of English, average participation, adequate preparation	4-5 pts.
Present in class, more English than French, minimal participation, unprepared	2-3 pts.
Present in class, yet does not participate; unprepared. Absent from class.	0-1 pts.

Homework (ILearn, other activities) & Quizzes

Homework will be assigned regularly in ILearn for each chapter. Completion of homework is paramount to your success in this course. It is the student's responsibility to check due dates. No late work will be accepted in ILearn. Individual instructor may also assign other type of homework throughout the semester.

Other activities such as "Handout" and/or "RC" (Reading Comprehension) that correspond to the themes and material being covered in the classroom will be assigned separately. They will be due in class on date indicated on syllabus.

Quizzes will be given regularly and may or may not be announced. Make-ups are given at the instructor's discretion.

** Students must keep <u>all returned graded materials</u> until the end of the semester or as long as needed for a grade appeal, if applicable. In case of grade disagreement, it will be the student's responsibility to produce the graded materials.

Unit Tests

There will be 2 unit exams administered during each segment of the semester:

1010 = Preliminary chapter/chapter 1; chapters 2 & 3; chapter 4 is covered on Final Exam

1020 = Chapters 5/6; chapters 7/8; 9 is covered on the Final Exam.

Dates are indicated below and also on the daily agenda available in Blackboard.

Final Exam for FREN 1020:	Saturday, December 5, 2015, 8:00 am-10:00 am
Exam 2 (Chapters 7 & 8):	Monday, November 23, 2015, 11:00 am-11:50 am
Exam 1 (Chapters 5 & 6):	Monday, November 2, 2015, 11:00 am-11:50 am
Final Exam for FREN 1010:	Wednesday, October 14, 2015, 10:00 am-11:50 am
Exam 2 (Chapters 2 & 3):	Friday, October 2, 2015, 11:00 am-11:50 am
Exam 1 (Ch. Préliminaire & Chapter 1):	Monday, September 14, 2015, 11:00 am-11:50 am

** Make-up exams: If you must miss a chapter exam, you must contact your instructor **immediately** and provide appropriate documentation regarding authorized absence upon return to class. Only those individuals whose absences are approved by the instructor and / or the Coordinator of Beginning and Intermediate French will be eligible to take a make-up exam over the material missed.

Final Exam

The Final exam will have two parts: the first part will cover chapter 4 for 1010 and chapter 9 for 1020 while the second part will be composed of comprehensive reading comprehension documents.

Final exams are scheduled in 2-hour blocks and take place in the regular classroom.

Students must pass 1010 to be able to continue with the 1020 segment of the accelerated course. Please note that students who fail the 1010 segment are not eligible for a tuition refund for the 1020 segment of this accelerated course.

** Students who have as many as three final exams scheduled on one day may appeal to their **academic dean** to reschedule one exam during the final exam period.

Classes will not meet on the following dates:

- Labor Day Monday, September 7, 2015
- Thanksgiving break—November 26-29, 2015
- Reading Day—Friday, December 4, 2015 Reading day is the Friday immediately preceding Final Exams: http://registrar.unt.edu/exams/exam-policies

How to succeed

Your success is our success. We seek to provide you with a supportive environment and help you achieve your goals. To learn more about campus resources and information on how you can achieve success, go to: http://success.unt.edu

Here's how to succeed at UNT and specifically in this class:

- Show up ⇒ Come to every class!
- Find support ⇒ Ask your instructor when you need help, visit the tutors, find a classmate to study with, seek out other help as needed
- Be prepared and Take control ⇒ Do your homework and be ready for every quiz & exam Keep your materials organized; refer to the syllabus and keep up with it.
- Get involved ⇒ Check out the campus organizations related to French
- Be persistent ⇒ Language learning takes sustained effort. Stay positive and stay focused!

The daily agenda for Accelerated French 1010/1020 (Fall 2015) is provided below.

Accelerated French 1010/1020, Fall 2015

PROGRAMME JOURNALIER – Daily Agenda

Date	Class activities – Pages to be read before class	To prepare before class in addition to ILEARN assignments To be submitted in class (at the beginning)
Lundi 8/24	Introduction to Accelerated Elementary French	
Mercredi 8/26	Chapitre préliminaire	
Vendredi 8/28	Chapitre préliminaire	
Lundi 8/31	Chapitre 1, compétence 1 Chapitre 1, compétence 2	ILearn registration must be completed before start of class
Mercredi 9/2	Chapitre 1, compétence 3	
Vendredi 9/4	Chapitre 1, compétence 4	
Lundi 9/7	Labor Day - No classes	
Mercredi 9/9	Chapitre 1, review of compétences 1 & 2	
Vendredi 9/11	Chapitre 1, review of compétences 3 & 4	RC 1
Lundi 9/14	Exam 1 (chapitre préliminaire & chapitre 1)	
Mercredi 9/16	Chapitre 2, compétence 1 Chapitre 2, compétence 2	
Vendredi 9/18	Chapitre 2, compétence 3 Chapitre 2, compétence 4	
Lundi 9/21	Review of chapitre 2 Chapiter 3, compétence 1	RC 2
Mercredi 9/23	Chapitre 3, compétence 2	
Vendredi 9/25	Chapitre 3, compétence 3 Chapitre 3, compétence 4	
Lundi 9/28	Chapitre 3, review of compétences 1 & 2	
Mercredi 9/30	Chapitre 3, review of compétences 3 & 4	RC 3
Vendredi 10/2	Exam 2 (chapitre 2 & chapitre 3)	

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Lundi	Chapitre 4, compétence 1	
10/5	Chapitre 4, compétence 2	
Mercredi	Chapitre 4, compétence 3	
10/7	Chapitre 4, compétence 4	
Vendredi	Chapitre 4, expansion/review of comp. 1/2	
10/9		
Lundi	Chapitre 4, expansion/review of comp. 3/4	
10/12		
Mercredi	Final Exam 1010 [2hrs]	
10/14		
	End of 1010 segment – Beginning	g of 1020 segment
Vendredi	Chapitre 5, compétence 1	
10/16	Chapitre 5, compétence 2	
Lundi	Chapitre 5, compétence 3	
10/19	Chapitre 5, compétence 4	
Mercredi	Chapitre 5, review	
10/21		
Vendredi	Chapitre 6, compétence 1	RC 1
10/23	Chapitre 6, compétence 2	No 1
Lundi	Chapitre 6, compétence 3	
10/26	Chapitre 6, compétence 4	
Mercredi	Chapitre 6, expansion/review of comp. 1 & 2	
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	Exam 1 (chapitre 5 et chapitre 6)	
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Mercredi	Chapitre 7, compétence 1	
11/4	Chapitre 7, compétence 2	
Vendredi	Chapitre 7, compétence 3	
11/6	Chapitre 7, compétence 4	
Lundi	Chapitre 7, expansion/review of comp. 1/2	
11/9		
Mercredi	Chapitre 7, expansion/review of comp. 3/4	
11/11		
Vendredi	Chapitre 8, compétence 1	RC 3
11/13	Chapitre 8, compétence 2	
Lundi	Chapitre 8, compétence 3	
11/16	Chapitre 8, compétence 4	
Mercredi	Chapitre 8, expansion/review of comp. 1/2	
11/18		
Vendredi	Chapitre 8, expansion/review of comp. 3/4	
11/20		
Lundi	Exam 2 (chapitre 7 et chapitre 8)	
11/23		
Mercredi	Class on line – See Blackboard for details	
11/25	Chapitre 9, compétences 1/2	
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Vendredi 11/27	Thanksgiving Break –No classes			
Lundi 11/30	Chapitre 9, compétences 3/4			
Mercredi 12/2	Chapitre 9, review			
Vendredi 12/4	Review Day – No classes			
Samedi 12/5	Final Exam, 8:00 am-10:00 am http://registrar.unt.edu/exams/final-exam-schedule/fall Chapter 9 + Comprehensive Reading Materials Saturday, December 5			
	This class	H	as a final exam at this ti	me
	All Saturday classes & All INET Classes with On Campus Finals	Co	ontact Department	
	MWF 10:00 a.m.	8:	00 a.m 10:00 a.m.	