

## Syllabus for FREN 4410 French Sociolinguistics

Semester: Fall 2016

Credit hours: 3

Days/Times: TR 11:00 am-12:20 pm

Classroom: LANG 317

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There are no required texts to buy for this course. However, you will need Internet access in order to view/download a variety of online materials, all of which are on public websites and free of charge. You will also need Internet access for Blackboard. <https://learn.unt.edu/>

### Course Description

This course focuses on (socio)linguistic variation in French as it is used in France and other parts of the francophone world.

### Course Objectives

- This course serves as an introduction to key terms and concepts in sociolinguistics.
- Students will learn how to analyze and interpret different types of French discourse in order to understand internal and external factors that influence language variation and change.

### Disability Accommodation

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 **940.565.4323**.

### Absences

Consult the UNT Policy Manual for information regarding excused absences.

## Course Grade

Number	Letter
90-100%	A
80-89.9%	B
70-79.9%	C
60-69.9%	D
0-59.9%	F

## Grade Categories

Homework/Blackboard Assignments/Quizzes	20%
Exams	50% (2 X 25% each)
In-Class Presentation	10%
Final Exam	20%

Information about homework, Blackboard assignments, quizzes, and the in-class presentations (including a grading rubric) will be provided in Blackboard. <https://learn.unt.edu/>

## Weekly Schedule

Dates **highlighted in yellow** represent Blackboard assignments.  
On these dates, we will **not** meet in the classroom.

### Week 1—Introduction to Sociolinguistics

August 29  
September 1

### Week 2—Orthographic variation in French

September 6  
September 8

### Week 3—Orthographic variation in French

September 13  
**September 15**

### Week 4—Lexical variation in French

September 20  
September 22

### Week 5—Lexical variation in French

September 27  
**September 29**

**Week 6**

October 4, Review for Exam 1

October 6, **Exam 1**

**Week 7—Variation in Electronic French**

October 11

**October 13**

**Week 8—Variation in Electronic French**

October 18

October 20

**Week 9—Variation in Spoken French**

October 25

**October 27**

**Week 10—Variation in Spoken French**

November 1

November 3

**Week 11**

November 8, Review for Exam 2

November 10, **Exam 2**

**Week 12**

November 15, **In-Class Presentations**

November 17, **In-Class Presentations**

**Week 13**

**November 22**

**November 24 (University Closed for Thanksgiving)**

**Week 14**

November 29, In-Class Preparation for Final Exam

December 1, In-Class Preparation for Final Exam

**Week 15**

**December 6**, Independent preparation time for Final Exam

**December 8**, Independent preparation time for Final Exam

**Final Exam**

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

10:30 am-12:30 pm

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