

## Vesalius College

### Course description

**Course title:** Advanced French I

**Course code:** LFR 201 / LFR 201E

**Teacher responsible:** Anna MAGNAN, Licenciée ès Lettres, Paris III – Sorbonne at Vesalius College.

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After a brief revision of basic conjugations, students will develop their vocabulary knowledge through various texts from their textbook (part I)

Discussions in class on the various topics will bring the oral practice and the opportunity to learn French culture and history. Selected grammatical difficulties will be reviewed and completed. Advanced essay writing will be practiced. Extended oral presentations and a complete study of a theater play and its author will be part of the course.

**Course objectives:**

By the end of the course, the student will be able to :

- Understand spoken and written French at an advanced level, while getting to know French culture, society and some literature.
- Know a lot of new vocabulary in various areas.
- Master a broader knowledge, in "grammar and expression", as shown in the contents of the course.
- Express himself/herself, both orally and in writing, using critical thinking, newly acquired knowledge and essay writing techniques.
- Give a quality oral presentation in front of a group.
- Have the experience of reading in full a French work of literature and watching a French theater play in town.
- Pursue and deepen his/her experience in French, in the various areas studied in class.

**Grade weighting scheme:**

The student's grade will be determined as follows :

Semester work = Homework, Class work, Quizzes and Student's Attitude ( 40% ) + mid-term exam, including dictation ( 20%.)

Final exam : 40% (written and oral ).

The value of grades will be as follows (100 point system) :

A = 85 - 100 excellent

A - = 81 - 84

B+ = 77 - 80 good

B = 73 - 76

B - = 69 - 72

C + = 66 - 68 satisfactory

C = 62 - 65

C - = 58 - 61 low pass

D + = 54 - 57

D = 50 - 53

F = 49 and below

**Used course material (handbooks, readers, readings, newspapers, magazines) and references:**

Bescherelle, Conjugaison Française

+ extra handouts (reader) for grammar and exercices

+ “Courrier International” chosen current press articles

Each semester all intermediate and advanced students will be prepared to attend a play in a theater in Brussels.

This semester the play is “ Les Précieuses Ridicules » and « L’Impromptu de Versailles » by Molière.