Course Syllabus LFR202G

Intermediate French II

Number of ECTS credits: 6

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Course Description

Corresponding European level: B2.
Through varied topics dealing with Culture & Society, vocabulary and grammatical knowledge are reinforced and extended so that all basics of French Grammar and conjugation are covered by the end of this level : Participe présent/gérondif ; Conditionnel présent/passé ; les phrases avec « si »; Imparfait/Passé Composé ou Passé Simple; Subjonctif 1 & 2; pronoms : objets directs, indirects, en, y, toniques.
Conjugations are thoroughly reviewed. Presentations are made and a play is explained in class and watched in a theater in Brussels.

Course Prerequisites (if any)

This is the 2nd of the two intermediate level language courses offered at Vesalius College.
It may be taken by students who pass a placement test requiring intermediate knowledge (I) of French at Vesalius College standards.

Learning Objectives

After this course, you should be able to:
a) Knowledge

- Master the conjugations of regularly used verbs in present, past, future, conditional, imperative, subjunctive and infinitive, in simple and compound tenses.

- Have extra knowledge of French culture and society.

b) Skills

- Understand and express yourself, both orally and in writing, with an increased knowledge of grammar and vocabulary as shown in the contents of the course.

- Give an oral presentation in front of a group

- Have the experience of watching a French theater play in town.

c) Attitude.

- Feel quite comfortable with the comprehension of spoken and written French in a variety of themes and styles.

Course schedule

15 weeks, including final exam week, with these main contents:

Organizing the semester - Unit 1- Short essay written in class - Preparation to verb quiz
Quiz Présent - Preparation to next verb quiz
Quiz Impératif – Preparation to next verb quiz
Quiz Futur simple-Conditionnel –Preparation to next verb quiz - Unit 2
Theater Play text hand out: Introduction to the reading
Quiz imparfait - Preparation to next verb quiz
Quiz Passé Composé/Passé Simple - Preparation to next verb quiz
(for P. S. just 3rd person sing & plur)
Class Discussion on play-1 - Choosing dates for oral presentations
Unit 3 - TEST 1 (on covered grammar & vocabulary
Quiz Plus-que-Parfait/Conditionnel passé - Preparation to next verb quiz

MID -TERM EXAM , including dictation, vocabulary of the 1st two texts , participe présent & gérondif, conditionnel présent & passé et les phrases avec "si" , imparfait vs passé composé, essay writing
Class Discussion on play-2
Oral presentations (1)
Quiz Subjonctif Présent et Passé
Class Discussion on Play - 3
Unit 4 –
Oral presentations (2)
THEATER PLAY evening
quiz on theatre experience

Unit 5 - Oral presentations (3)

TEST 2 (on covered grammar & vocabulary)
Last class & FINAL exam part 1

Oral and written FINAL exams, including vocabulary of last two texts, all
pronouns, subjunctive, essay, dictation, written comprehension, oral expression
and oral comprehension

Course Materials

Textbook:
- Une grammaire illustrée du Français faite pour vous, Anna Magnan
- Bescherelle, conjugaison française

Case Studies and Additional Readings:
- New play each semester: prepared in class and seen at the theater in
  Brussels. Excerpts are read in class.
- Articles related to culture and/or to students’ personal needs and/or
  interests

Course Assessment
The students will be evaluated on the basis of their performance as follows:
- Quizzes
- Tests
- Homework
  &
  In-class participation 40 %

  Midterm examination 25%
  Final examination 35%
  TOTAL 100%

Grading Scale of Vesalius College
Vesalius College grading policy, in line with the Flemish Educational norms, is now as stated follows:

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Further description of assessment activities and Grading Criteria

The following criteria will be applied in assessing your written work:

Students must produce:

- Their own sentences using studied vocabulary
- All written work must be 100 % personal and followed by its correction

Verb conjugations tests must be passed with a minimum of 80 % grade or necessarily retaken.

Exclusively French is used at all times.

Additional Course Policies

Late papers are accepted at the instructor's discretion, without penalty, when very occasional. Coming late to class must be avoided at all times.

Academic Honesty Statement

Academic dishonesty is NOT tolerated in this course.

Academic honesty is not only an ethical issue but also the foundation of scholarship. Cheating and plagiarism are therefore serious breaches of academic integrity.
Following the College policy, cheating and plagiarism cases will be communicated in writing to the Associate Dean for Students and submitted to the Student Conduct Committee for disciplinary action.

If you refer to someone else’s work, appropriate references and citations must be provided. Grammar, spelling and punctuation count, so use the tools necessary to correct before handing in assignments.