Syllabus

LFR 231G
French for International Affairs (ONLINE ONLY)

Number of ECTS credits: 6

Course Prerequisite
College Placement Test (on Canvas), or at least 2-3 semesters of College level French.

Course Description
This course is a CLIL-course (Content and Language Integrated Learning), conform to the CEF Common European Framework for Languages, entrance level B.1 and exit level B.1.2 or B.2

This course is completely available on Canvas. There are no class meetings for this course, students advance independently but are yet closely monitored through weekly assignments and regular feedback from the instructor.

Every week of class corresponds to a weekly module. In this online folder, students can find specific learning paths for that particular week, the set exercises and their corrections, explanations about the online assignment and other learning materials.

The weekly assignments are of a varied nature and will involve online presentations, reading exercises, specific writing exercises for international affairs students such as presenting a diplomatic mission or an international organization, analyzing and constructing a speech, express and opinion, present and comment a graph, write professional emails, compose an action plan,..
Course Learning Objectives

- This course prepares students to enter the francophone world of international affairs and enables students to acquire the necessary vocabulary and practical language skills whilst progressing in French.
- This is a CLIL-course at an intermediate level, which means that students of international affairs have the opportunity to progress in their acquisition of French as a foreign/second language whilst focusing on the language skills they will need as future professionals in the field.

To enable students to produce correct written and oral language, the following grammatical material will be taught:

- Les temps du passé (concordance, passé compose (l’accord) et imparfait, plus-que-parfait)
- Les adjectifs qualificatifs (accord et place)
- Les expressions du temps
- Les pronoms relatifs simples
- Les adverbes en -ment
- La forme passive
- La restriction et la double negation
- La nominalization
- Le comparatif et le superlatif
- Les prepositions de lieu
- Le conditionnel
- Les pronoms personnels complements
- L’infinitif passé
- Les connecteurs logiques (but, cause, consequence, opposition)
- Le future simple et les phrases hypothétiques.
- Le sujonctif
- Le discours indirect au passé
- Le gérondif
- Les pronoms indéfinis.

Course Materials

All extra course materials will be made available to the students on Canvas. These materials include knowledge clips, other relevant video content, articles, …

The handbook used in this class is:
Course Assessment
The students will be evaluated on the basis of their performance as follows:

- Weekly assignments should be submitted through the Canvas platform no later than 5 PM on Friday, Brussels time.
- Late work is not accepted, unless a previous arrangement was made with the agreement of the instructor.
- Final grade is divided as follows:

1. Weekly assignments (60%) : 12 in total, students need to participate in at least 11 assignments. For every non submitted assignment below 11, students will automatically lose 10% of their total grade.

2. Final exam (40%) : online written knowledge exam (30%) and oral interview in week 15 (10%)

Grading Scale of Vesalius College
Vesalius College grading policy follows the American system of letter grades, which correspond to a point scale from 0 – 100. All assignments (including exams) must be graded on the scale of 0-100. To comply with the Flemish Educational norms, professors should on request also provide the conversion of the grade on the Flemish scale of 0-20. The conversion table below outlines the grade equivalents.

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**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 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.

Please consult the Section “Avoiding Plagiarism” in the College Catalogue for further guidance.
Course Schedule (Overview)

Week 1: Unité 1 : Au coeur de la diplomatie.- Leçon 1 et Leçon 2
Week 2: Unité 1 : Au coeur de la diplomatie.- Leçon 3 et Leçon 4
Week 3: Unité 2 : Les organisations internationales en première ligne- Leçon 1 et 2
Week 4: Unité 2 : Les organisations internationales en première ligne- Leçon 3 et 4
Week 5: Unité 3 : Au cœur du discours public.- Leçon 1 et Leçon 2
Week 6: Unité 3 : Au cœur du discours public.- Leçon 3 et Leçon 4
Week 7: Unité 4 : Action!- Leçon 1 et Leçon 2
Week 8: Unité 4 : Action!- Leçon 1 et Leçon 2
Week 9: Unité 5: Le Protocole.- Leçon 1 et Leçon 2
Week 10: Unité 5: Le Protocole.- Leçon 3 et Leçon 4
Week 11: Unité 6 : Filles d'aujourd'hui, femmes de demain.- Leçon 1 et Leçon 2
Week 12: Unité 6 : Filles d'aujourd'hui, femmes de demain - Leçon 3 et Leçon 4
Week 13: Unité 7 : Le débat s'annonce.- Leçon 1 et Leçon 2
Week 14: Unité 7 : Le débat s'annonce.- Leçon 3 et Leçon 4
Week 15: Examen final, examen écrit et entretien oral.