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General Syllabus

FREN 1304 Beginning French I

Credit Hours: 4

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 2

Prerequisites: None

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information:

A. Catalog Description

Foundation course in the fundamental French language skills—listening comprehension, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural insight with emphasis on communication. (ACTS: FREN 1013)

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Read simple texts containing familiar words and phrases in French.
2. Write short sentences in French using familiar vocabulary and sentence structure.
3. Respond to spoken French that incorporates familiar vocabulary and concrete topics.
4. Identify elements of French culture.

B. University Learning Outcomes (ULOs)

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills

Students will identify problems/issues and develop solutions/analysis. Students will analyze a variety of texts for their rhetorical and/or literary features, as well as analyze the rhetorical situation to which the texts they produce respond.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate proficiently. Students will practice communication skills through discussions, presentations, and a variety of required written assignments.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will model ethical decision-making processes. Students will practice critical response to the writing of others, responsible use of research materials and intellectual property, and the ethical use of persuasion.

Global & Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own. Students will analyze the rhetorical situation, produce texts for a variety of audiences, and avoid the use of biased language.

III. Major Course Topics

A. Vocabulary

B. Grammar

1. Pronouns
2. Demonstrative adjectives
3. Regular verbs in the present
4. Irregular verbs in the present
5. Direct object pronouns
6. Comparisons of equality and inequality

C. Written and Spoken Communication in French

D. French Culture