

FRENCH 1 A and FRENCH 11A FALL 2009

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BOOKS AND MATERIALS

Textbook: *ESPACES*: Rendez-vous avec le monde francophone, 2007 (first edition) Mitschke, Tano, Thiers-Thiam

ESPACES SUPERSITE. The supersite *passcode* will be given to you when you purchase the student Textbook. The Supersite complements the rest of the ESPACES program. Most of your work will be submitted through the SUPERSITE. The SUPERSITE also includes the **Lab Program MP3s**, the **Textbook MP3s**, and the complete **Video program**, all online.

Workbook / Video Manual : *ESPACES*: Rendez-vous avec le monde francophone, 2007 (first edition) Mitschke, Tano, Thiers-Thiam

Note that you will have the option to purchase the option **Web-SAM** that offers Online workbook, Video Manual, and Lab Manual

To purchase the books and materials, please visit the site: <http://www.vhldirect.com/> and read the instructions that have been sent to you by email)

NOTE: The materials in these packages are for a two-semester sequence. If you take French 1B next semester, you won't need to buy any new materials

Additional resources:

A French/English English/French dictionary : Harrap's, Larousse, and Collins offer good pocket dictionaries, easily available.

CONTENT

Course Goals:

The goal of this course is to develop basic language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) in French. In addition, students will become familiar with selected aspects of the customs and culture of France and other francophone countries.

Over the course of the semester you will learn how to ***communicate*** (that is, to ***listen, speak, read, and write***) in French using simple sentences. As this is an online class, you will partially miss the interaction with your professor and your classmates. The ESPACES program has been chosen because it offers many ways, through video sequences and audio recordings, to recreate some of the exchanges you would have in a classroom. Therefore, it is very important that you diligently do all the exercises assigned to you.

Students will be required to **have high-speed internet connectivity** and a high speed computer, and to have **a microphone** for their computer with which to record their voices for weekly pronunciation assessment.

COREQUISITE: FRENCH 011A (FRENCH LABORATORY): French 11A, a lab class, is required of all students enrolled in French 1A. The lab class is a separate .5-unit course which will earn you an additional .5 unit of credit. This is an essential part of this class as it allows you to practice your listening and speaking skills.

Your grade in the lab class will be completed as follows:

70%: completion of the Lab Manual exercises assigned.

You should expect to spend about 28 to 30 hours on the lab exercises (these include also pronunciation exercises to be found in the SUPERSITE).

30%: completion of one research paper (on a cultural subject contained in one of the seven units covered in 1A).

The lab Manual will be turned in and corrected, either through the Web-SAM or by sending your instructor the completed pages (units 1-3 are due after about 8 weeks of class, units 4-7 are due at the end of the class).

HOMEWORK

- Students will use the **ESPACES SUPERSITE** to submit most of their weekly homework.
- They will use **ANGEL** to read the weekly step by step instructions for completing each lesson, to access the calendar or other resources posted by the instructor. Students will also use ANGEL to complete quizzes, unit tests, midterm and final exams.

We will cover **Units 1 through 7 of ESPACES**. We will cover approximately one lesson per week. A calendar will be made available at the beginning of class. Each weekly step by step instructions to complete all the assignments (including short cultural projects and lab exercises, grammar and vocabulary explanations), will be posted well ahead of time on ANGEL. Written, listening and oral assignments are due weekly, **every Monday morning by 7:00AM**.

Attendance will be assessed by your regular and timely completion of all the components of the homework assigned in this online course, including the oral assignments that will be done electronically or in person (on campus, by phone or conference call). Late work will be automatically penalized by the computer (10% per day). Poorly done homework will also be penalized. Most exercises are automatically corrected by the computer but I will also go over your answers to accept any correct answer the computer was not programmed to accept.

This online course will require about 10-12 hours per week of work

GRADING

Homework and Assessment

<i>HOMework AND ASSESSMENTS</i>	<i>% OF GRADE</i>
Lesson quizzes	20%
Unit Tests	20%
Completion of weekly homework	20%
Cultural projects	10%
Oral assessments	10%
Final Exam (including Oral Interview)	20%

It is highly recommended that you do some studying for this class EVERY DAY. This is not only the best way to learn any foreign language, but it is also the best way to keep up with an online class. You must be **very organized** and know how to **pace yourself** in order to meet all the deadlines. **Make sure that you communicate regularly with the instructor and attend, if possible, the optional review sessions that will be offered on campus.**

A final note for students taking French 1A online.

- Make sure you read carefully the advice given to all students enrolling in an **Online class** or **Distance Learning class**. Go to the West Valley College main site and to the Distance Learning section.
- If you encounter a problem, communicate! Do it efficiently and politely. Remember that your instructor may deal with an average of 50 work related messages a day.
- Free tutoring is available in the Tutorial Center, located in the Library building. The entrance is on the side of the building facing the Language Arts building, under the sign marked "TASK."

School policy:

- This class will be conducted in accordance with policies listed in the college catalog. **Cheating in any form** will not be tolerated and will be dealt with according to published policy. If you have any questions about this policy, please read the *Policy on Cheating, "Student Responsibilities,"* in the WVC Catalog. Plagiarism will result in an "F" on the assignment and the possible failure of the class.
- **If a student decides to drop a class is his/her responsibility to go through the Admissions and Records Office to officially withdraw.** Students who do not notify the Admissions Office will earn an 'F' for the course.
- You also need to tell the instructor if you are taking this class for a grade or credit/non credit.