

French 100-200 – General Description of the Course – 2014-2015

French 100-200 is a year-long course: no credit can be obtained for FREN0100 only. We expect our students to have had no previous experience with French. If you have had any French, please consult with your instructor to take the placement test at the Educational Technology Center in the CIT room 201. The test can be taken without appointment any time from 9:00am until 5:00pm Wednesday September 3 through Friday September 5.

This course meets four days a week for oral work and conversation practice (no class on Wednesdays). We have 5 sections for the course:

Section	Times	Rooms	Instructor's e-mail address
01	B&I	Sayles 204	youenn_kervennic@brown.edu
02	C&J	Smith-Buonanno G12	charlotte_buecheler@brown.edu
03	D&H	Smith-Buonanno G12	valentine_balguerie@brown.edu
04	E&I	Smith-Buonanno G12	brigitte_stepanov@brown.edu
05	F&H	Smith-Buonanno G01	marie_larose@brown.edu

Youenn Kervennic is the course chair and all comments, suggestions, problems, etc. about the course should be directed to her during office hours at Rochambeau House, 84 Prospect St, room 304A, (ext. 3-2850), or via email.

Materials: Most learning activities will be based on a textbook called *Campus*. You should purchase 2 books at the Brown bookstore:

Campus 1 Méthode de français (blue and orange book)

Campus 1 Cahier d'exercices (blue book)

You will find all the audio and video materials associated with *Campus* on the Language Resource Center's (LRC) server. There is a direct link to those materials from the FREN0100 Homepage. Work outside of class--reading, written homework, listening assignments--will be expected from students every day. Additional materials will be regularly added to the web site and linked through the calendar it contains. Remember, it is your responsibility to check the calendar for activities and to let us know quickly if some links are not working. Updates to the website will be made one week in advance unless otherwise noted.

Syllabus: The book contains 12 units. The first six units will be covered in semester 1 and the last six in semester 2. The textbook will be supplemented with other authentic materials, essentially films (*L'auberge espagnole* and *Le goût des autres* in semester 2) and supplemental readings (a modern fairy tale by Pierre Gripari, a contemporary short story by JMG Le Clézio and Saint Exupéry's novel *Le petit prince*). We plan to spend approximately 2 weeks on each unit.

Evaluation: Since this is the kind of course where one is constantly building upon previously taught material, tests will play an essential role in diagnosing any learning problems. A comprehensive test will be administered at the end of each unit. The exact format of each test will be announced a week before it is administered. Your final grade will be essentially the average of your test grades and a class/homework grade. Please note that, since attendance is essential in this course, the following policy will be in effect: regardless of test averages, students with more than 4 unexcused absences will not receive an "A," those with more than 8 will not receive an "A" or a "B," and students with more than 12 unexcused absences will automatically receive an "NC."

Note: The grade received at the end of FREN0100 is temporary, to be replaced by the FREN0200 grade. For example, a student who has a "B" in FREN0100 and an "A" in FREN0200 will in fact have two "A"'s for the course.

French Language Courses at Brown: The normal sequence of courses in the French language program at Brown is:

FREN0100-200, FREN0300, FREN0400, FREN0500, FREN0600, FREN1510. In the past few years we have been able to allow a few students (about 15-20%) taking FREN0100-200 to register directly for FREN0500, and all the other "A" students to skip FREN0300 and register for FREN0400. In order to facilitate this process, we will have an "accelerated" track in FREN0200 that will specifically prepare students for FREN0500. Candidates for this program will be selected by the FREN0100 staff at the end of the semester. A complete description of that program can be read in "Informations générales".