

2015-2016 French Course Descriptions

FRN 101 Elementary French I. This course introduces students to the culture and language of the French-speaking world. Students will develop an ability to communicate in real-life situations by acquiring reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. FRN 101 is intended for students with no prior knowledge of French, or those who have had 2 years or less of high school French. Prerequisite: none. 4 Semester Hours.

FRN 102 Elementary French II. This course builds on the skills acquired in FRN 101. Students will continue to develop an ability to communicate in real-life situations by acquiring additional reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Foreign Language Proficiency requirement. Prerequisite: FRN 101 or 2 or more years of high school French. 4 Semester Hours.

FRN 201 The Francophone World. In this course students will advance their knowledge of French by continuing to work on reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Students will have numerous opportunities for meaningful communication while deepening their knowledge of francophone cultures. Prerequisite: FRN 102, passing the University of Mount Union proficiency test, or permission of the instructor. 4 Semester Hours.

FRN 202 French Conversation and Composition. This course is designed to develop competence in both written and spoken French. By examining a range of topics, students will develop self-expression ability, communicative strategies, and sociocultural competence. Prerequisite: FRN 102, passing the University of Mount Union proficiency test, or permission of the instructor. 4 Semester Hours.

FRN 203 French Cinema. This course is an introduction to French cinema. By examining a variety of French films, students will improve listening comprehension and written and oral expression. Movies will be viewed in French. Prerequisite: FRN 102, passing the University of Mount Union proficiency test, or permission of the instructor. 4 Semester Hours.

FRN 204 French Society. This course is an introduction to French society. By reading, discussing, and listening to lectures and presentations, students will increase their French language skills. Prerequisite: FRN 102, passing the University of Mount Union proficiency test, or permission of the instructor. 4 Semester Hours.

FRN 210 Travel Seminar. In this course students will participate in a faculty-led trip to a French-speaking location. 1-4 Semester Hours.

FRN 230 Topics in French Literature. In this course students will examine a variety of French literary works within the context of a particular theme or issue. Topic varies from year to year. Taught in English. 4 Semester Hours.

FRN 235H The Peoples and Cultures of Contemporary France. In this course students will examine various aspects of contemporary French culture including, but not limited to, education, family, religion, politics, immigration, media, personal space, language, and the arts. Class discussions will emphasize cross-cultural comparisons. Taught in English. 4 Semester Hours.

FRN 301 French for the Professions. This course introduces students to advanced structures of the French language with an emphasis on various professional contexts. Students will acquire language abilities in the areas of business, education, the environment, sports, and medicine, among others. Prerequisite: One course from the intermediate level that is taught in French or permission of instructor. 4 Semester Hours.

FRN 302 French Theatre Workshop. This course is an introduction to French theatre. Students will read a variety of French plays from various periods and examine themes, characters, and action. Emphasis will be placed on acting and on developing French language skills. Prerequisite: One course from the intermediate level that is taught in French or permission of instructor. 4 Semester Hours.

FRN 303 Business French. This course teaches students how to communicate in a business setting. Students will learn appropriate vocabulary, write correspondences, and study cross-cultural differences between French and American business environments. Prerequisite: One course from the intermediate level that is taught in French or permission of instructor. 4 Semester Hours.

FRN 304 Modern French Poetry. This course examines the works of a variety of 19th and 20th Century French poets. Prerequisite: One course from the intermediate level that is taught in French or permission of instructor. 4 Semester Hours.

FRN 305 The French Novel. This course is an introduction to the French novel. Students will engage in close readings of several works while improving vocabulary and enhancing abilities in the four language skills. Prerequisite: One course from the intermediate level or above that is taught in French or permission of instructor. 4 Semester Hours.

FRN 306 French Across the Curriculum. This course allows students to develop their French language skills across disciplines. Prerequisite: One course from the intermediate level or above that is taught in French or permission of instructor. 4 Semester Hours.

FRN 385 Methods of Teaching French. A practical and theoretical methodology course which emphasizes lesson planning, writing instructional objectives, assessment, curriculum design, and a study of methodologies and materials relevant to the teaching of French in the elementary, middle, and secondary schools. The course emphasizes the core guidelines of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and relates instructional planning to Ohio's Model for a Competency-Based Program in Foreign Languages. This course must be taken prior to or concurrently with Multiage Student Teaching and FRN 386. This course does not count toward the requirements of the major or minor in French. Prerequisites: Successful completion of one 300-level course in French and permission of the instructor. 4 Semester Hours.

FRN 386 Practicum in the Teaching of French. A practicum designed to put into immediate practice theories and strategies discussed in FRN 385. The student will serve as a teaching assistant in an elementary or intermediate course in French in the Department of Foreign Languages and Cultures. It is recommended that this course be taken concurrently with FRN 385. This course does not count toward the requirements for the major or minor in French. Prerequisites: Successful completion of one or more 300-level courses in French and permission of the instructor. 2 Semester Hours.

FRN 387 Teaching French in the Elementary School. This course is a practicum designed to make available to the teacher candidate in French a practical field experience at the elementary school level. Under the direct supervision of foreign language faculty, the teacher candidate will participate in a FLES program at a local elementary school for one semester. It is recommended that this course be taken concurrently with FRN 385. This course does not count toward the requirements for the major or minor in French. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. 1 Semester Hour.

FRN 401 Advanced Special Topics. Topics may vary. May be repeated for credit. Consent of instructor required. Prerequisite: One course at the 300 level or permission of instructor. 4 Semester Hours.

FRN 485 Teaching Assistant Practicum – French. Intended for French-language teaching assistants only. This course may be repeated for credit. 6 Semester Hours.