



Department of Languages and Cultures

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INDICATIVE COURSE OUTLINE

This is not a complete or official Course Outline but an indication of the arrangements made for FREN131.

FREN 131 INTRODUCTORY FRENCH

Semester 1

Paper Description

FREN131 is an introduction to French aiming at teaching beginners the rudiments of the language across the four target areas: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Course Objectives

Learning outcomes

In FREN 131, you will develop skills for communicating in French about your life, your friends and family, your studies and your leisure-time activities. You will also be introduced to French and other francophone cultures.

The exit level for FREN131 is a good A1 level in the CEFR system.

Attribute of the graduate profile which FREN131 will enhance are:

Communication

Cultural understanding

Self-motivation.

Lifelong learning

Course Delivery

The class meets four hours a week and there are two streams.

Students are expected to prepare for and attend all classes to gain full benefit from the paper.

A programme detailing activities for each class will be distributed in Week 1 and available on Blackboard.

Expectations and Workload

Students are expected to spend 2 hours per day, or 10 hours per week, in private study, preparing assignments and completing homework.

Course Learning Resources

Textbook

The course follows *Vis-à-vis, Amon, Muyskens, Omaggio Hadley, ed. McGraw-hill*. It includes a Textbook and a Workbook, and access to audio and visual material on the editor's website.

Blackboard

Blackboard provides you with access to course materials, class notices, and resources.

Assessment

All material presented is examinable (except where stated otherwise) by assignments and other assessments and the final examination.

Assessment	% of final grade
3 Written Assignments, the best 2 to count	10%
3 Written Tests	15%
1 Oral Presentation	10%
1 Listening and Reading Comprehension Test	10%
3 Language Perfect Assessments, the better to count	5%
1 Oral Examination	10%
2 hour written final exam	40%

A separate and more detailed account of the Internal Assessment in FREN131 will be distributed in the first class of the semester and available on Blackboard. Extensions and special arrangements for testing are only permitted in exceptional circumstances, such as those which qualify students for special consideration in final exams. See: <http://www.otago.ac.nz/study/exams/otago062916.html>

Dishonest Practice and Plagiarism

Students should ensure that all submitted work is their own. Plagiarism is a form of dishonest practice (cheating). It is defined as copying or paraphrasing another's work and presenting it as one's own. Any student found responsible for dishonest practice in any piece of work submitted for assessment shall be subject to the University's dishonest practice regulations, which may result in serious penalties, including forfeiture of marks for the piece of work submitted, a zero grade for the paper, or in extreme cases, exclusion from the University.

As language students, we encourage you to practice your language skills with native speakers but using their help for assignments is also considered dishonest practice.

Course Calendar

Week of Semester	Topic
1	Chap 1: Greeting others, introducing yourself
2	Chap 2: Introducing people, places and things (a)
3	Introducing people, places and things (b)
4	Chap 3: Describing people, places and things (a)
5	Describing people, places and things (b)
6	Chap 4: Expressing actions, describing homes and things
7	Chap 5: Talking about family, weather and plans (a)
8	Talking about family, weather and plans (b)
9	Chap 6: Eating and drinking
10	Chap 7: Shopping for food
11	Chap 8: Talking about the past (a)
12	Talking about the past (b)
13	Revision Exam preparation

A detailed programme for FREN131 will be distributed to enrolled students in the first lecture and available through Blackboard.