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**FRENCH 1020  
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**THE DETAILED SYLLABUS IS  
AVAILABLE ON BANNER**

French 1020 is the second level of four semester French courses. It is designed for students who completed French 1010, or have taken French at an equivalent level. This course cannot be taken simultaneously with any other French courses. All the French 1020 sections will accomplish the same course goals and objectives, and will follow the same set of rules and regulations as required by the University. This course is designed to develop in the student,

- the ability to cope with general conversation in French: asking and answering questions on topics of daily life (e.g. regular activities, job, etc.)
- the ability to extract meaning from authentic print and visual documents including video.
- the ability to write simple but coherent sentences in French with reasonable accuracy and to compose simple paragraphs that describe and that narrate
- knowledge of the basic structure of French, verb conjugations, use of the present and past tenses, pronouns, adjectives, agreement, etc.
- knowledge about France and the Francophone world and the ability to find out more information.

A student completing French 1020 with a C or better will be able to perform as stated in each of the following skills:

**Listening:** Understand basic information necessary to establish a conversation beyond the learned commands and courtesy phrases, e.g. ask for directions and information. Be familiar with short narrative/conversations within learned topics, such as family, food, and traveling

**Speaking:** Respond to general questions using complete sentences. Ask questions within familiar topics including questions words and tag questions. Give basic personal information about him/herself and others

**Reading:** Understand simple connected text where the context and cognates will help to make connections with the learned topic. Understand information beyond the basic knowledge of weather forecast, descriptions and a class schedule

**Writing:** Write short narratives (20-25 sentences) based on learned topics

**Culture:** Learn general information about countries in which the target language is spoken. Be familiar with cultural and societal facts about the countries studied.

The objectives above can be realized only through your active participation, both in and out of class. You are expected to do the following:

At home: prepare and practice for homework and do all assignments prior to class period. Review what is being practiced in class and do the activities related to each assignment.

In Class: Contribute actively to the activities being practiced.

In the language lab: check out tapes or CD to complete assignments from the workbook.

In the instructor's office: go during office hours or make appointments to get help with lessons studied in class; sign up for your oral practice.

Students are expected to attend class regularly and to prepare/ study outside of class. Unexcused absences will reduce the participation grade, and therefore affect the final grade. It is reasonable to expect to spend two hours outside of class for each hour spent in class; some students may need to spend additional time in order to achieve the grade they desire.

### **Syllabus changes**

Dr. Konkobo reserves the right to alter this syllabus whenever the actual process of teaching and learning requires such changes. Changes to the syllabus will be announced on Banner. In any event, the posted, electronic, online versions of the syllabus and schedule of classes are authoritative, taking precedence over any printed version.

**Required texts:** Heilenman, Kaplan & Tournier. *Voilà! An Introduction to French* (5<sup>th</sup> ed.)

Heilenman, Kaplan & Tournier. *Voilà! Cahier d'activités écrites et orales*

### **Evaluation:**

- 1) **3 Written Tests @ 15% each → 45 %** (each test is based on the content of 2 chapters in the textbook. A test is 50 minute-long and covers both chapters.). No makeup test without an approved medical excuse.
  - If you have to schedule a doctor's appointment during our class time, let me know in advance and bring me a signed note from your doctor after the appointment. Doctor's note alone (without prior notification of the appointment) cannot constitute an approved excuse.
  - In case of an emergency trip to the hospital, bring your physician's signed note within a week of your return to class.

**Tests dates:** All 3 tests are scheduled during regular class meeting time. Dates may change; in the event they change you will receive advance notice before the test.

**NB:** You may take **tutorial quizzes** before each scheduled test by going to: [www.tnstate.edu/faculty/ckonkobo](http://www.tnstate.edu/faculty/ckonkobo) then click on the QUIZ link. Send the instructor an email of your completed quiz and you may earn 2 bonus points on your test grade for each chapter quiz you take (you may earn 4 bonus points total on your test grade). Note that you must answer all the questions right to earn these points (you will always have the possibility of going back to correct your mistakes before submitting the quiz). Send your completed tutorial quiz to [ckonkobo@tnstate.edu](mailto:ckonkobo@tnstate.edu)

- 2) **Workbook → 10%.** Exercises are from the workbook: both *Cahier d'activités écrites* (Written exercises) and *Cahier d'activités orales* (Oral Exercises). THESE ARE 2 DIFFERENT SECTIONS IN THE SAME WORKBOOK. (A copy of the workbook is available on **Reserve at the University Library**)  
You will need to listen to audio input to complete the oral section of the workbook (you do not however need audio for the written section). To complete your oral exercises, you need to open your browser at [www.tnstate.edu/faculty/ckonkobo](http://www.tnstate.edu/faculty/ckonkobo), click on "HOMEWORK AUDIO FILE" and follow the instructions. You have the possibility of turning in you exercises any time before the deadline; for that reason, **absolutely no late homework will be accepted.**
- 3) **Homework + Quizzes → 10%** (There are regular homework assignments (check the table below) and unannounced oral or written quizzes. No makeup for homework or quiz. You may email me your homework in advance. If you bring an approved medical excuse, the quiz can be dropped. YOUR HOMEWORK MUST BE TYPED. NO HANDWRITTEN ASSIGNMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- 4) **Oral Exam or French Table → 10%.** You can either take an **oral exam** or attend **6 French Table meetings** (2 meetings on average per month). The French table will meet for one hour every Thursday from 1-2 pm. It is your responsibility to get signed in whenever you attend a meeting. If you choose to take an oral exam, you will have a topic to prepare orally and make a 10-minute presentation in Dr. Konkobo's office. Two weeks before each oral exam, you will receive a signup sheet along with details about the test. The oral exam is scheduled on the syllabus. If you miss your time, you will not be allowed to make the exam up.

- 5) **Participation** → 5% ( daily preparation for activities + oral participation in class)
- 6) **Attendance** → 5% (Being physically present in class and read to participate in the learning process)  
You will receive daily attendance grades (2.5 points) and daily participation grades (5 points). When you are absent, your participation grade will be zero. Two tardy equal one absence. If you are more than 5 minutes late, you will be recorded as absent. Leaving early without prior approval of the instructor will be recorded as an absence (get instructor's approval to leave early before class starts).
- 7) **Final exam** → 15% (This exam is cumulative; it covers all chapters studied this semester). This is a 50 minute exam. Check the University schedules of Final Exams to find out the date and time of your exam.

**It is your responsibility in this class to make advanced arrangements to complete all assignments on time.**

Grade Scale: 90-100 = A; 80-89 = B; 70-79 = C; 60-69 = D; 59 or below = F

**Attendance Policy:**

Attendance is mandatory. Disruptive behavior will result in your being asked to leave early, and your participation grade will be zero. This is a 3-credit hour course. University policy defines "excessive absences" as "one class in excess of the number of registered hours." Therefore, having more than four unexcused absences will result in a lower grade. For each unexcused absence beyond the fourth, the final grade will be lowered by one percentage point, for example, from 70 to 69. Bear in mind that even excused absences can make it harder to keep up in class. For those students with no absences or tardiness, the lowest daily participation grade is dropped.

**PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:** plagiarism, cheating and other forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited. Students guilty of academic misconduct, either directly or indirectly through participation or assistance, are immediately responsible to the instructor of the class. In addition to any other disciplinary sanctions which may be imposed through the general institutional procedures as a result of the academic misconduct, the instructor has the authority to assign an F or a ZERO for the exercise or examination, or to assign an F in the course. If the student believes that he or she has been erroneously accused of academic misconduct, and if his or her final grade is affected as a result, the student may appeal the case through the appropriate institutional procedures. (First the instructor, if not satisfied, then the head of the Department of Languages, Literature, and Philosophy, then the Dean of Arts and Sciences, then the Vice President for Student Affairs).

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN CLASS:** The use of electronic devices like beepers, cellular phones, or radios is not allowed in class. Turn them off and put them away before you come to class. **Do not leave the classroom to use these devices during class. Cameras are not allowed in the classroom without the prior approval of the instructor.**

**PER UNIVERSITY POLICY, NO FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED IN CLASSROOMS. NO SLEEPING OR WORKING ON WORK FOR OTHER CLASSES DURING THIS CLASS.**

**You are expected to be respectful to all persons in the class at all times. Rude or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. Your instructor reserves the right to determine what is considered to be rude or disrespectful behavior.**

**Disability:** The Department of Languages, Literature, and Philosophy in conjunction with the Office of Disabled Student Services, makes reasonable accommodations for qualified students with medically documented disabilities. If you need an accommodation, please contact Dan Steely of TSU's Disabled Student Services Office at 963-7400 (phone) or 9634-5051 (fax), preferably by the fourth day of class.