COLLEGE OF THE ROCKIES

Beginners' French 1 – FREN 101
University Studies Program

Course Outline

COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE:	Pre 1998
OUTLINE EFFECTIVE DATE:	September 2023
COURSE OUTLINE REVIEW DATE:	March 2028

GENERAL COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is an introductory language course designed for the **absolute beginner** in French. The focus of this course is to help students become functionally proficient in the French language. The design of this course is based on the communicative approach to equip students with basic comprehension, writing and communication skills while highlighting the basic functions and grammatical structures of the language. This course also explores the diversity and influence of the French culture in a global context.

Program Information: This course can be used to fulfill the second language requirement for programs offered at College of the Rockies.

Delivery: This course is delivered face to face.

COTR Credits: 3

Hours for this course: 60 hours

Typical Structure of Instructional Hours:

Instructional Activity	Duration
Lecture Hours	45
Seminars / Tutorials	
Laboratory / Studio Hours	15
Practicum / Field Experience Hours	
Other Contact Hours	
Total	60

Practicum Hours (if applicable):

Type of Practicum	Duration
On-the-job Experience	N/A
Formal Work Experience	N/A
Other	N/A
Total	

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Valid from: September 2023- March 2028

Education Council Approval Date

COURSE PREREQUISITES AND TRANSFER CREDIT

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Prior Learning Assessment (FA):

Credit can be awarded for this course through FA   ☑ Yes   ☐ No

> Learners may request formal recognition for flexible assessment at the College of the Rockies through one or more of the following processes: External Evaluation, Worksite Assessment, Demonstration, Standardized Test, Self-assessment, Interview, Products/Portfolio, Challenge Exam. Contact an Education Advisor for more information.

Transfer Credit: For transfer information within British Columbia, Alberta and other institutions, please visit http://www.cotr.bc.ca/Transfer

Students should also contact an academic advisor at the institution where they want transfer credit.

Prior Course Number: N/A

Textbooks and Required Resources:

Textbook selection varies by instructor and may change from year to year. At the Course Outline Effective Date the following textbooks were in use:

1. *Deux mondes - a communicative approach* (8th Edition) by Terrell, Rogers, Kerr, Spielman. Publisher McGraw-Hill.

2. Other resources available online

3. Instructor developed materials

Please see the instructor's syllabus or check COTR's online text calculator https://textbook.cotr.bc.ca/ for a complete list of the currently required textbooks.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to

- read basic information in French;
- write simple sentences in the present tense in French;
- understand basic phrases and expressions in French;
- ask and answer basic questions in French;
- describe people, places and things in French;
- express yourself in the present tense in French;
- compare people and things in French;
- say, in French, what you did on a past day/past weekend;
- understand the basic grammatical structure of the French language; and
- gain some familiarity with French culture and issues.

COURSE TOPICS:

- French Alphabet
- Basic French Vocabulary: Numbers, Dates, Everyday Activities, Family, House objects, Colours, Time, Temperature, Seasons, Transportation
- Basic Grammatical Structures: Definite Articles, Indefinite Articles, Partitive Articles, Nouns, Adjectives, Possessive Adjectives, Subject Pronouns, Prepositions, Prepositions of place, Direct Object Pronouns, Interrogative words, Comparisons with adjectives
- Present Tense
- Pronominal Verbs
- Introduction to the 'passé composé'

See instructor's syllabus for the detailed outline of weekly readings, activities and assignments.

EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT:

Assignments	% Of Total Grade
Language lab	25%
In-class activities	25%
Tests	25%
Final Exam	25%
Total	100%

Please see the instructor syllabus for specific classroom policies related to this course, such as details of evaluation, penalties for late assignments, and use of electronic aids.

EXAM POLICY:

Students must attend all required scheduled exams that make up a final grade at the appointed time and place.

Individual instructors may accommodate for illness or personal crisis. Additional accommodation will not be made unless a written request is sent to and approved by the appropriate Department Head prior to the scheduled exam.

Any student who misses a scheduled exam without approval will be given a grade of "0" for the exam.

COURSE GRADE:

Course grades are assigned as follows:

Grade	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
Mark (Percent)	≥ 90	89-85	84-80	79-76	75-72	71-68	67-64	63-60	59-55	54-50	< 50

 A grade of "D" grants credit, but may not be sufficient as a prerequisite for sequential courses.

ACADEMIC POLICIES:

See www.cotr.bc.ca/policies for general college policies related to course activities, including grade appeals, cheating and plagiarism.

COURSE CHANGES:

Information contained in course outlines is correct at the time of publication. Content of the courses is revised on an ongoing basis to ensure relevance to changing educational, employment, and marketing needs. The instructor will endeavour to provide notice of changes to students as soon as possible. The instructor reserves the right to add or delete material from courses.