

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Communication and Arts
International Languages Department

Course Number and Title

FREN 1003, Elementary French I

Catalog Description

Introductory course designed for students beginning the college-level study of French. Presentations of vocabulary, grammatical structures, and Francophone culture enable the student to understand, speak, read, and write basic French.

Prerequisites

None.

Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours

3 hours credit/contact/load

Target Audience/Transferability

Elementary French I is the first of the four semesters of college-level academic French courses offered at NWACC that lead to competency in the French language and that transfer to fulfill most four-year universities' foreign language requirements for a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:

Listening

- Develop aural comprehension of isolated words, such as cognates, borrowed words, and high-frequency social conventions, as well as aural comprehension of short phrases, simple questions and commands.

Speaking

- Pronounce the alphabet correctly.
- Produce isolated words and high-frequency phrases, as well as express basic courtesies and the simplest of questions.
- Practice simple dialogue with fellow students, employing active vocabulary and grammatical structures.

Reading

- Identify isolated words and common phrases including cognates and borrowed words.
- Read and discuss simple materials such as invitations, calendars, and short cultural dialogues and articles.

Writing

- Identify all the symbols in the alphabetic system, including correct use of diacritical marks.

- Write isolated words, common phrases, very simple questions, numbers, and dates.
- Produce basic sentences and several short paragraphs.

Culture

- Identify major Francophone countries.
- Discuss certain aspects of French culture, such as greetings, major holidays, typical school day, and the family.

Topics

Vocabulary

Greetings and farewells, family, daily activities, career and overview of Francophone world

Grammar

Present tense of verbs, articles, interrogative adverbs, and basic command forms.

Forms of assessment

Tests, quizzes, workbook, lab program, and final exam