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FRENCH 101
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Textbook: PROMENADES, second edition, by Michell, Mitschke & Tano

For all your online homework, you will need to go to the following link, Supersite Plus:

http://www.vhlcentral.com/section/264919/student_instructions

This course seeks to give you confidence when communicating in French and also to help you foster respect for cultural and gender differences. Therefore, you will be introduced to various aspects of the French and Francophone culture through dialogues, readings and, when feasible, audiovisual materials. Whether or not you will have the opportunity to interact meaningfully with French speakers in the near future, you will learn much about yourself as a person, and about the inner resources you have for coping with confusing situations in which communication is difficult but important and worthwhile.

These objectives are best achieved through the constant practice of all four-language skills:
LISTENING SPEAKING READING WRITING

Communication in a foreign language means understanding what others say and transmitting your own message in such a way as to avoid
misunderstanding. As you learn to do this, you will make the kind of errors that are necessary for acquiring the language. Consequently, you should see errors as a positive step toward communication not as something shameful. Do not hesitate to take risks and see if it works, that's all there is to it.

By the end of this course, with reasonable effort, you will be able to handle routine situations of a concrete personal and social nature. In this course, you will learn how to do the following things:
- How to talk about yourself and other people;
- How to get necessary information by asking questions about people and things;
- How to get through a simple survival situation such as being able to order food and beverages;
- How to create with the language by combining learned elements.

Language learning requires a steady and constant effort but is fun! As such, regular attendance is requested from you.

GRADING POLICY:
Class participation∗ ......15%
Homework∗∗ ................. 10%
Chapter tests............. 35 %
Compositions...................15%
Final Exam∗∗∗.................25%

Quizzes will be given at the end of each chapter. You should have 4 tests during the semester. Each one will not last more than 35 minutes. You will also have to write 3 compositions. Use of online translators, translation software, etc. is cheating and will not be tolerated. **No makeup will be given, if you miss a test the next one will count twice.**

∗ Participation includes measures of class attendance, preparation for class activities, involvement in class activities, and all grades received on skits, and other in-class activities designed by the course instructor to assess that you are keeping up with the material taught and making appropriate progress.

∗∗ Homework includes workbook and lab assignments, written grammar exercises, etc..., and all instructor-assigned written activities done at home. **Absolutely no late work accepted. Work assigned must be the student's own work.**

Laboratory attendance and work will be checked on the day of each chapter exam. Completed lab work will earn a grade of 100 while incomplete lab work will result in a grade of zero. In order to
complete the oral exercises in the lab, you can also go to the language lab, 215 Capers.

*** No final exam will be given during the reading period.

RESOURCES
In addition to your professor’s office hours, use:
ONLINE RESOURCES:
- your vhlcentral.com website.
- links provided on The Citadel « French Resources » page : http://www.citadel.edu/root/mlng-language-resources/french You will find some more grammar explanations, how to type accents on a Word document, French/ Francophone news...
TUTORING SESSIONS are a free service to all students on campus through The Citadel Academic Support Center.
You must make an appointment through one of the following:
☐ Call between 0900 and 1600 hours: 953-5305
☐ E-mail: ascenter@citadel.edu

If the Academic Support Center provides the class with a Supplemental Instructor, go see him/her twice a week! They know what you study in class and will help you learn and practice. Of course, remember that you are responsible for your own learning. Make sure you have ample time to learn, review, and review again the grammar and the vocabulary. Make flashcards!
And, only then: do your homework.
PEER WORK: Practice speaking French with your classmates outside of class! This will help you practice thinking in French, and you will become more fluent more easily!

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