

TO THE STUDENTS OF FRENCH 2203

Course description:

French 2203 is a one-summer intermediate French course designed for students who have had 3-4 years of high school French OR who have scored between 350 and 419 on the Vanderbilt placement test. French 2203 is offered during the fall and spring semesters at Vanderbilt; it is also offered during the summer session at Vanderbilt-in-France.

→French 201w is the next course in the sequence; it is offered in the fall and spring semesters in Nashville and fall, spring, and summer sessions at Vanderbilt-in-France.

Required texts:

Réseau and the accompanying code for the online activities in **MyFrenchLab (MFL)**

Learning goals:

This course is specifically designed to accommodate different learning experiences with French language and culture. By the end of the summer we expect you to understand what you read and hear: articles and literary selections in *Réseau* as well as the audio clips from the online materials in MFL.

The class will be conducted entirely in French. If you feel unable to understand what goes on in class, make an appointment to talk to your teacher.

French 2203 is a 3-credit course therefore **you should plan to devote 2 hours for each hour spent in class hour** preparing for class and completing assigned work.

We will cover chapters 1-10 of ***Réseau***. These ten chapters will be divided into four themes or units:

- Unité 1 - La vie de tous les jours (Chapters 1-3)
- Unité 2 - L'identité nationale (Chapters 4-5)
- Unité 3 - Culture et multiculturalisme (Chapters 6-8)
- Unité 4 - Les arts (Chapters 9-10)

Exams:

After each *Unité* you will complete an exam. These exams are designed to assess your understanding of the topics and readings as well as your use of the vocabulary and structures..

MyFrenchLab (MFL):

MFL is an online tutor with audio and writing activities. You will purchase an access code and log into the class site. You are required to complete all the assigned online **MFL** exercises. You are permitted to redo each exercise until you achieve 100% accuracy. Your teacher will verify on a regular basis that all assigned activities were completed on time.

We expect you to come to class prepared to engage in communicative activities related to the themes and readings. The **MFL** work will count as part of class participation.

****Your success in this course will depend largely on your autonomous preparation.**

Homework:

- Your teacher will assign written exercises from **Réseau** to complete and hand in.
- Short in-class quizzes after each chapter will also count toward your homework grade.

Written expression:

For each of the four themes/units we will see a film. You will write a 300-350 word *résumé-commentaire* about each of the films. Your teacher will discuss the format of the *résumé-commentaire*.

****NOTE:** You are permitted to use any available resources when writing (Word Reference, Google Translate, etc.) but you must underline the expressions you look up and list the source(s) at the end of the composition. You are NOT permitted to get help from ANY outside person (Tutor, CSLS affiliate, friend,...) Getting help from an outside person is a violation of the honor code!

Oral expression:

Two times during the summer you will have a one-on-one interaction with your teacher. Your preparation for these sessions will be discussed in class.

Attendance:

We expect you to attend every class meeting. If you choose to miss class **you may NOT make up any missed work**. Each unexcused absence will result in lowering the final grade by **one** point. Absences will be considered excused with *written documentation* by a physician or the Director's office.. We also expect you to come to class on time. Your promptness is part of your participation grade: 3 tardies = 1 absence.

Classroom policies:

Use your electronic devices as permitted by your teacher. **NO TEXTING IS ALLOWED** during class. Because we hope to initiate you to cultural expectations of the francophone world, we ask that you refrain from chewing gum and eating during class.

Honor code:

All work for this class must be done independently unless otherwise specified by your instructor. Please inform your instructor if you are getting help **from anybody, uncluding tutors**. Also note that anything copied off the internet is "plagiarism" unless the sources are clearly cited.

Your grade for this class will be based on the following criteria:

Class participation, CSLS & preparation (see rubric)	15%
Homework & quizzes	15%
Written expression (4 compositions at 5% each)	20%
Oral expression (2 at 5% each)	10%
Exams (4 at 10% each)	40%

GRADING SCALE FOR FRENCH 2203

94 -100: A	87 – 89: B+	77 – 79: C+	67 – 69: D+
90 – 93: A-	84 – 86: B	74 – 76: C	64 – 66: D
	80 – 83: B-	70 – 73: C-	60 – 63: D-