

FRCH 101 Elementary French Section: 50 CRN: 73291 Fall 2019

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Instructor Information

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Location: online (<https://umonline.umt.edu/>)

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Required Materials:

- Computer connection to high-speed internet; webcam (camera); microphone; speakers; access to Word (including language tools), either via software or Office365; MP3 & PDF generators; cloud-based storage (such as [UM Box](#))
- Text: Jansma & Kassen, Denié-Higney, [Atelier](#), digital format (print rental also available) <https://www.cengage.com/c/atelier-1e-jansma/>
- Online platforms:
 - 1) [Moodle](#); 2) [MindTap](#)

Goals and Outcomes

The goal of FRCH 101 is for language students who have had no prior study in French to reach skill levels in French language and culture at levels corresponding to 75 hours of formal instruction. FRCH 101 is the first semester of a one-year language course. It will provide you with a working vocabulary, basic structures of the French language and sensitize you to French and Francophone culture. Successful students should acquire the skills necessary to:

- Engage in conversations using level-appropriate grammatical structures including narrating events that take place in the present and producing questions and responses on a variety of topics dealing with everyday life.
- Understand level-appropriate spoken French
- Write simple sentences and organize them into paragraphs
- Read and comprehend level-appropriate texts

- Identify and discuss traditions, customs and values of the French speaking world, and compare and contrast them with characteristics of their own culture.

My responsibilities are to: 1) provide you with instruction that teaches you basic linguistic skills and encourages you to use the French you are learning, 2) make myself available to you for consultation via email and Zoom meetings 3) grade everyone according to the same criteria 4) provide you with sufficient and pertinent homework assignments to maximize your learning 5) maintain a professional relationship with you at all times 6) provide you with this syllabus and follow the schedule.

Your responsibilities: Learning a language requires daily revision, perseverance and application. One learns a language by *performing* it in all of its modes: listening, speaking, reading and writing in it rather than thinking or talking *about* it. Language learning does not require exceptional intellect or any particular gift; indeed, many people in this world who have had no formal schooling are multilingual. Nor is it a discipline you can master by cramming for exams. Short doses of study several times a day are best for becoming skilled in a language. Given the special nature of online language learning, your responsibilities are to: 1) Log in to [Moodle](https://umonline.umt.edu/) (https://umonline.umt.edu/) frequently, 2) Check assigned homework/ activities (including MindTap exercises) and complete by due date, 3) participate in all activities 4) schedule and attend 3 (10 minute) web conferences with me via Zoom, 5) practice courteous [Web etiquette](#) 6) use French as the working language of the class 7) proofread and correct errors before turning in written work, 7) schedule, record and submit assigned dialogues with classmates via Zoom, 8) engage in forums with other students, 9) create and present a final video project to the class

Policies:

Attendance: Attendance will be taken weekly via logins and/or web conferences. There are **no** excused absences, so plan with your instructor ahead of time to schedule a web conference you can attend. Lack of preparation may count as an absence.

Late Work: Any late written assignment will be graded 10% lower for every class day it is late. Quizzes and exams cannot be made up. Exceptions: illness verified by a doctor.

Email: Students must use *only* U of Montana assigned email accounts for all email exchanges with faculty.

Disability Services: The University of Montana assures equal access to instruction through collaboration between students with disabilities, instructors, and [Disability Services for Students \(DSS\)](#). If you have a disability affecting your academic performance and have not already

registered with DSS, contact them in Lommasson Center 154 at 406.243.2243. I am happy to work with you and DSS to make accommodations to facilitate your participation and learning. Please contact me during the first week of class to make a plan for your confidential accommodations.

Plagiarism: See the [Student Conduct Code](#) for a definition of plagiarism and UM policies concerning it.

Web translators: Please do not cut and paste English essays into a web-based translation generator. They do not work well, nor do they demonstrate your mastery of French. The goal is for you to learn how to write in French. Feel free to use [online dictionaries](#) to help with translations.

Grading

Your grade will be based both on your work in progress and on how much French you retain. Accumulation and retention of language is essential for further study. A passing grade in FRCH 101 is required for admission to FRCH 102.

Class participation (MindTap exercises, participation and conferences)	20%
Written assignments.....	15%
Oral assignments.....	15%
Essays* (3; each rewritten once;).....	15%
Exams and quizzes (7 exams, 7 quizzes).....	20%
Final presentation.....	15%

*All essays must be submitted as a Word document. PDFs will not be accepted.

Grading Scale: % score, letter grade & GPA points

93-100 = A	4.0	83-87 = B	3.0	73-77 = C	2.0	63-67 = D	1.0
90-92 = A-	3.7	80-82 = B-	2.7	70-72 = C-	1.7	60-62 = D-	0.7
88-89 = B+	3.3	78-79 = C+	2.3	68-69 = D+	1.3	59-0 = F	0.0

Schedule:

	Week	Atelier Modules	Devoirs & Examens
1.	August 26- August 30	Module 1	Quiz 1

2.	September 2-6 Offices closed Monday, September 2	Module 1	Exam 1
3.	September 9-13	Module 2	Quiz 2
4.	September 16-20	Module 2	Essai 1 Exam 2
5.	September 23-27	Module 3	Quiz 3 Web conferences Essai 1 rewrite
6.	September 30 – October 4	Module 3	Exam 3
7.	October 7-11	Module 4	Quiz 4
8.	October 14-18	Module 4	Essai 2 Exam 4
9.	October 21-25	Module 5	Quiz 5 Web conferences Essai 2 rewrite
10.	October 28- November 1	Module 5	Exam 5
11.	November 4-8 Offices closed Tuesday, November 5	Module 6	Quiz 6
12.	November 11-15 Offices closed Monday, November 11	Module 6	Essai 3 Exam 6
13.	November 18-22	Module 7	Quiz 7 Web conferences Essai 3 rewrite
14.	November 25- November 29	Module 7	Choose topic for final presentation

	Offices closed November 28- November 29		
15.	December 2-6	Module 7	Exam 7
16.	December 9-13		Final Presentations and Forums