

**COURSE TITLE:** French 1

Level of Difficulty	Estimated Homework	Prerequisites
Moderate	0-30 Minutes	<b>District:</b> none <b>Department Suggestion:</b> none

**Course Description:**

Students who choose to pursue French will embark on a study of the language as well as the rich cultures of the French-speaking world. Students entering French 1 should have a command of the following concepts: nouns, adjectives, verbs, pronouns, adverbs, sentence structure and paragraph structure. Students will keep a well-organized notebook, take notes, listen to language CDs, work independently and in groups, and make oral French presentations. Additionally, students complete activities and conduct research using the Internet. Successful French students come to class ready to learn with a positive attitude, an open mind and a willingness to take risks in order to learn a new language, to ask questions, speak, read, write and listen at a novice level. The successful student in this introductory course will be able to engage in simple conversations describing their likes, classes, family and future activities. They will be able to compose autobiographical pieces pertaining to these same topics as well as read about the daily lives of young francophone students. Activities may include presenting a fashion show, various memorized dialogues simulating real-life scenarios, creating a family tree and writing 10-15 sentences about their families and describing pictures in as much detail as possible using target vocabulary, adjectives and verbs in the present tense. This course places an emphasis on listening comprehension, vocabulary development, the fundamentals of verb conjugations, and the formation of simple, complete and grammatically correct French sentences. Students will learn concepts such as greetings, talking about oneself and others; daily life; surroundings; present-tense verb conjugations; possessive adjectives; nouns and articles; and an appreciation and understanding of the French-speaking cultures throughout the world. This class is in alignment with national standards at the novice level.

**Grading:**

Teachers employ variations of either the weighted or the cumulative method for determining grades. However, the following scale is used to determine the final grade:  
100% to 90% A; 89% to 80% B; 79% to 70% C; 69% to 60% D; 59% and below F

**Syllabus:**

Refer to individual teacher websites.

**Supplemental Information:**

10 credits  
Fulfills UC/CSU subject area "e" requirement  
Fulfills high school graduation requirement for electives