Tennessee Tech University, Department of Foreign Languages

French 3020: Oral Communication in French

Prerequisite: FREN 2020, or permission from the instructor

Course description: Oral communication (speaking and listening) with additional

practice in writing and reading, while exploring cultural topics

Fall 2019, MWF 12:20-13:15, OKLY 214 (3 credit hours)

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Course objectives:

In this course you will improve your oral expression, and develop your skill in using certain grammatical structures, as you explore cultural topics. At the end of the course you should be able to:

- Participate actively in conversation in most informal and some formal settings on topics of personal and public interest [Communication: Interpersonal and Interpretative (Speak, Listen)]
- Narrate and describe in major verb tenses with some control of aspect [Communication: Interpersonal and Presentational (Speak)]
- Assert opinions on topics of current relevance in modern society
 [Communication: Interpersonal and Presentational (Speak)]
 [Cultures: Relating Cultural Practice and Products to Perspectives (Investigate, Explain, Reflect)]
 [Connections: Making Connections and Acquiring Information and Diverse Perspectives]
- Deal effectively with unanticipated complications through a variety of communicative and coping devices
 [Communication: Interpersonal, interpretive, and Presentational (Speak, Listen, Read)]
- Sustain communication by using with suitable accuracy and confidence, connected discourse of paragraph length
 [Communication: Interpersonal, Interpretive and Presentational (Speak, Listen)]

Required materials :

- 1) Book: Controverses, 3rd edition (2016)
- 2) A TalkAbroad account, with a subscription for at least 3 conversations of 30 minutes each. Your account must be linked to the professor's. You can set up your subscription at www.talkabroad.com

3) Some way of recording yourself and submitting the audio files to the professor

Methodology: Oral interviews, debates, and discussions in class will comprise the bulk of the course. You will have vocabulary and reading quizzes in each section, as well as two major presentations to do. Your pronunciation will also be graded.

Homework: Your homework will be either in the book or on worksheets. At the beginning of each unit you will receive a calendar indicating the activities to complete and their respective due dates.

<u>Conversations through Talk Abroad:</u> You'll set up a TalkAbroad account, which you'll link to the instructor's account. You'll use your account to have 3-4 conversations during the course of the semester. The first one must take place before September 30, the second one before October 30, and the third one before November 30. Each conversation will be 30 minutes, and you can decide what topics you want to discuss. Using TalkAbroad will cost you \$40.

Course grades will be computed as follows

| Homework/quizzes | 25% |
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| Conversations through Talk Abroad | 25% |
| Presentations | 25% |
| Participation/pronunciation | 25% |

Your final grade will be based on this scale : A=90-100 ; B=80-89 ; C=70-79 ; D=60-69 ; F=0-59

Participation and absence policy: Your participation and presence in class are essential to your success in this course. You must prepare for each class meeting by doing the reading and homework, and by preparing at least three questions or observations that you can contribute to class discussion. Your participation for each class period will be graded as follows:

| Français 3020 | Participation grade | student | dat | te |
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| | dent readily participa ticipates in class discu | | • | , , |
| | udent answers questi nd does not exhibit a | • | | n, but without |
| 1 The st | tudent is in class, but | only speaks whe | n asked a direct ques | tion |
| 0 The st | tudent refuses to part | icipate, or is abs | ent | |

The University allows you three absences during the semester; if your absences go beyond this limit your final grade will be lowered by one point for each absence over three. Chewing gum and cell phone use in class will not be tolerated.

Late work : You will be told the dates of exams well in advance. No late work will be accepted. If you must miss class, you are required to let the professor know in advance.

Student Academic Misconduct Policy: Maintaining high standards of academic integrity in every class at Tennessee Tech is critical to the reputation of Tennessee Tech, its students, alumni, and the employers of Tennessee Tech graduates. The Student Academic Misconduct Policy describes the definitions of academic misconduct and policies and procedures for addressing Academic Misconduct at Tennessee Tech. In addition to all provisions in Policy 217, it is strictly prohibited to use any unauthorized outside sources to produce coursework, including—but not limited to:

- online translators
- fellow students
- native French speakers
- family members who have studied French
- other professors
- any other outside source not previously authorized by the professor

Students may consult these sources for simple phrases, or for words, but any information gained beyond the extent of information one would normally get from referring to a traditional dictionary or grammar reference is strictly prohibited. Should the course instructor suspect that this policy has been violated, the student will be charged with academic misconduct, subject to the procedures outlined in Policy 217. For details, view the Tennessee Tech's Policy 217 – Student Academic Misconduct at Policy Central.

Disability Accommodation: Students with a disability requiring accommodations should contact the Accessible Education Center (AEC). An Accommodation Request (AR) should be completed as soon as possible, preferably by the end of the first week of the course. The ODS is located in the Roaden University Center, Room 112, phone 372-6119. For details, view the Tennessee Tech's Policy 340 – Services for Students with Disabilities at Policy Central.

Your portfolio: If you are a French major your advisor has a portfolio for you. During the semester you will have the possibility to include examples of your coursework in your portfolio. The portfolio gives you a record of your coursework throughout your time here, and will be the basis of part of your Capstone course.