

**Tennessee Tech University**  
**Department of Foreign Languages**  
**FRENCH 2020-001**

**Spring 2020, MWF 10:10-11:05, South Hall 214, 3 credit hours**

**Pre-requisite: FREN 2010, or placement credit**

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**Texts & References:** *Controverses* (3rd edition)

**Course Objectives:** This course provides further development of the four language areas: listening, speaking, reading and writing, in addition to developing cultural awareness. In this course you will improve your written and oral expression, review and practice certain grammatical structures, and explore cultural views on various topics. At the end of the course you should be able to:

- write using more advanced vocabulary and grammatical structures
- express your ideas orally using more advanced vocabulary and grammatical structures
- write in keeping with the format and register required for the respective type of text
- converse in an organized manner, using verb tenses correctly
- express your opinions and ask detailed questions about those of others
- adapt the register of your conversation to various cultural circumstances  
[interpersonal communication: speak/write/listen/read or view]
  
- understand the main ideas of texts studied in class
- understand the main ideas and be able to explain the main points of recordings and videos used in class
- ask questions to clarify what you did not understand about the items viewed in class  
[interpretive communication]
  
- present your ideas about the materials in class in a precise and organized manner  
[presentational communication]

**Methodology:** teacher presentations with student interaction, group work, conversations, questions-answers, grammar and vocabulary exercises, reading, written and cultural assignments.

**Material To Be Covered:** *Controverses*, chapters 1-4

**Attendance:** Attendance and participation are indispensable and are therefore mandatory. You are expected to come to class well prepared and participate each time. The University accords you 3

absences during the semester; after 3 absences, one point will be deducted from your semester average for each absence.

At the beginning of each chapter, you will be given an assignment sheet that indicates: 1) the topics of each day's class discussion, 2) the homework that you must complete for the following class, and 3) the due dates of all major writing assignments and presentations.

**Evaluation:** Your course grade will be computed as follows:

35% Classwork/Homework/Quizzes

35% Participation

30% Tests, Major writing assignments, Final presentation

**Grading Scale:** A=100-90, B=89-80, C=79-70, D=69-60, F=below 60

**Writing assignments:** Throughout the course of the semester you will have several short writing assignments, and two major ones, one of which may also serve as the basis of your final presentation (see below).

**Final presentation:** For your last grade of the semester you will make a 7-10 minute presentation on a topic currently being debated somewhere in the French-speaking world. Your topic can be related to one of the chapters we've covered in class, or you can choose something we have not discussed.

**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 AEC 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](#).

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**Course Dates:** The instructor reserves the right to modify the calendar as course needs dictate. DO NOT LOOK FOR YOUR HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS ON THIS SYLLABUS. Your homework assignment for each class period will be on the calendar that you get at the beginning of each chapter.