

TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES
FREN 2510-001 France: Culture and Civilization

3 credit hours, no pre-requisite

MW 16:30-17:50, Oakley 104

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***PLEASE NOTE:** If you are submitting work electronically, you **MUST** use the instructor's e-mail address as given in the syllabus.

DO NOT submit assignments via i-Learn or TechConnect, unless specifically told to do so

Text: *Sixty Million Frenchmen Can't Be Wrong: Why We Love France but not the French.* Jean-Benoît Nadeau and Julie Bartow. Naperville, Illinois: Sourcebooks, Inc., 2003.

Course objectives: The course is designed to present a general overview of the culture and civilization of France from a variety of perspectives including geographical, historical, political, artistic, philosophical, and literary, as well as an insight into the daily living patterns and institutions of France today.

Student learning outcomes: Upon completing the course, students will be able to:

- Identify the principal geographic features of France, including borders, mountains, bodies of water, and major cities
- Identify and describe the ethnicities that live/have lived in France, including their geographic distribution, language, brief history, social structure, economic structures, social values, and works of art
- Identify the major political and social movements and trends that have shaped France
- Analyze works of art and literature from France and explain how they present prime social, cultural, economic, and political issues in a given context
- Identify and analyze the impact France has on other regions of the world
- Compare and contrast the cultural, historical, and economic similarities and differences among France and the United States

Major teaching methods: You will be assigned readings in the text, on handouts or PowerPoints, and online; you must complete these readings and any accompanying assignments on a daily basis. At the beginning of each part of the course, you will be given a calendar that indicates: 1) the topics of each day's class, 2) the assignments that you must complete for that day, as well as the homework that's due and 3) the due dates of all tests and major assignments.

Participation: Part of your final grade will be based on activities that require you to use what you studied the night before, in class. If you participate in these activities fully, and give them your complete attention, then you will earn 2 points for the day's participation grade. If you show up to class but do not participate, then you earn 1 point for the day's participation grade. Very little to no participation, or being absent, earns 0 points for the day's participation. At the end of the session, the number of participation points you've earned will be divided by the total number of possible participation points to determine your final grade.

Late work will not be accepted

Attendance: Attendance is required for all class meetings. You are responsible for all material covered in class and for all assignments made during a class. For each absence over three, a point will be deducted from your final average. Late arrivals to, or early departures from, class will be counted as absences, also. You will have three tests during the course of the semester, and one final exam; you **MUST BE** present in class the day that these tests are administered in order to take them. If you are absent for any reason, your grade on the final exam will replace the missing test grade.

Grades: Grades will be computed as follows:

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Tests: 60%

Homework and short quizzes: 20%

Participation: 20%

Grading Scale: 90-100= A; 80-89=B; 70-79=C; 60-69=D; 0-59=F

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The instructor reserves the right to modify the syllabus as course needs dictate.