

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN
DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH

FRENCH 217: Oral French II
Fall 2008

Class Information

Bienvenue! Welcome to FR 217, a French conversation course! You have the privilege to be part of a class led by a French-speaking instructor, and we hope that it will be a great experience for you and for your language skills!

The goals for this course are to help you improve your communication skills in the French language and to increase your understanding of francophone cultures. You will be encouraged to practice your speaking skills but also to work on your reading, writing and listening skills to enhance language learning. You will be introduced to different themes, through discussions, authentic texts, films, audio-recordings, web activities, presentations, special projects, and more.

Evaluation

Présence	10%
Participation	15%
Discussion libre	10%
Examens oraux	20%
Projets	25%
Devoirs	10%
Activités Internet	10%

GRADING SCALE

A+	98-100	B+	88-89	C+	78-79	D+	68-69
A	93-97	B	83-87	C	73-77	D	63-67
A-	90-92	B-	80-82	C-	70-72	D-	60-62
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Présence et participation journalière:

Because you will be graded on your daily presence and participation in class, **you are expected to attend every class**. You should understand that absences will influence the instructor's evaluation of your in-class performance. Because the course goal in French 217 is the development of speaking and listening skills, a portion of your grade will be based on your achievement in these areas. Oral tests and oral participation in class will serve as the basis for evaluation of your performance. It is to your advantage, therefore,

to work seriously all conversational activities provided by your instructor.

The instructor is **under no obligation to accept overdue homework assignments**. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to find out what material was covered during your absence. When possible, let your instructor know that you will be missing a class. Only a valid excuse (medical notes, field trips, job interviews...) will be excused.

Discussion libre:

Each student will be asked to discuss a topic of his/her choice for about 10 minutes in front of the class. It can be related to the news or to something appealing to the student. After a brief presentation, you will ask questions to the class in order to initiate a class discussion about the topic you have chosen. The presentation does not have to be purely academic in nature, but it must be well organized and well thought out. It is absolutely essential to rehearse your presentation several times and to also **time it**. Words that you will have to repeat several times should be pronounced correctly. Before rehearsing your mini-presentation, look up the phonetic transcriptions of such words in a dictionary.

Examens oraux:

Your instructor will give you **two oral exams** during the semester in order to test your oral skills. You will be interviewed on different topics covered and prepared in class.

Projets:

During the semester, you will be given **three projects** to present in class. Depending on the topics, you might be able to work in groups. Your presentation will last 10 to 15 minutes and must have a bibliography of at least three sources. They will demand serious preparation in class and out-of-class. During such presentations, the oral citation of your sources is imperative. Verify with your instructor that the sources you are using are credible and reliable.

Activités Internet:

Two days of the semester will be spent in the computer lab (G8) in order to give you an experience of authentic French Internet material.

Devoirs

You should expect your instructor to give you weekly homework, including written assignments, Internet searches, aural training exercises as well as oral and written comprehension tasks. The goal of these assignments is to enhance your learning of French using a variety of input (reading and listening to texts) and modes of expression (written and oral). All these skills will help you develop vocabulary, syntax, comprehension, and expression and will increase your fluency and comprehension.

Accessibility statement:

To obtain disability-related academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the course instructor and the Division of Rehabilitation-Education (DRES) as soon as possible. To contact DRES you may visit 1207 S. Oak St., Champaign, call 333-1970 (V/TDD), or e-mail message to disability@uiuc.edu.