

MLL 128-01 WL Fall 2008
French Language and Culture II
TEXTS: *Allons-y! 6th Edition*
Text and Workbook/Laboratory Manual
Student Lab Audio CDs

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FRENCH TABLE: W: 12-1pm

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This second semester course is designed for students having completed French Language and Culture I or for those students with previously acquired French skills equivalent to one semester of college French. Through the semester students will continue to develop proficiency in the four language skills—speaking, listening, reading, and writing—while exploring aspects of French and Francophone cultures. Students will acquire the basic grammar and vocabulary necessary to function in the everyday situations they could encounter in a French-speaking country while gaining an appreciation of the cultures and civilizations of the Francophone world.

STUDENTS RESPONSIBILITIES:

Attendance & Participation

Daily attendance, punctuality, preparedness, and active participation are **crucial components of your grade** and absolutely essential if you want to make good progress in the course. **Five absences (excused or unexcused)** are permitted, after which students will be dropped from the class. Missing a class period will affect the Attendance & Participation portion of the student's final grade. Students who miss class are responsible for the work assigned on the missed day.

In addition to the daily exposure to a French-speaking environment in class, students will also be required to **attend the French Table or the French Club activities** and participate in conversation **a minimum of four times throughout the semester**. This participation will count towards the Attendance & Participation portion of the grade.

Homework / Journal/Internet

Students will be given **daily homework assignments** as well as bimonthly assignments: **internet assignments** and **journals**.

A total of **six internet assignments** (mostly written in English), using the internet will be required. Students will conduct a research on the themes developed in the chapters studied, as shown on the syllabus (the numbers in parenthesis indicates the pages in your textbook that will guide you in your research). The French Internet Assignment worksheet (to be printed from your ANGEL Lesson folder) will guide you.

Students will also be required to **write a journal in French (2 entries, 3-4 lines each)**. The journal entries will be collected every other week as indicated on the syllabus schedule.

In the entries **in French** students will write about their daily life activities. Keep sentences simple, using the material studied in class. Try to find a comfortable level of language, and remember to use new expressions (vocabulary and structure). Students may use a French-English dictionary or the *lexiques* at the back of the textbook, but avoid using a translation program. The only rule should be: if you don't know how to say it, and can't find a way around (circumlocution), then write about something else. The main subject in the French entries is you and your life.

Students will be responsible for the listening exercises that accompany *Allons-y!* We will use the last three CDs (CD3, 4 and 5) from your *Student Lab Audio CDs* set for this class. **The listening exercises (*Point d'arrivée: écoutons!*) for each chapter must be completed and turned in on the day of the test (*interro*) of that chapter.**

There will be a **test** after each chapter, weekly **quizzes** and / or workbook **tests**, two interview-style **oral exams** (one mid-semester and the other at the end), a **midterm exam** and a comprehensive **final exam**. There will be **NO MAKE UP QUIZZES, TESTS OR EXAMS**, except in case of extreme emergency.

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

Any student who, because of a disabling condition, may require some special arrangements in order to meet course requirements should contact me as soon as possible to make necessary accommodations.

RETRO-CREDITS

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures has a retro-credits program designed to reward students who have already spent years learning languages in high school. Students must sign up for the program with Kathy Dyer, Departmental Secretary, during the first three weeks of the semester in which they take their **first** language course at PSU. That course determines their entry level and the maximum credits they can earn through retro-credits. For more information on retro-credits visit our webpage at www.pittstate.edu/flang.

GRADING POLICIES:

Your grade will be calculated as follow: Grading scale:

Attendance & Participation: 10%	A = 90% -100%
Homework / Journal / Internet: 10%	B = 80% -89%
Chapter tests and Quizzes: 40%	C = 70% -79%
Oral exams: 20%	D = 60% -69%
Midterm& Final exams: 20%	F = 0% -59%

TENTATIVE SYLLABUS SCHEDULE

Août	25 Syllabus/Révision	20 Chapitre 10
	26 Révision	21 Chapitre 10
	27 Chapitre 7	22 Chapitre 10
	28 Chapitre 7	23-24 Fall Break
	29 Chapitre 7	
		27 Chapitre 10
Sept	1 Labor Day (no classes)	28 Chapitre 10
	2 Chapitre 7	29 Chapitre 10
	3 Chapitre 7	30 Chapitre 10
	4 Chapitre 7	31 Chapitre 10 (Journal 4)
	5 Chapitre 7 (Journal 1)	
		Nov
	8 Chapitre 7	3 Chapitre 10
	9 Chapitre 7	4 Interro Chapitre 10
	10 Interro Chapitre 7	5 Chapitre 11
	11 Chapitre 8	6 Chapitre 11
	12 Chapitre 8 (Internet 304)	7 Chapitre 11 (Internet 432)
	15 Chapitre 8	10 Chapitre 11
	16 Chapitre 8	11 Chapitre 11
	17 Chapitre 8	12 Chapitre 11
	18 Chapitre 8	13 Chapitre 11
	19 Chapitre 8 (Journal 2)	14 Chapitre 11 (Journal 5)
	22 Chapitre 8	17 Chapitre 11
	23 Chapitre 8	18 Interro Chapitre 11
	24 Interro Chapitre 8	19 Chapitre 12
	25 Chapitre 9	20 Chapitre 12
	26 Chapitre 9 (Internet 350)	21 Chapitre 12 (Internet 492)

	29	Chapitre 9		24	Chapitre 12
	30	Chapitre 9		25	Chapitre 12
Oct	1	Chapitre 9		26-28	Thanksgiving Break
	2	Chapitre 9			
	3	Chapitre 9 (Journal 3)	Dec	1	Chapitre 12
				2	Chapitre 12
	6	Chapitre 9		3	Chapitre 12
	7	Chapitre 9		4	Chapitre 12
	8	Interro Chapitre 9		5	Interro Chapitre 12 (Journal 6)
	9	Préparation examen oral (Internet 394)			
	10	Examen oral		8	Révisions examen final
				9	Révisions examen final
	13	Examen oral		10	Préparation examen oral (Internet 544)
	14	Révisions de mi-semestre		11	Examen oral
	15	Révisions de mi-semestre		12	Examen oral
	16	Examen de mi-semestre I			
	17	Examen de mi-semestre II			

Examen Final : December 19, 10:00-12:50

2nd oral exam: by appointment Dec. 1-5 (in case of inclement weather interviews may need to be rescheduled during Dead Week)