

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number: FRE 101

Credits: 4

Course Title: Beginning French I

Course Description: Introduces understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills and emphasizes basic French sentence structure. Incorporates exposure to the arts, culture, and literature of the areas of the world where French is spoken. Part I of II. May include one additional hour of oral practice per week. Lecture 4 hours per week.

General Course Purpose:

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

None

Course Objectives:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Comprehend French spoken at normal conversational speed;
- b. Reproduce correctly and easily the sounds, intonations, and patterns of spoken French;
- c. Use essential vocabulary, including idiomatic phrases;
- d. Know and use many regular and some irregular verbs in the present tense;
- e. Correctly use declarative and interrogative sentences;
- f. Discuss some aspects of French customs and culture;
- g. Demonstrate listening comprehension and speaking skills at the low- to mid-novice level of the ACTFL scale; and
- h. Read and write French at the low- to mid-novice level of the ACTFL scale.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. Pronunciation: sound/symbol relations
- b. Vocabulary for basic communication
- c. Aspects of French culture
- d. Grammar: nouns and pronouns, present tense of basic irregular and regular verbs, subject-verb agreement, noun-adjective agreement

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: Fall, 2000