

Name of Course: French 1

Name of Instructor: Madame Mattie

Class Textbook/Materials

Course Length – Year long

-Discovering French Bleu, McDougal Littell, 1998, ISBN: 0-395-86661-8

Description of the course – French 1 is the introductory course to learning French, focusing on vocabulary/spelling, beginning grammar concepts, conversational French and developing writing skills. French 1 is heavily driven by the learning of vocabulary. This course also allows students to explore the culture of France, especially Paris.

Course content & learning objectives – The following is a breakdown of units we will cover:

-Unit 1: “Bonjour!”

*Greetings

*Introductions

*Numbers 0 – 60 & telling time

-Unit 2: “Les Copains et la Famille”

*Identifying friends and family

*Days of the week, months, holidays, and ages

*Numbers 60-100

-Unit 3: “Bon appétit!”

*Ordering foods & drinks

*Asking prices and borrowing money

*Identify French money

*Weather & season terms

-Unit 4: “Qu’est-ce qu’on fait?”

*Daily activities

*Expressing what you like/don’t like to do

*Ask/answer questions about activities

*Invitations (Accepting/declining)

-Unit 5: “Le monde personnel et familial”

*Describing personality/physical traits

*Room descriptions

*Everyday object vocabulary

*Colors and other adjectives

*Expressing opinion

-Unit 6: “En Ville”

*Describing city buildings & places of interest

*Asking/giving directions

*House & apartment descriptions

*Discussing future or weekend plans

*Possessive adjectives

*Music & sports vocabulary

-Unit 7: “Le shopping”

*Clothing, shopping & style vocabulary

*Talk about money (numbers 100 – 1000)

*Demonstrative adjectives

*Making suggestions and commands

-Unit 8: “Le temps libre” (Lesson 30)

*Past tense of regular verbs

*Discuss weekend activities in past, present & future

Assessments include vocabulary quizzes in which students must spell the word in French, occasional grammar quizzes, and tests over each Unit. Tests will be given every 2-3 weeks with sufficient notice and may include fill-in-the-blank, multiple choice, listening, writing.

Daily/weekly assignments, grading procedures, and special projects – Grades for this class will include the following breakdown: 50% tests & quizzes, 30% projects & daily assignments and 20% oral participation. Vocabulary and grammar will be quizzed about twice weekly, and tests are given over the entire unit every 2-3 weeks. French 1 students will present a culture project on the city of Paris.

