



Soldan International High School

World Languages Department

French 1

2024-2025 Course Syllabus



Instructor Information

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Bienvenue à Français 1 & 2!

This course introduces students to the basics of the French language and Francophone cultures. Students will develop foundational skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in French. By the end, students will engage in simple conversations, understand basic texts, and appreciate aspects of Francophone culture.

Technology Policy

We will use Microsoft Teams for coordinating class materials and remote learning when necessary. Students are expected to bring their charged laptops to every class, as most materials will be online.

Purpose & Objectives:

- Develop proficiency in French at the Novice-Low level according to ACTFL standards.
 - Understand and use basic French vocabulary and phrases.
 - Formulate simple sentences and questions.
 - Develop listening comprehension and presentation skills.
 - Engage in basic conversations about everyday topics.
 - Read and understand simple French texts.
 - Appreciate Francophone cultures and customs

Course Materials

To be successful in French 1 & 2, you are expected to bring the following supplies to every class:

- A notebook (for journaling and notetaking)
- A writing utensil (pen or pencil)
- A laptop & a charger

Classroom Policies

- **Hall Passes:** For emergencies only. Use restrooms and get water during passing periods. Abuse of hall passes will result in loss of privileges.
- **Food and Drink:** Allowed if it does not cause a distraction and any mess is cleaned up.
- **Electronic Devices:** Only district-issued laptops are permitted. Personal electronic devices are not allowed.
- **Grades:** Posted regularly in SIS. Expect two grades per week.

Assessments and Grading

Grades are based on the following percentages:

- **Do-Nows & Exit Slips (15%):** *Every day when you enter class, you'll begin with a quick "Do-Now" activity. These activities help you warm up and prepare for the day's lesson. Your "Do-Now Participation" grade reflects your consistency in completing these tasks. At the end of each week, your participation in these activities will be combined into one grade. This is an easy way to earn points and stay engaged from the moment you enter class.*
- **Class Participation (20%):** *Class participation is essential to your learning experience. This grade reflects your active involvement in class discussions, group work, speaking in French, and overall engagement. Each week, you'll earn points based on how much you contribute and participate in class activities. Being attentive, respectful, and proactive will help you excel in this area.*
- **Duolingo Homework (15%):** *Practicing your French skills outside of class is just as important as what we do together. Your "Duolingo Homework" grade is based on the XP (experience points) you earn each week through completing exercises in the Duolingo app. Hitting your weekly XP target will earn you full points in this category. This is a fun and flexible way to improve your language skills and earn credit toward your grade.*
- **In-Class Assignments & Projects (25%):** *Assignments and projects allow you to demonstrate what you've learned in more depth. Whether it's a written assignment, a presentation, or a creative project, this part of your grade reflects your understanding of the material and your ability to apply it. Each assignment or project will be graded based on specific criteria, which you'll receive in advance, so you know exactly what is expected and how you can do your best work.*
- **Quizzes & Tests (25%):** *Quizzes and tests are summative assessments meant to demonstrate your knowledge and progressive growth throughout the semester. They'll be completed in-class, so you'll need to schedule a make-up day if you are going to miss the assessment.*

Classroom Procedures and Expectations

1. **Daily Routine:** Arrive on time and prepared, engage in warm-up activities, participate in lessons and group work, complete assessments, and reflect on learning targets.
2. **Absences:** Catch up on missed work by checking Teams. Contact me via email if you are going to miss a quiz or test. Work must be made up within one week for full credit. Late work thereafter will be recorded as a zero.

3. **Academic Dishonesty:** Plagiarism, cheating, or any form of academic dishonesty (including the use of translation apps) will result in consequences, including a grade of 0.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- Engage in conversations, provide and obtain information, express emotions, and exchange opinions.
- Understand and interpret written and spoken French on various topics.
- Demonstrate understanding of Francophone cultural practices and perspectives.
- Reinforce knowledge of other disciplines through the study of French.
- Compare French and their own language and culture to understand both better.
- Use French within and beyond the school setting.
- Show evidence of lifelong learning by using French for personal enrichment.

Additional Information

- **Field Trips/Events:** Opportunities to attend French-related events or activities throughout the year. Details provided in advance.
- **Disciplinary Actions:** Persistent misbehavior will lead to referrals to school administration. The disciplinary process includes:
 - Oral warning
 - Teacher-student conference
 - Phone call to family
 - Written referral to counselor or disciplinarian.

Acknowledgement

I have read the syllabus and understand the course description, classroom procedures, and expectations.

Student: [Print Name]

[Signature]

[Date]