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1. Course Staff and Contact Details			
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2. Course Details	
Credit Points	6
Summary of the Course	ARTS1480 Introductory French A is specially designed for students with NO (or almost no) previous knowledge of French. It is the first stage in the core language sequence for French: if taken together with ARTS1481 (Semester 2), it will allow you to proceed to further study of French in the core language courses ARTS2480 Intermediate French A and ARTS2481 Intermediate French B. It enables students to gain basic competencies in speaking, reading, writing and listening to French and provides an introduction to French and Francophone culture.
Aims of the Course	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide students with basic conversational French skills; 2. to enable students to listen to and understand basic French; 3. to equip students with the ability to read basic everyday French; 4. to equip students with the ability to write basic French, for instance simple dialogues and letters; 5. to give students an understanding of basic French grammar; 6. to give students an introduction to French and Francophone life and culture.
Student Learning Outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By the end of this course, you should be able to introduce yourself and hold a simple conversation giving and asking basic personal details, describing people you know, talking about everyday activities and expressing likes and dislikes; you should be able to give and refuse permission, express

		opinions and indicate directions;
	2.	you should also have a good basic vocabulary and some basic notions of French grammar, as well as some basic speaking, reading, writing and listening skills in French;
	3.	you should as well become engaged with topics which are important in the French-speaking world;
	4.	finally, you should gain a better understanding of yourself and your environment by examining the French-speaking world.
Graduate Attributes	1.	Scholarly enquiry in French-based disciplinary studies;
	2.	disciplinary knowledge via the French language;
	3.	analytical and critical thinking;
	4.	an appreciation of, and respect for, diversity in language and culture;
	5.	collaborative and multidisciplinary work;
	6.	effective communication.

3. Learning and Teaching Rationale

In order to achieve the required proficiency, students need to apply themselves in a sustained manner and to revise their work continually. The regular assessment tests are designed to assess this progressive work and revision in speaking, reading, listening and writing skills, as well as grammar. These tests also provide students with regular timely and necessary feedback, so that they may improve their performance or further discuss their progress and learning strategies. **To help students monitor their proficiency and efficiently prepare for the tests, an independent work schedule, complementing the in-class work program, will be posted online as well as some weekly self-evaluation exercises.**

The teaching approach is communicative, which means that the course focuses on the language, communicative strategies and cultural factors in daily person-to-person interaction. The structures of the language are presented in context, so grammar is generally learnt by the process of inferring the rules from the communicative situations practised orally in French.

Class activities include:

- a. The study and learning of dialogues on video or CD to develop listening skills and pronunciation.
- b. The use of role play and group/pair activities to develop interactive speaking skills.

The study of grammar concepts and rules through observation and practice of the target language.

This course is a beginners-level language course. All students who have had some experience with the language, either as a heritage language or previous instruction, must fill in the placement questionnaire available at

<https://hal.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/courses/language-placements>

4. Teaching Strategies

The teaching strategies are designed to enable students to have a considerable amount of contact with the French language, including responding to instructions in French. This will help students to improve their skills efficiently. There are background lectures on the French language and culture, as well as grammar lectures in English. These lectures introduce students to specific vocabulary, through cultural topics of today's French speaking world, and to basic notions of grammar, in the context of the dialogues practised in class. Apart from these lectures, the language of communication used in the classroom is **mainly French**.

Please note that musical excerpts or background music may be part of tasks and exercises.

5. Course Assessment					
Assessment Task	Length	Weight	Learning Outcomes Assessed	Graduate Attributes Assessed	Due Date
TEST #1, <i>Vocabulary + Grammar</i>	45 minutes	20%	1, 2, 3, 4	1, 2, 4, 6	Week 5, Wed. 2 / 04 / 2014
TEST #2, <i>Reading + Listening</i>	1 hour	15%	1, 2, 3, 4	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Week 9, Wed. 7 / 05 / 2014
TEST #3, <i>Writing</i>	1 hour	20%	1, 2, 3, 4	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Week 12, Wed 28 / 05 / 2014
TEST #4, <i>Speaking</i>	30 minutes (10 minute-recording)	15%	1, 2, 3, 4	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Week 13, Wed 04 / 06 / 2014
FINAL EXAM	2 hours	30%	1, 2, 3, 4	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	TBA

Please Note: In addition to fulfilling the above assessment requirements, students are expected to attend at least 80% of their lectures and tutorials in order to pass the course.

Formal Examination

This course has a formal examination which will be scheduled in the formal examination period from 13 – 30 June 2014. Students are expected to give their studies priority and this includes making themselves available for the entire examination period. Travel commitments made prior to the publication of the final examination timetable are not a valid reason for alternate assessment.

Grades

All results are reviewed at the end of each semester and may be adjusted to ensure equitable marking across the School.

The proportion of marks lying in each grading range is determined not by any formula or quota system, but by the way that students respond to assessment tasks and how well they meet the objectives of the course. Nevertheless, since higher grades imply performance that is well above average, the number of distinctions and high distinctions awarded in a typical course is relatively small. At the other extreme, on average 6.1% of students do not meet minimum standards and a little more (8.6%) in first year courses. For more information on the grading categories see

<https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/academiclife/assessment/GuideToUNSWGrades.html>

Submission of Assessment Tasks

Assignments which are submitted to the School Assignment Box must have a properly completed School Assessment Coversheet, with the declaration signed and dated by hand. The Coversheet can be downloaded from <https://hal.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/courses/course-outlines/>. It is your responsibility to make a backup copy of the assignment prior to submission and retain it.

Assignments must be submitted before 4:00pm on the due date. Assignments received after this time will be marked as having been received late.

Late Submission of Assignments

Late assignments will attract a penalty. Of the total mark, 3% will be deducted each day for the first week, with Saturday and Sunday counting as two days, and 10% each week thereafter.

The penalty may not apply where students are able to provide documentary evidence of illness or serious misadventure. Time pressure resulting from undertaking assignments for other courses does not constitute an acceptable excuse for lateness.

6. Attendance/Class Clash

Attendance

Students are expected to be regular and punctual in attendance at all classes in the courses in which they are enrolled. Explanations of absences from classes or requests for permission to be absent from classes should be discussed with the teacher and where applicable accompanied by a medical certificate. If students attend less than 80% of their possible classes they may be refused final assessment.

Students who falsify their attendance or falsify attendance on behalf of another student will be dealt with under the student misconduct policy.

Class Clash

A student who is approved a permissible clash must fulfil the following requirements:

- a. The student must provide the Course Convenor with copies of lecture notes from those lectures missed on a regular basis as agreed by the Course Convenor and the student.
- b. If a student does attend a lecture for which they had secured a permitted clash they will still submit lecture notes as evidence of attendance.
- c. **Failure to meet these requirements is regarded as unsatisfactory performance in the course and a failure to meet the Faculty's course attendance requirement. Accordingly, Course Convenors will fail students who do not meet this performance/attendance requirement.**
- d. Students must attend the clashed lecture on a specific date if that lecture contains an assessment task for the course such as a quiz or test. Inability to meet this requirement would be grounds for a Course Convenor refusing the application. If the student misses the said lecture there is no obligation on the Course Convenor to schedule a make-up quiz or test and the student can receive zero for the assessment task. It should be noted that in many courses a failure to complete an assessment task can be grounds for course failure.

7. Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

Plagiarism is presenting someone else's thoughts or work as your own. It can take many forms, from not having appropriate academic referencing to deliberate cheating.

In many cases plagiarism is the result of inexperience about academic conventions. The University has resources and information to assist you to avoid plagiarism.

The Learning Centre assists students with understanding academic integrity and how to not plagiarise. Information is available on their website: <http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au/plagiarism/>. They also hold workshops and can help students one-on-one.

If plagiarism is found in your work when you are in first year, your lecturer will offer you assistance to improve your academic skills. They may ask you to look at some online resources, attend the Learning Centre, or sometimes resubmit your work with the problem fixed. However, more serious instances in first year, such as stealing another student's work or paying someone to do your work, may be investigated under the Student Misconduct Procedures.

Repeated plagiarism (even in first year), plagiarism after first year, or serious instances, may also be investigated under the Student Misconduct Procedures. The penalties under the procedures can include a reduction in marks, failing a course or for the most serious matters (like plagiarism in an Honours thesis) or even suspension from the university. The Student Misconduct Procedures are available here:

<http://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/documents/studentmisconductprocedures.pdf>

8. Course Schedule

To view course timetable, please visit: <http://www.timetable.unsw.edu.au/>

Week Commencing:	Topic	Lecture Content	Tutorial/Lab Content	Readings
Weeks 1 to 3	VO1 – Unit 1	Spelling, greetings & numbers	Spelling, greetings & numbers	Textbook VO1 + Exercise book VO1 + Grammar book
Weeks 4 to 6	VO1 – Unit 2	Personal identification	Personal identification	Textbook VO1 + Exercise book VO1 + Grammar book
Weeks 7 to 9	VO1 – Unit 3	Surroundings & localization	Surroundings & localization	Textbook VO1 + Exercise book VO1 + Grammar book
Weeks 10 to 13	VO1 – Unit 4	Description + Likes & dislikes	Description + Likes & dislikes	Textbook VO1 + Exercise book VO1 + Grammar book

A detailed program of lectures and tutorials and practical class topics for each week, together with grammar homework and preparations, online activities, relevant readings from textbook and other reference material identified for the course will be available on the online platform.

The course program is subject to change in response to the needs of students. Students are advised to check regularly for updates on the Online Platform.

9. Course Resources	
Textbook Details	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>VERSION ORIGINALE, Méthode de français</i>, Student's Book, (sold with CD and DVD), Paris, Éditions Maison des langues. • <i>VERSION ORIGINALE, Méthode de français</i>, A French Course for English Speakers, Workbook, Paris, Éditions Maison des langues. • GRÉGOIRE M., <i>Grammaire progressive du français : niveau débutant</i>, CLE. (Note : Students should also buy the accompanying answer booklet <i>Corrigés</i>) • ROWLINSON et al., <i>Oxford Paperback French Dictionary & Grammar</i>, OUP. 	
Journals	
Additional Readings	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Collins Robert French-English/English-French Dictionary</i>, Collins • <i>Oxford-Hachette French Dictionary</i>, Oxford <p>For students who wish to revise English grammar, the following book is also recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MORTON J., <i>English grammar for students of French</i>, Olivia & Hill (available at the Bookshop and in the Library) 	
Websites	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://teaching.unsw.edu.au/elearning to access the course online platform (Moodle); • https://student.unsw.edu.au/lecture-recordings to access recorded lectures; • http://versionoriginale.difusion.com/wpmu/ the Version Originale URL link to complement the textbook; • http://www.lepointdufle.net/debutants.htm exercises for independent revisions; • http://french.typeit.org/ how to type French punctuation. 	

10. Course Evaluation and Development

Courses are periodically reviewed and students' feedback is used to improve them. Feedback is gathered using various means including UNSW's Course and Teaching Evaluation and Improvement (CATEI) process.

11. Student Support

The Learning Centre is available for individual consultation and workshops on academic skills. Find out more by visiting the Centre's website at: <http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au>

12. Grievances

All students should be treated fairly in the course of their studies at UNSW. Students who feel they have not been dealt with fairly should, in the first instance, attempt to resolve any issues with their tutor or the course convenors.

If such an approach fails to resolve the matter, the School of Humanities and Languages has an academic member of staff who acts as a Grievance Officer for the School. This staff member is identified on the notice board in the School of Humanities and languages. Further information about UNSW grievance procedures is available at:

<https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/atoz/Complaints.html>

13. Other Information

myUNSW

myUNSW is the online access point for UNSW services and information, integrating online services for applicants, commencing and current students and UNSW staff. To visit myUNSW please visit either of the below links:

<https://my.unsw.edu.au>

<https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/atoz/ABC.html>

OHS

UNSW's Occupational Health and Safety Policy requires each person to work safely and responsibly, in order to avoid personal injury and to protect the safety of others. For all matters relating to Occupational Health, Safety and environment, see

<http://www.ohs.unsw.edu.au/>

Special Consideration

In cases where illness or other circumstances produce repeated or sustained absence, students should apply for Special Consideration as soon as possible.

The application must be made via Online Services in myUNSW. Log into myUNSW and go to My Student Profile tab > My Student Services channel > Online Services > Special Consideration.

Applications on the grounds of illness must be filled in by a medical practitioner. Further information is available at:

<https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/atoz/SpecialConsideration.html>

Student Equity and Disabilities Unit

Students who have a disability that requires some adjustment in their learning and teaching environment are encouraged to discuss their study needs with the course convener prior to or at the commencement of the course, or with the Student Equity Officers (Disability) in the Student Equity and Disabilities Unit (9385 4734). Information for students with disabilities is available at: <http://www.studentequity.unsw.edu.au>

Issues that can be discussed may include access to materials, signers or note-takers, the provision of services and additional examination and assessment arrangements. Early notification is essential to enable any necessary adjustments to be made.