

**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: The goal of the course is for students to actively pursue an understanding and appreciation of French as a Foreign Language. It is intended for all audiences, but is geared toward students in Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, and General Education. This course is also geared toward students that want to use French for traveling purpose, job opportunity, or simply to review or to start learning a new language.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

None

Student Learning Outcomes:

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

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