

FREN 1001 Syllabus

Elementary French I, Section A, 3 Credits

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General Course Information

Description

Elementary French I offers an introduction to listening, speaking, reading, and writing in French and to the culture of French-speaking regions.

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Use French to communicate with peers and the instructor both orally and in writing to create a shared community experience.
- Employ strategies to comprehend texts (in written, aural, and video form) written by and for French speakers.
- Employ strategies to express ideas orally and in writing related to familiar topics in presentational contexts.
- Employ strategies to express ideas in interpersonal contexts in culturally appropriate ways, including identifying and signaling comprehension breakdown, asking and answering questions, and requesting information.
- Understand and communicate the basics of French-speaking cultures, modes of life, and customs.
- Develop intercultural awareness through the study of the similarities and differences among and the relationships between language and culture systems.
- Be prepared to continue developing French language skills and cultural understanding in FREN 1002.

Required Course Materials

PROMENADES, by Mitchell-Mitschke-Tano, Vista Higher Learning (VHL), Boston 2026. 5th edition. ISBN 978-1-66993-425-7. This digital course package includes: a) Supersite Plus w/ vText (interactive digital textbook - 24 Month Access) b) Online Student Activity Manual Workbook (WebSAM) and access to Web-SAM. Available at Barnes and Noble at Georgia Tech.

Grading Policy:

Participation: 12%; Tests 35%, Homework: 36%, Partnered Conversation 10%, Final Exam: 7%.

Grading Scale:

A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	0-59%

Assignments

- Participation: 12%
- Tests: 35% (Test#1:7%, Test#2:7%, Test#3:7%, Test#4:7%, Test#5:7%)
- Homework: 36% (Chapter#1:7%, Ch.#2:7%, Ch.#3:7%, Ch.#4:7%, Ch.#5:7%)
- Partnered Conversation: 10%
- Final Exam: 7%

Description of Graded Components

Participation (12%)

You are expected to attend class and participate, making meaningful contributions to the class. You must actively contribute to pair, group, and class discussions by both asking and answering questions. This also means that you will willingly engage in class activities and will always use the target language, i.e., French. All students are expected to attend every class day, arrive on time, be prepared for the course, and participate actively in the daily class activities.

Homework (36%, 6% per chapter)

VHL Online homework will cover 6 chapters. It will include grammar & vocabulary tutorials and activities, cultural readings and Flash culture videos, and lab activities. The homework needs to be done on a regular basis to help you understand new features in vocabulary and grammar (VHL preview activities) as well as to help consolidate your knowledge of vocabulary and grammar (VHL repetition activities) through additional practice.

Chapter tests (35%, 7% each)

There will be five (5) chapter tests during the semester. They will test the knowledge gained upon the completion of each unit. All tests will follow the same format and include sections such as listening comprehension, writing, grammar, vocabulary, and culture.

Partnered conversation (10%)

This assignment is collaborative work: you will pair up with one or two classmates to create a skit on one of the topics from a given unit. Clear guidelines with expectations will be shared with students in advance. Grading follows a rubric with the following criteria: adherence to the assignment's requirements, pronunciation, vocabulary and grammatical structures, creativity, and inclusion of relevant cultural elements. You will be graded individually.

Final Exam (7%)

It will be administered during Final Exam Week on the scheduled time.

Course Policies

Attendance and/or Participation.

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Academic Integrity

Georgia Tech aims to cultivate a community based on trust, academic integrity, and honor. Students are expected to act according to the highest ethical standards. Review [Georgia Tech's Honor Code](#) and the student [Code of Conduct](#).

Any student suspected of cheating or plagiarism on a quiz, exam, or assignment will be reported to the Office of Student Integrity, who will investigate the incident and identify the appropriate penalty for violations.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

If you are a student with learning needs that require special accommodation, [contact the Office of Disability Services](#) (404-894-2563) as soon as possible to make an appointment to discuss your special needs and to obtain an accommodations letter. Please also e-mail me as soon as possible in order to set up a time to discuss your learning needs.

Student-Faculty Expectations Agreement

At Georgia Tech, we believe that it is important to strive for an atmosphere of mutual respect, acknowledgement, and responsibility between faculty members and the student body. [The Student-Faculty Expectations](#) articulate some basic expectations that you can have of me and that I have of you. In the end, simple respect for knowledge, hard work, and cordial interactions will help build the environment we seek. Therefore, I encourage you to remain committed to the ideals of Georgia Tech while in this class.

Collaboration, Group Work, and Use of Generative AI.

You are allowed to work in groups on the partnered conversation project, but any work you turn in must be written in your own hand. In-class tests and exams are to be your own work. All in-class tests and exams will be closed book and notes.

Extra Credit Opportunities

During the semester, you will have the opportunity to participate in French-related cultural activities, Table francophone, French Club meetings, International Education Week, on-campus and off-campus exhibits and conferences, etc. Up to three (3) extra credit points will be added to your chapter test scores per event attended. Please note: attending cultural activities will not make up for incurring unexcused absences.

Extensions, Late Assignments, & Re-Scheduled/Missed Exams

Late homework will be penalized accordingly. Make-up exams are given for illness, approved Institute activities or religious observances.

Inclement Weather and Digital Learning Days

If a weather-related event affects campus operations, the lecture will pivot to digital instruction. Students will be assigned homework assignments and/or in-class activities to be completed by the end of the class day.

Student Use of Mobile Devices in the Classroom

Please turn off your cell phone in the classroom. Sending text messages, surfing the web, checking emails, or otherwise perform non-class related activities during class will not be tolerated in class.

Campus Resources for Students

Undergraduate Student Academic Success Resources:

- Academic Support: Academic Success and Advising (a unit in the Office of Undergraduate Education & Student Success) provides free support for your courses. Students can attend scheduled supplemental review (PLUS) sessions, stop by Drop-In Tutoring, or schedule a one-on-one appointment through Knack. To explore what options work best for you, please visit us online at success.gatech.edu/tutoring, email us at tutoring@gatech.edu, or come see us at Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons, Suite 283.

Student Well-Being:

At Georgia Tech, we are concerned about your overall physical, social, and mental well-being. A [comprehensive list](#) of wellness related resources has been compiled and maintained by the Office of the Vice President for Student Engagement and Well-being ([student-resource-guide \(gatech.edu\)](#))