

Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Science Program
 Bachelor of Arts Program
 Bachelor of Business Administration Program
 Bachelor of Nursing Science Program

Faculty/Institute/College: Mahidol University International College

2. **Course Code:** ICML 121 **Course Title:** Elementary French I
3. **Number of Credits:** 4 (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite:** None
5. **Type of Course:** General Education
6. **Trimester / Academic Year:**
Trimester 1, 2 and 3 / Every year
7. **Enrollment Cap :** 20
8. **Course Description:** Covers fundamental grammar and vocabulary in order to lead the students to an elementary level of proficiency. Emphasis is placed on developing listening, speaking, reading and writing skills through an integrated approach.
9. **Course Objectives:** At the end of each unit, the students will master the following skills:

Unit 0

Language skills

- French phonemes; French alphabet;
- French punctuation;
- How to read French;
- Numbers from 0 to 10;
- Language tools for the French class.

Unit 1

Language skills

How to...

- Introduce yourself;
- Greet other people;
- Tell your name;
- Tell your nationality;
- Tell your occupation;
- Tell where you live;
- Count from 11 to 20.

Grammar

- Common nouns and proper nouns;
- Gender of nouns;
- Plural of nouns;
- Articles (definite, indefinite);

- Qualifying adjective
(agreement and word order in a noun *cum* adjective syntagma);
- Personal pronoun used as a verb subject;
- Present tense forms of the *-er* verbs: *téléphoner*;
- Present tense forms of the auxiliary verb *avoir*;
- Present tense forms of the auxiliary verb *être*;
- Numbers from 10 to 20;
- Interrogative form (1. Rising tone).

Culture

- Greeting people.

Unit 2

Language skills

How to...

- Give personal information (surname, name, age, nationality, profession, address);
- Request and understand personal information;
- Talk about your family;
- Request and understand information about somebody's family;
- Count from 21 to 69.

Grammar

- Present form of the pronominal verbs;
- Contracted article 1. (*à* + definite article);
- Prepositions used to tell the place (*à, en, au, chez*);
- Numbers from 20 to 69;
- Interrogative form 2. (Subject and verb inversion);
- Interrogative adverbs 1. (*Qui, quand, où, que*);
- Identification question 1. (*Qui est-ce?*);
- Possessive adjective;
- Country names, nationality names and adjectives, language names.

Culture

- The management team of a French company.

Unit 3

Language skills

How to...

- Book a hotel room;
- Tell and understand phone numbers;
- Tell dates.

Grammar

- Present tense forms of the *-re* verbs: *attendre, prendre*;
- Present tense forms of the irregular verbs: *faire*;
- Contracted article 2. (*de* + definite article);
- Year, months, days and dates.

Culture

- Make a phone call.

10. Course Outline:

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture / Seminar	Hours	
1.	Presentation of the course Unit 0 part 1. Unit 0 part 2.	1h50 1h50	Assigned section instructor.
2.	Unit 0 part 3. – Oral activities Unit 1 part 1.	1h50 1h50	"
3.	Unit 1 part 2. Unit 1 part 3.	1h50 1h50	"
4.	Unit 1 part 4. – Oral activities Quiz Unit 1 & review Unit 1.	1h50 1h50	"
5.	Unit 2 part 1. Unit 2 part 2.	1h50 1h50	"
6.	Unit 2 part 3. Unit 2 part 4.	1h50 1h50	"
7.	Unit 2 part 5. – Oral activities Quiz Unit 2 & review Unit 2.	1h50 1h50	"
8.	Unit 3 part 1. Unit 3 part 2.	1h50 1h50	"
9.	Unit 3 part 3. Unit 3 part 4.	1h50 1h50	"
10.	Unit 3 part 5. – Oral activities Quiz Unit 3 & review Unit 3.	1h50 1h50	"
11.	Review Units 0 to 3 – Oral activities	1h50 1h50	"
	Total	40	

N.B. The coordinator reserves the right to change topics when appropriate.

11. Teaching Methods

Lecture;
Practical exercises and activities.

12. Teaching Media

Textbook: Adaptation of *Le Français à Grande Vitesse*, Truscott, Mitchell & Tazun, Hachette ed., 1994.
CD Rom for student and *Empower French* with Internet hyperlinks.
Computerized audiovisual materials.

13. Measurement and Evaluation of Student Achievement

Students achievement is measured by	ratio of mark
13.1. Quizzes, oral evaluation & portfolio project	50 %
13.2 . Final examination	50 %

Student achievement will be graded according to College and University standard using the symbols A, B+, B, C+, C, D+, D and F.

Students must have attended at least 80% of the total class hours of the course to receive a final grade. Grading criteria : 85% and above will have grade A ; 60 % and under will have grade F.

14. Course Evaluation

14.1 Student achievement as indicated in number 13 above.

14.2 Student evaluation of course and instructor by means of questionnaire.

15. References

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages,
http://www.coe.int/T/DG4/Linguistic/CADRE_EN.asp

16. Withdrawal (W)

Applied to students, who attended classes regularly and sat for the required evaluations, until they expressed the wish to withdraw from the course. The students who want to withdraw should inform the instructor as soon as possible (it has to be done before 4 unexcused absences or unexcused non-attendance for quizzes). The student has to attend classes until the official withdraw period close to the end of each trimester. Early withdrawals after some classes will not be allowed. Permission to withdraw from a class must be obtained from the instructor.

17. Academic dishonesty

The instructors in the Modern Language program are very strict on any kind of academic dishonesty. Check your student handbook for details.

18. Instructors

Mr. Bruno Mahon & Mrs Agnieszka Atthasit
Each instructor teaches one or more sections.

19. Course Coordinator

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