

# 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 123              **Course Title:** Elementary French III
3. **Number of Credits:** 4 (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite:** ICML 122 - Elementary French II
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 8

### *Language skills*

#### *How to...*

- Book a table at the restaurant;
- Order a meal at the restaurant;
- Order a drink in a *café*;
- Tell what you like and what you don't like.

### *Grammar*

- Partitive article;
- Past participle (regular verbs);
- *Passé composé* built with *avoir*;
- Present tense forms of the *-er* verbs: *payer*;
- Present tense forms of the *-re* verbs: *boire*;
- Personal pronoun used as direct object complement;
- Use of *avoir* to express feelings (*avoir* + name without article).

### *Culture*

- French people and food.

## Unit 9

### *Language skills*

#### *How to...*

- Order traveller's cheques;
- Ask for an exchange rate;
- Open a bank account;
- Tell your address.

### *Grammar*

- Present tense conjugations patterns (recapitulation);
- 'Going to' future tense: *aller* + infinitive;
- Verbs followed by another verb at the infinitive form;
- Meanings of the present and *passé composé* tenses.

### *Culture*

- The Euro currency.

## Unit 10

### *Language skills*

#### *How to...*

- Buy gifts;
- Ask for and understand directions;
- Talk about the future.

### *Grammar*

- Present tense forms of the *-oir* verbs: *voir*;
- Imperative mode;
- Future tense (*indicatif futur*);
- Telling quantities.

### *Culture*

- Attending and celebrating various events.

## Unit 11

### *Language skills*

#### *How to...*

- Buy clothes;
- Tell what you like and what you don't like.

### *Grammar*

- Present tense forms of the *-re* verbs: *plaire, écrire et connaître*;
- Complex negative patterns: *ne... plus, ne... jamais, ne... rien, ne... personne, ne... ni..., ni...;*
- Colour adjectives.

### *Culture*

- Fashion in France.

## 10. Course Outline:

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

*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

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| 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](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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