

FRENCH 1212
ADVANCED FRENCH GRAMMAR & COMPOSITION

Prerequisite: French 1000 (202) or higher taken at the University of Pennsylvania or one of the following scores: **AP 4 or 5, SAT >700, IBI 4-7**

Required Texts: Albert Camus: L'étranger. Also available online in the class Canvas site.

Course Description: Entirely conducted in French, the course provides the grammatical knowledge and the necessary grounding students need to comprehend complex readings and to write advanced papers in French. French 1212 aims at preparing students to take advanced literary and civilization courses at the University of Pennsylvania or in a Francophone university.

By the end of this course students will:

- improve their grammar knowledge and fine tune it through literary excerpts, songs, poems, and articles from French papers and magazines
- expand their vocabulary and discourse level
- increase their fluency and accuracy
- enhance their writing skills by using correct sentence structure and grammar to produce coherent essays
- develop their reading comprehension skills and critical analysis of literary excerpts

Assignments & Assessments:

- Graded written and online grammar exercises: **15%**
- 2 papers (3-4 pages), submitted in two drafts: **25%**
- 3 to 4 quizzes: **15%**
- 3 exams (grammar exercises): **30%**
- Participation: **15%**

Class Structure

Type of Activity	Description
Required Readings & Assignments	In preparation for class, students are required to read PPT lessons and complete self-corrected exercises
Practice Exercises	In pairs or groups and in full class discussions
Written Exercises	Outside class assignments submitted in class
Student Presentations	Small group outside class preparation and live in-class presentations
Peer Assignments	Students review peers' work, provide feedback of how they might improve
Online Exercises	Auto-graded online exercises completed outside class
Quizzes and Exams	In-class assessments of 20 minutes for quizzes and 60 minutes for exams

Steps for a Successful Experience in French 1212

1. Attend all classes, pay attention, and participate. Use every minute to your advantage.
2. Read the PPT grammar lessons in advance and test your knowledge with the self-corrected exercises at the bottom of the slides.
3. Correct your exercises with a different color. The more of these you do, the better you will do in class.
4. Discuss and debate the material with a classmate. Figure out what you don't know and what you need to review, and do not hesitate to ask me questions.
5. Start all your assignments early and complete them ahead of the due date and time.
6. When class is in session, take risks. Making mistakes will benefit you and your classmates. We are all here to learn not to be perfect.
7. Make the most of all the class sessions to work with your classmates. Working together allows you to learn from each other, challenge each other, and check what you really know.
8. Come to my office hours if you are stuck, be it on homework, on something discussed in class, or to discuss any other matter.

Relax and enjoy the course!