

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 games
- 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

Attendance and engagement:

Successful foreign language learning requires daily practice. Students are expected to attend all class meetings and submit assignments according to the guidelines indicated on Canvas.

Assignments & Assessments:

- Graded written and online grammar exercises: **15%**
- 4 in-class essays on L'étranger: **25%**
- 3 to 4 quizzes: **15%**
- 3 exams (grammar exercises): **30%**
- Participation: **15%**

Class Structure

Type of Activities	Description
Required Readings & Assignments	In preparation for class, students are required to read PPT lessons (most of them with recorded explanations) and complete self-corrected exercises
Practice Exercises	In pairs or groups and in full class discussions
Games & Songs	In-class games (Jeopardy, Kahoot...) and songs to reinforce grammar acquisition
Graded Written Exercises	Assignments submitted and corrected in class or completed online
Quizzes and Exams	In-class assessments of 20 minutes for quizzes and 60 minutes for exams
Discussions on <u>L'étranger</u>	Class discussions on every 2 chapters of the novel
Essays on <u>L'étranger</u>	In-class written essays on the novel
Group Presentations	One group preparation and live in-class presentation on <u>L'étranger</u>

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. Correct your exercises with a different color. The more of these you do, the better you will do in class.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Start all your assignments early and complete them ahead of the due date and time.
6. Come to my office hours if you are stuck, be it on homework, on something discussed in class, or to discuss any other matter.