



**I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

FRN102 is part of a six-part program that explores many aspects of the French language, culture and history. This course covers introductory French conversation and involves the fundamentals of French grammar. The content of the conversation, discussion and exercises for this course focuses on Quebec. Cultural events such as the Montreal Jazz Festival, the Quebec Winter Carnival and Acadian and Louisiana cultures are included. The cultural and language similarities and differences with France are explored.

**II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Comprehend, write and speak in basic grammatical French.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Recognize and use:
  - a. gender and number in nouns
  - b. the definite, indefinite **and** partitive articles
  - c. adjectival agreement (qualifying, demonstrative, possessive and syntax)
  - d. personal, , **possessive** and demonstrative pronouns
  - e. 3 main verb groups in the present tense: er, ir, dre
  - f. regular, irregular and pronominal verbs
  - g. 3 main verb groups in the perfect and imperfect
  - h. near future and immediate past tenses
  - i. agreement of past participles with to have and to be

2. Develop **social** conversation skills.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- work in diads and groups at greetings and other social interactions on topics such as:
  - a. health
  - b. shopping and fashion
  - c. studies at college and university
  - d. food and restaurant
  - e. family interactions
  - f. Acadian culture

3. Analyze the cultural origins and values of Quebec.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- complete language exercises, the content of which places students in a variety of different settings
- recognize and discuss the multicultural elements of the Quebec French traditions

**Note: Each chapter has a cultural note that explores the differences between the language and culture of Quebec and France.**

**III. TOPICS:**

- a. Le magasinage et la mode
- b. Les études et la carrière
- c. Les sports
- d. Les voyages
- e. Arts et spectacles
- f. Autoroute électronique
- g. Acadie

**IV. METHODOLOGY:**

A variety of teaching methods are used including lecture, small group discussions, role plays, along with individual presentations.

**V. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:**

Parmentier, M., & Potvin, D. (2007). *En bons termes* (7<sup>th</sup> ed.). Toronto: Prentice Hall

**VI. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:**

**Major Assignments and Testing:**

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Five (5) Grammar tests x 10%            | 50%         |
| Five (5) Short written assignments x 6% | 30%         |
| Two (2) Oral presentations x 10%        | 20%         |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>100%</b> |

**The following semester grades will be assigned to students in postsecondary courses:**

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Definition</u>  | <u>Grade Point Equivalent</u> |
|--------------|--|-------------------------------|
| A+           | 90 – 100%  | 4.00                          |
| A            | 80 – 89%   | 3.00                          |
| B            | 70 - 79%   | 2.00                          |
| C            | 60 - 69%   | 1.00                          |
| D            | 50 – 59%   | 0.00                          |
| F (Fail)     | 49% and below  |                               |
| CR (Credit)  | Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.  |                               |
| S            | Satisfactory achievement in field /clinical placement or non-graded subject area.  |                               |
| U            | Unsatisfactory achievement in field/clinical placement or non-graded subject area.   |                               |
| X            | A temporary grade limited to situations with extenuating circumstances giving a student additional time to complete the requirements for a course. |                               |
| NR           | Grade not reported to Registrar's office.  |                               |
| W            | Student has withdrawn from the course without academic penalty.  |                               |

**Note:** For such reasons as program certification or program articulation, certain courses require minimums of greater than 50% and/or have mandatory components to achieve a passing grade.

It is also important to note, that the minimum overall GPA required in order to graduate from a Sault College program remains 2.0.

## VII. SPECIAL NOTES:

### Disability Services:

If you are a student with special needs (e.g. physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, or learning disabilities), you are encouraged to discuss required accommodations with your instructor and/or the Disability Services office. Visit Room E1101 or call Extension 2703 so that support services can be arranged for you.

Retention of course outlines:

It is the responsibility of the student to retain all course outlines for possible future use in acquiring advanced standing at other postsecondary institutions.

Communication:

Sault College has implemented WebCt/LMS as a tool of communication. The professor will inform students as to how this tool will be used in this course, and students are responsible for using this tool as directed.

Plagiarism:

Students should refer to the definition of “academic dishonesty” in the Student Code of Conduct. Students who engage in “academic dishonesty” will receive an automatic failure for that submission and/or such other penalty, up to and including expulsion from the course/program, as may be decided by the professor/dean. In order to protect students from inadvertent plagiarism, to protect the copyright of the material referenced, and to credit the author of the material, it is the policy of the department to employ a documentation format for referencing source material.

Course outline amendments:

The Professor reserves the right to change the information contained in this course outline depending on the needs of the learner and the availability of resources.

Substitute course information is available in the Registrar's office.

**VIII. PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT:**

Students who wish to apply for advance credit transfer (advanced standing) should obtain an Application for Advance Credit from the program coordinator (or the course coordinator regarding a general education transfer request) or academic assistant. Students will be required to provide an unofficial transcript and course outline related to the course in question.

Credit for prior learning will also be given upon successful completion of a challenge exam or portfolio.