

SYLLABUS FOR FRENCH III ACCP – Fundamentals of Fr. 1100 and 1150
Year 2009-2010

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Material: Ensuite – 4th edition – by Bette G. Hirsch and Chantal P. Thompson; Publisher: McGraw-Hill

Troisième livre by Amsco School Publications, Inc.

National French Contests, level 3, for listening and reading comprehension

One or two movies, such as La Belle et la Bete and Ponette

Objectives:

- To review elementary grammar structures and learn *all* the major grammar concepts of French grammar.
- To develop good writing skills through guided compositions assigned weekly.
- To develop oral communication skills through acquisition of active vocabulary pertaining to everyday aspects of life. Students are encouraged to react, talk and exchange ideas. They will be required to make some oral presentations to the class.
- To work on reading comprehension of longer and more complex literary passages, and of articles taken out of current publications such as Journal Francais.

Grading:

Grading is cumulative. The students' progress will be assessed regularly through quizzes, correction of homework, some oral presentations, and tests given at the end of each grammar lesson. The composition assigned weekly will be graded according to the rubric posted on in the classroom.

Late work: please refer to the Sion handbook. If no new material is presented on the day prior to an announced test, the student will be expected to take it on the day she returns to school.

Cheating:

It will result in an automatic zero. Please refer to the policy stated in your Sion handbook and in the Rockhurst catalogue (pages 249-250). The use of online translators is prohibited, but you may consult the dictionaries offered on the Internet.

Syllabus:

This schedule is tentative. It is subject to change to accommodate the level of a specific group of students, and calendar constraints.

First semester

August

Ensuite- ch..1 - Description d'une personne – physical, clothing, personality

Present tense of regular verbs and verbs with spelling changes

How to use your French dictionary

September

Ch. 2 – La famille

Adjectives, forms and position – Ensuite page 13-16, Amsco page 355.

Present tense of irregular verbs, uses of present, depuis

Adverbs – Ensuite pages 33, 34

Imperative

Passé composé using Avoir and Etre

October

Passé composé of reflexive verbs

Ch. 3 – La maison, les meubles, les appareils ménagers

Imparfait and its uses

Song: La Boulangère. Reading: Prière d'un enfant nègre, page 78

Ch. 4 – L'école, les fournitures scolaires

Imparfait versus passé composé

Reading: Le Petit Prince, page 62

November

Ch. 5 – Activités et loisirs des enfants

Negative expressions

Future and its uses

Prepositions plus geographical locations, Ensuite page 244

Conditional and its uses

December

Movie: La Belle et la Bête

Constructions with *en* and *après* plus a verb

Ch. 6 – Le travail et les professions

Review of all simple verb tenses

Second semester

January

Work on reading and listening skills with NFC material

Object pronouns Amsco p. 284...

Use of several pronouns with verbs in various tenses

Ch. 7 – La voiture et la circulation. Review of past tenses, ex. p. 117,118 in Ensuite

Interrogatives – Amsco p. 419

February

Work on reading and listening skills with NFC material

Ch. 8 – Les vacances à la mer, à la montagne

Quel, lequel – Amsco p. 428

All compound tenses – Si clauses

Review exercises using all past tenses; Ensuite, p. 132, 133, 136

Ch. 13 – La nourriture et les repas

C'est/ il est , p. 271 in Amsco

March

Work on reading and listening skills with NFC material

Ch. 9 – Voyager en train et en avion

Possessive and demonstrative pronouns

Comparing adjectives, adverbs and nouns. p. 277... in Ensuite

Some verbs followed by *à* or *de*

Reading: Le Petit Nicolas, page 144

Tout as adjective, pronoun and in idioms, page 153

April

Present subjunctive of regular and irregular verbs

Past subjunctive

Their uses

Ch. 10 – L'enseignement supérieur et des professions libérales

Movie: Ponette

May

Ch. 11 – L'avenir, l'espace

Ch. 13 – La nourriture, les repas

Relative pronouns

Reading: A la recherche du temps perdu, page 182

Reading: Le Corbeau et le Renard, page 202

Review for final exam

