

## **Course Syllabus for FREN 105 – First Year French Conversation Washington State University (Vancouver)**

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**Class Hours:** Thursday 14:50-15:40 (Classroom: VUCB 122),  
**Office Hours:** on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:50-4:50 pm.

### **1. The course**

French 105 is a conversation class that is intended to supplement FREN 101 and offer students the opportunity to practice conversation and work on pronunciation in an informal format. Students with prior experience with French (101 proficiency or placement evaluation by the teacher) can enroll in the class to serve as a refresher and conversation practice. The class will meet once a week for one hour.

The class will be graded Pass-Fail, based on attendance and effort in class (No effort and/or 3 unexcused absences results in a grade of “F/Fail”). The class will explore various ways to improve how to communicate in French through pair/group activities, and guided discussion based on what is being covered in class that week. We may also read short articles and watch videos, and then react orally on the subject in French. As a result, there is no homework for this class since the focus is on conversation during class time.

### **2. Scheduling of the class**

The course is listed “By arrangement” in the time schedule. Please communicate to your instructor (Office: VMMC 202P or Email: [nhinsinger@wsu.edu](mailto:nhinsinger@wsu.edu)) by Thursday, August 27 - 4:50pm at the latest, the time slots that would be the most convenient for you among the ones offered below:

Tuesday – 12:00-1:00 pm  
Tuesday – 5:00-6:00 pm  
Thursday – 12:00-1:00 pm  
Thursday – 2:50-3:50 pm  
Thursday – 5:00-6:00 pm

The definitive schedule will be posted by noon on Friday, August 29 outside my office (VMMC 202P) and the class will begin the following week, and end the week before “Closed week”. Everyone must be officially enrolled in the course before the end of the first week of classes.

### **3. How to contact the teacher**

You can contact me by email ([nhinsinger@wsu.edu](mailto:nhinsinger@wsu.edu)) or by coming to my office during my office hours. I would recommend that you make an appointment in advance as

students with a set appointment will have priority over students just dropping by my office.

I will also provide extra help, clarification on the learning materials and answer any questions before each class time. I will make myself available 10mn before the class starts in our classroom except if there is a conflict with the previous class.

#### **Additional resources**

Additional resources and class information (syllabus, study guide, etc...) will be accessible on my website: [www.nicolas-hinsinger.com](http://www.nicolas-hinsinger.com) . First, click in the menu on “my classes”, then “College”, and then “Washington State University – French 101”. The website also provides links to additional resources to study French (online dictionaries, listening comprehension websites, games, etc...).

#### **4. Students with Disabilities**

Accommodations are available for students with a documented disability. If you have a disability and may need accommodations to fully participate in this class, please visit the Disability Services Program (DSP) Coordinator, located in VSSC Lower Level or by phone at 360-546-9138. All accommodations MUST be approved through the DSP. Once approval has been granted, please notify the instructor immediately of the nature of the accommodation, as late notification may render the accommodation unfeasible.

#### **5. Statement on Plagiarism and Academic Honesty**

According to the Washington State University Student Handbook (WAC 504-25-010 through 015), all instances of plagiarism or collusion will result in the student receiving a failing grade for the course and all incidents of plagiarism and collusion will be reported to the Office of Student Affairs for further university action. Plagiarism is understood to be the attempt to represent the work of another as one’s own or to allow another to represent one’s own work as his or hers. Examples of plagiarism include the direct use of another’s writing in one’s own work without the use of quotation marks or clear attribution, the quotation of texts verbatim without citing such texts, the close paraphrase of other works or other people’s ideas in one’s own work without attribution, collaboration on the final production of papers, examinations, homework or reading responses. Sharing ideas, discussing course material, studying together for examinations is allowed and encouraged, but the product of such endeavors must be your own work, not that of another. Any work (including papers, examinations, reading responses, projects, or anything else) submitted contrary to this policy or any work that you have done which you knowingly allow another student to claim as his or her own, is inappropriate and will be dealt with as such.

#### **6. Emergency Notification System**

WSU has made an **emergency notification system** available for faculty, students and staff. Please register at myWSU with emergency contact information (cell, email, text, etc). You may have been prompted to complete emergency contact information when

registering for classes on ROnet. In the event of a **Building Evacuation**, a map at each classroom entrance shows the evacuation point for each building. Please refer to it. Finally, in case of **class cancellation campus-wide**, please check local media, the WSU Vancouver web page and/or <http://www.flashalert.net/>. Individual class cancellations may be made at the discretion of the instructor. Each individual is expected to make the best decision for their personal circumstances, taking safety into account. Safety plan website - <http://safetyplan.vancouver.wsu.edu/>

## **7. Important Dates and Deadlines**

Please refer to the academic calendar often to be aware of critical deadlines throughout the semester. The academic calendar can be found at [www.registrar.wsu.edu/Registrar/Apps/AcadCal.ASPX](http://www.registrar.wsu.edu/Registrar/Apps/AcadCal.ASPX). Questions regarding the academic calendar can be directed to the Office of Student Affairs in VSSC 100 or call 360-546-9559.