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**Course Outline**

**Course Identification** FR101 **Credits** 4 **Date** 11/05

**Course Title:** First Year French, Term I

**Total Instructional Hours, for course, per term:**

44 Lecture Hours [= 4 Credits]  
0 Laboratory Hours [= 0 Credits]

**Prerequisite Course:**

None

**Required Text:**

*Contacts* 7th ed. Valette and Valette. Houghton Mifflin Co., 2001.

*Cahier d'activites* 7th ed. Valette and Valette. Houghton Mifflin Co., 2001.

**Course Description:**

Introduces the French language (including listening, speaking, reading and writing) and Francophone culture (including geography, customs, daily life, heritage and literature), facilitated by the study of vocabulary, grammar, short readings and guided conversation. Instructor and students use French as the primary language of the class.

**Performance Based Learner Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to perform the following outcomes within a limited range of topics and structures, as specified in Course Content (see below):

- I. **Understand** spoken French, as follows:
  - A. Respond to words and phrases.
  - B. Respond to simple questions and statements supported by context and redundancy.
- II. **Speak** simple French, as follows:
  - A. Pronounce words understandably.
  - B. List objects and activities.
  - C. Identify and describe people and objects.
  - D. Ask and answer simple questions.
- III. **Read** French, as follows:
  - A. Recognize words and phrases, including cognates.
  - B. Interpret simple text through repeated reading and contextual clues.

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- IV. **Write** simple French, as follows:
  - A. Transcribe and spell words accurately.
  - B. Compose lists, questions and simple sentences.
- V. Understand concepts of Francophone **culture**, as follows:
  - A. Explain and use a few polite behaviors and basic nonverbal cues in very limited situations.
  - B. Use appropriate forms of address.
  - C. Describe selected aspects of the geography, history, artistic heritage and cultural practices of the French-speaking world.

**Course Content:**

The content of this course consists of the material in *Contacts* Units 1-4, as follows, in addition to any material provided by the instructor:

- I. Bonjour, les Français !
  - A. Greetings
  - B. French Phonetics
  - C. Spelling Marks
  - D. The French Alphabet
  - E. The Gender of Nouns and Adjectives
  - F. Expressing Preferences
  - G. Intonation
  - H. Culture
    - 1. France and the French
    - 2. French views on racial diversity
    - 3. French-speaking countries overseas
- II. Qui parle français?
  - A. Present tense of **-er** verbs
  - B. Vocabulary: some activities and hobbies
  - C. Negation
  - D. Numbers 0-99
  - E. Telling Time
  - F. The verb **être**
  - G. Using Infinitives
  - H. Forming Questions
    - 1. Yes/No Questions using **Est-ce que**
    - 2. Information Questions
  - I. The Pronoun **On**
  - J. Stress Pronouns
  - K. The Date
  - L. Culture
    - 1. French in North America
    - 2. French in Africa
    - 3. French in the world
- III. Images de la vie
  - A. Present tense of the verb **avoir**
  - B. The indefinite and definite articles
  - C. Vocabulary
    - 1. people and objects
    - 2. pastimes

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- D. Indefinite article in negative sentences
- E. The expression **Il y a**
- F. Descriptive adjectives and their position
- G. Using **Il est** and **C'est**

- H. Contractions of **à** and **de**
- I. The verbs **jouer** and **penser**
- J. The verb **aller**
- K. Forming Questions with Inversion
- L. **Où** and **Comment**
- M. Culture:
  - 1. Two-wheelers
  - 2. French universities
  - 3. The café
  - 4. French cinema

IV. Problèmes d'argent

- A. Vocabulary
  - 1. Money and Personal Finances
  - 2. Family
  - 3. Clothes
  - 4. Lodging
  - 5. Weather and Seasons
- B. Numbers 100-Infinity
- C. Verbs conjugated like **payer**
- D. The expression **être à**
- E. Possession with **de**
- F. Possessive Adjectives
- G. Verbs conjugated like **acheter**
- H. Interrogative Adjective **quell**
- I. Demonstrative Adjective **ce**
- J. Comparative Adjectives
- K. The present tense of **faire**
- L. Prepositions of Place
- M. Superlative Adjectives
- N. Culture:
  - 1. The budget of French students
  - 2. Shopping in France
  - 3. The Latin Quarter; Student lodging
  - 4. Life in Paris