

Fall 2018
FRE 3410 - FRENCH CONVERSATION & INTERACTION
MWF Period 3 (9:35-10:25) - FLI 0101

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REQUIRED TEXT:

- L. Oukada, D. Bertrand, J. Solberg : *Conroverses* (3rd Edition), Cengage Learning, 2016.
- All other materials will be distributed in class, posted on **Canvas** or sent to you via **e-mail**.
- **Films** are to be watched at the Library (or online if available).

COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES:

This course seeks to develop and refine your French oral skills while enhancing your understanding of French culture and thought. In exploring and discussing contemporary issues, you will acquire a more precise vocabulary, and be able to produce effective speech adapted to different cultural contexts. By the end of the course, you should be able to express yourself in French with more confidence; communicate effectively on a wide range of contemporary issues; produce well-structured speech using specific language functions (narration, description, offering and soliciting advice and opinions, expressing feelings, argumentation); establish comparisons between French culture and your own; and use French confidently outside the classroom.

ASSESSMENT:

The final grade scale is as follows:

93-100	A	83-86	B	73-76	C	63-66	D
90-92	A-	80-82	B-	70-72	C-	60-62	D-
87-89	B+	77-79	C+	67-69	D+	Below 60	E

You will be evaluated based on your achievement of the course goals and the following criteria:

Class Participation & Homework Preparation	25%
Canvas Discussions	30%
<i>La classe est à vous !</i>	15%
Mini Presentations	10%
Journal Reflection	10%
Oral Exam	10%

COMPONENTS & REQUIRED WORK:

Attendance, Make-up Policy & Late Work:

Attendance is mandatory and will be assessed by roll call. **Students will lose 1% from their final grade for each unexcused absence.** Absences will be excused in accordance with UF policy. Acceptable excuses include illness, religious holidays, & military obligation: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>.

Should you miss a class for any reason, you are responsible for informing yourself as to the material covered. Except in the case of certified illness or other UF accepted excuse, **there will be no make-up option for missed exams or missed assignments.** Where possible, make-ups should be arranged prior to absence. The instructor also reserves the right to

impose a point penalty on late work, or to refuse to accept late work. **Please consult with me when you cannot hand in an assignment on time.**

Class Participation and Homework Preparation (25%):

Participation in this class is critical and involves a number of variables, including but not limited to: **evidence of your daily preparation** for each class; your **use of French** in the classroom; your **willingness to participate actively in all class activities**; your **cooperation** during group and pair work; your **respect and attitude** toward the class and your peers. Good participation means that students come to class fully prepared and ready to engage with the course material and participate. You must prepare all assigned activities, reading and viewings **before coming** to class, and be ready to engage with the class material in an **alert and enthusiastic manner**. Students who do not prepare assigned activities, readings and viewings, students who do not participate fully in group activities or **speak constantly English** in class will receive a greatly reduced participation grade. Please also refer to the handout “Participation Policies” posted on Canvas for more information about participation grades.

PLEASE NOTE: All cell phones, smartphones and other such devices must be switched off before coming into the classroom and put away. They may not be taken out during exams. Use of laptop computers, I-Pads, etc. is not permitted in the classroom without special permission obtained from the instructor.

Canvas Discussions (30%):

During the semester, you will be required to participate in a number of **Discussions on Canvas** about the course topics covered in class while also demonstrating that you have acquired new vocabulary, and useful key expressions and structures. Additional information and guidelines will be given on Canvas for each Discussion.

***La classe est à vous!* (15%):**

At the beginning of the semester, you will choose a topic among those presented in your textbook, and one classmate to work with for this presentation. Please refer to the handout *La classe est à vous!* for all guidelines.

Mini Presentations (10%):

During the semester, you will be expected to also share and present to your classmates an article or a video **related to the topic of the class session** (5%); AND a current news article or video **NOT related to the topic of the class session** but that you found particularly interesting (5%). More detail will be given in class.

Journal Reflection (10%):

Twice during the semester, you will be asked to submit on Canvas a Journal entry in which you will reflect upon what you have learned so far in this class. More details will be given in class and on Canvas.

Oral Exam (10%):

At the end of the semester, you will take an oral exam with an interview format. Exams will be scheduled individually with me and will take place on **Monday, December 3rd** and on **Wednesday, December 5th**.

Academic Honesty:

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/studentconduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor.

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is a serious violation of the Student Honor Code. The Honor Code prohibits and defines plagiarism as follows: A student shall not represent as the student's own work all or any portion of the work of another. Plagiarism includes (but is not limited to):

- a. Quoting oral or written materials, whether published or unpublished, without proper attribution.
- b. Submitting a document or assignment, which in whole or in part is identical or substantially identical to a document or assignment not authored by the student. (University of Florida, Student Honor Code, <https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conducthonor-code/>).

University of Florida students are responsible for reading, understanding, and abiding by the entire Student Honor Code. Important Tip: Do not copy text verbatim from any source (including your own previous work) unless you show the text as a quote with complete attribution. If a student plagiarizes all or any part of any assignment, University policy suggests that instructors should impose a course grade penalty and report any incident of academic dishonesty to the Office of the Dean of Students. You should know that your work might be tested for its "originality" against a wide variety of databases by anti-plagiarism guardian.

The work you submit in this class is expected to be your own. If you submit work that has been copied from any published or unpublished source (including the Internet) without attribution, or that has been prepared by someone other than you, or that in any way misrepresents somebody else's work as your own, you will face severe disciplining by the university.

Campus Helping Resources: Students experiencing crisis or personal problems that interfere with their general wellbeing are encouraged to utilize the university's counseling resources. The Counseling and Wellness Center provides confidential counseling services at no cost for currently enrolled students. Contact information: <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx>, 392-1575.

Other useful contacts are also the University Police Department: 392-1111.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Contact the Disability Resources Center (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/>) for information about available resources.

Online Course Evaluations: Students are expected to provide feedback on quality of instruction in this course based on 10 criteria. Evaluations are conducted online at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>.

Any additional material for the course, Word or Pdf documents, Powerpoints and links to websites will be posted on the Canvas course site in E-Learning. The course site on Canvas can be accessed through <http://elearning.ufl.edu/> by entering your Gatorlink username and password. Through this site you can also check all your grades during the semester.

CALENDRIER

NOTE: This “Calendrier” may be modified at the discretion of the instructor to correspond to pedagogical imperatives.

Homework will be sent to you (e-mail) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening.

Mercredi 22 août	Présentation du cours
Vendredi 24 août	Chap. Préliminaire
Lundi 27 août	Chap. Préliminaire
Mercredi 29 août	Chap. 1
Vendredi 31 août	Chap. 1
Lundi 3 septembre	NO CLASS (Labor Day)
Mercredi 5 septembre	Chap. 1
Vendredi 7 septembre	Chap. 1 <i>La classe est à vous !</i>
Lundi 10 septembre	Canvas Discussion 1
Mercredi 12 septembre	Chap. 2
Vendredi 14 septembre	Chap. 2
Lundi 17 septembre	Chap. 2
Mercredi 19 septembre	Chap. 2 <i>La classe est à vous !</i>
Vendredi 21 septembre	Canvas Discussion 2
Lundi 24 septembre	Chap. 3
Mercredi 26 septembre	Chap. 3
Vendredi 28 septembre	Chap. 3 <i>La classe est à vous !</i>
Lundi 1 ^{er} octobre	Chap. 3 Canvas Discussion 3
Mercredi 3 octobre	Chap. 4
Vendredi 5 octobre	Chap. 4
Lundi 8 octobre	Chap. 4
Mercredi 10 octobre	Chap. 4 <i>La classe est à vous !</i> Canvas Discussion 4
Vendredi 12 octobre	Chap. 5
Lundi 15 octobre	Chap. 5
Mercredi 17 octobre	Chap. 5
Vendredi 19 octobre	Chap. 5 <i>La classe est à vous !</i>
Lundi 22 octobre	Canvas Discussion 5

Mercredi 24 octobre	Chap. 6
Vendredi 26 octobre	Chap. 6
Lundi 29 octobre	Chap. 6
Mercredi 31 octobre	Chap. 6 <i>La classe est à vous !</i>
Vendredi 2 novembre	NO CLASS (Homecoming)
Lundi 5 novembre	Canvas Discussion 6
Mercredi 7 novembre	Chap. 7
Vendredi 9 novembre	Chap. 7
Lundi 12 novembre	NO CLASS (Veterans Day)
Mercredi 14 novembre	Chap. 7
Vendredi 16 novembre	Chap. 7 <i>La classe est à vous !</i>
Lundi 19 novembre	Canvas Discussion 7
Mercredi 21 novembre	NO CLASS (Thanksgiving)
Vendredi 23 novembre	NO CLASS (Thanksgiving)
Lundi 26 novembre	Chap. 8
Mercredi 28 novembre	Chap. 8
Vendredi 30 novembre	Chap. 8 <i>La classe est à vous !</i>
Lundi 3 décembre	Chap. 8 Canvas Discussion 8 Examens Oraux
Mercredi 5 décembre	Bilan du cours Examens Oraux