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Tuesday 7th period
Thursday 7th and 8th periods

History of the French Language

I. The History of French over the centuries, from Charlemagne to Hollande. Study of individual brief texts. Among the topics for discussion: pronunciation of the old language (up to 18th century); the evolution in orthography; shifts in meaning over time; levels of style (and obscenity); diglossia; gender; language and ideas of nationality; the prestige of French since the 12th century; attitudes toward language; debunking common myths (French needed enriching by the Pléiade; French needed clarity and order from classicism; modern French is clear; orderly, logical, and harmonious but lacks a rich vocabulary); the complex, problematic relations between the literary and spoken language; the regional languages of France: Breton and Occitan.

II. The course will be conducted as a seminar. Students are expected to keep up with the reading assignments and to participate actively in class discussion.

6845 One fifteen page paper

4930 One twelve page paper

- No examinations
- No incompletes

III. Texts for the course

R. Anthony Lodge, Le Français: Histoire d'un dialecte devenu langue / French from Dialect to Standard.

Jacques Chaurand, Histoire de la langue française.

Packet of Readings.

IV. Calendar

August	23	Introduction
	25	

	30	Serments de Strasbourg L 1-3, Ch 1, R 1
September	1	
	6	Medieval L 4, Ch 2, R 2-3
	8	
	13	Medieval R 4-5
	15	
	20	Medieval R 6-7
	22	
	27	Late Medieval L 5, Ch 3, R 8-10
	29	
October	4	Late Medieval
	6	
	11	Sixteenth Century L 6, R 11-13
	13	
	18	Sixteenth Century R 14-16
	20	
	25	Eighteenth Century L 7, Ch 4, R 17-18
	27	
Novembre	1	Eighteenth Century R 19-20
	3	
	8	Twentieth Century L 8, Ch 5-6, R 21-3
	10	
	15	Twentieth Century R 24-6
	17	
	22	Secular Holiday
	24	
	29	Twentieth Century R 27-9
December	1	
	6	Twentieth Century R 30-1

V. Communication

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