



Niswonger Online Course Syllabus

French I

Course Description

French 1 is an introduction to French language and culture. Students will cultivate reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills in French through a variety of activities. Weekly modules will cover a variety of vocabulary topics such as: introducing yourself, good manners in French, talking about sports and hobbies, family and the home, school subjects, describing someone's physical appearance and personality, etc. Students will learn to build sentences with regular and irregular verbs in the present and near future tenses.

Assistance

If you have course related questions such as questions about due dates, assignment directions, lesson material, etc. please contact your instructor immediately via Canvas message (if courses have started) or via direct email (if courses have not started). Your instructor's email and name can be found after logging in by clicking on Course Information or can be found on the homepage of your course after classes begin.

After courses begin, all communications between instructor and student should happen from Canvas Messaging.

If you need technical assistance at any time during the course or to report a problem with your account please visit <https://niswongeronline.com/questions/> to submit a trouble ticket or contact: Mr. Chris Dotson

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You can also visit this page for answers to frequently asked questions:

<https://niswongeronline.com/student-help-resources/>

For other concerns that have not been addressed by your teacher or by our Technology Support Team contact:

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****ONLY your school Counselor or local Administrator can request a course change or drop. No one within Niswonger Online can approve this.****

Course Outline

Students will complete one module per week during the fall and spring semesters; 2 modules per week during the summer semester.

Module 1: Faisons Connaissance - Get to know your teacher and classmates, the layout of the online course, and some basics of the French language.

Module 2: J'aime - Discuss your likes and dislikes with regards to music, sports, and movies. Learn more about the French alphabet and numbers.

Module 3: À l'école - Explore vocabulary related to school subjects and supplies. Learn to conjugate regular -er verbs in the present tense.

Module 4: Être ou ne pas être - Learn to make negative statements, explore the basics of French pronunciation, conjugate the irregular verb être (to be), learn adjectives of nationality.

Module 5: La Famille - Explore vocabulary related to the family, learn 3 ways to say "my" in French, memorize conjugations of the irregular verb avoir (to have), learn to describe people with avoir and être.

Module 6: Les vêtements - Learn additional possessive adjectives and review family vocabulary, explore clothing vocabulary, memorize rules related to adjective agreement and placement.

Module 7: La Maison - Learn vocabulary related to the home, prepositions of location, and the irregular verb faire + expressions that use this verb.

Module 8: MIDTERM

Module 9: Allez! - Learn vocabulary related to places in a city or town, additional prepositions, how to use the verb aller (to go) to tell where someone is going or what they are going to do, learn additional verb phrases with faire and jouer to describe sports, games, and other free-time activities.

Module 10: Les temps, les saisons, et les activités - Review seasons and months of the year. Learn weather phrases and additional vocabulary related to hobbies. Write a paragraph about your favorite season. Share your favorite activities for each season with the class through a project.

Module 11: Au restaurant - Learn vocabulary related to dining out in France. Use the irregular verb prendre to make sentences about what people are ordering to eat and drink. Learn to use the verb avoir + faim or soif to tell that people are hungry or thirsty.

Module 12: Les Repas - Learn terms for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snack + some foods you might find at each meal. Learn the verbs associated with mealtimes. Memorize -ir verb conjugations. Use partitive articles to indicate "some" of a food or drink item.

Module 13: Faisons les courses - Learn about shopping for food in France: vocabulary for small specialty stores and the items you can find there. Practice ordering in a French bakery. Practice using various kinds of articles with food words.

Module 14: Questions - Memorize question words and different ways to form questions in French.

Module 15: FINAL EXAM

Grading Policy

Assignments are worth varying amounts of points. Reading, writing, speaking, and listening practice assignments are worth 10-20 points. Class discussions are worth 10 points. Projects and tests are worth more. Here is how your grade will be calculated:

Practice assignments, quizzes, tests, projects 85%

Midterm + Final 15%

Niswonger Online Late Work Policy

It is essential that all students complete their assigned work in a timely manner. For this reason, all assignments from the first half of the semester will close on the following dates:

Fall Semester: November 1

Spring Semester: April 1

Year-Long Courses: February 1

Summer Semester: 2 weeks before course closing date

All course module due dates can be found on the course homepage. Failure to complete assignments by the late work deadline will result in students getting a 0% on those assignments. **Students will not be able to access these assignments after this deadline has passed.**

Be sure to pay close attention to deadlines—late work will only be accepted with a compelling reason and instructor approval. If you know of a reason that you cannot meet a deadline, please let your teacher know as soon as possible. For example, if you will be on a trip and may not have internet access the teacher needs to know before the due date – NOT after the due date. It is your responsibility to let him/her know ahead of time.

Viewing Grades and Feedback in Canvas

Points you receive for graded activities will be posted to your Canvas Grade Book. Click on the Grades link on the left navigation to view your grades and feedback.

Your teacher will update the online grades each time a due date has passed. Check back for updated grades and feedback 3-4 days after submission.

It is also important to read or view all feedback given by your teacher. This is how a student will grow within the course. Feedback can be viewed from your Canvas gradebook by clicking on

the small icon-  out from your numerical grade.

Course Policies

Commit to Integrity

As a student in this course, you are expected to maintain high degrees of professionalism and integrity.

Cheating is “the act of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work through the use of any dishonest, deceptive, or fraudulent means.”

Plagiarism is “the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own.”

Niswonger Online Plagiarism Policy

All students will be asked to read the Niswonger Online plagiarism policy and complete an assignment to show understanding BEFORE any work in the course can be accessed or completed. The plagiarism policy and corresponding assignment is linked in the second module, labeled Academic Integrity, within each course.

Go to <https://niswongeronline.com/academic-integrity/> to view the plagiarism policy without logging into the course.

Build Rapport

If you find that you have any trouble keeping up with assignments or other aspects of the course, make sure you let your teacher know as early as possible. As you will find, building rapport and effective relationships are key to becoming an effective professional. Make sure that you are proactive in informing your teacher when difficulties arise during the semester so that we can help you find a solution.

Submitting Assignments

All assignments for this course will be submitted electronically through Canvas unless otherwise instructed. If you have any trouble submitting your assignment in Canvas you should contact your teacher or the Niswonger Online Technology team immediately.

Course Enrollment and Drops

Students can only be enrolled in a Niswonger Online course by their home high school's counselor or administrator.

Course drops can only be approved by school personnel (counselor or administrator). **Online teachers, the Niswonger Online director, or Niswonger Online Assistant Director cannot approve any course changes.** Each school has its own policy on when a student may drop their online course. Please see your school counselor or administrator if you have any questions about this.