

LANG 1310 French: World Language and Culture

1. Course Information

LANG 1310 is a three-credit, one-semester elective course offered to all UG students with no previous knowledge of French. Students attend three hours of class and complete up to six hours of out-of-class work, per week. The course is offered in Fall and Spring semesters.

2. Pre-requisites and co-requisites

None.

3. Aims of the course: Intended Learning Outcomes

In LANG 1310 students learn not only the French language but also about the cultures of French-speaking countries. It provides learners with situations in which they can begin to express themselves at an elementary level in French, both oral and written. The course also presents aspects of French culture, and the cultures of other Francophone countries.

After completing the course, students will be able to:

1. gain an introductory insight into another European language and culture;
2. develop a sense of confidence when dealing with French-speaking people and French-language materials in their daily lives;

and, *more specifically*:

3. understand conversational enquiries and simple instructions, notices and information that they might encounter on a visit to a French-speaking country;
4. make and respond appropriately to everyday conversational enquiries that they might encounter, and give straightforward opinions;
5. acquire a sufficiently accurate pronunciation and intonation of French to be understood by native speakers of the language;
6. understand simple messages relating to people's lives and interests;
7. produce simple messages relating to people's lives and interests;
8. develop basic intuitions about French vocabulary and learn the fundamental principles of French grammar;
9. understand and appreciate aspects of the cultures of France and other Francophone countries.

4. Course assessment

Assessment type	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Listening comprehension	✓					✓	
Reading comprehension	✓			✓		✓	
Writing short texts					✓	✓	
Spoken recording		✓	✓			✓	
Spoken interview		✓	✓			✓	
Grammar & translation exercises				✓	✓	✓	
Cultural presentation			✓			✓	✓
Cultural essay						✓	✓
Cultural discussion						✓	✓
Peer assessment	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

5. Course content

1. Understanding and demonstrating a basic knowledge of French phonology
2. Greeting and getting to know each other
3. Introducing oneself and others
4. Asking for and giving personal information
5. Referring to physical and psychological states
6. Talking about country, town, or village of origin
7. Asking for phone numbers and making phone calls
8. Telling the time and date
9. Telling someone's age and birthday
10. Talking about work and professions
11. Talking about family
12. Describing people
13. Talking about likes, dislikes and hobbies