

Course Syllabus

1. **Name of Curriculum:** French Minor
Faculty/Institute/College: Mahidol University International College
Mahidol University
2. **Course Code:** ICLF 211 **Course name:** Pre-intermediate French I
3. **Number of Credits:** 4 (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite:** ICML 123 Elementary French III or placement test
5. **Type of Course:** Required
6. **Trimester / Academic Year:**
Trimester 1 / Every year
7. **Course Description:**
Develops further knowledge of the grammar and of essential vocabulary in order to lead the students to a pre-intermediate level of proficiency. Emphasis is placed on developing listening, speaking, reading and writing skills through an integrated approach.
8. **Course Objectives:**
At the end of the course, the students will:
 - Have systematically reviewed of the basic language skills covered in the Elementary French I, II & III courses.
 - Master the following new skills:

Language skills

- to talk about friends.
- to describe someone (character, qualities and faults).
- to talk about neighbours.
- to report speeches (1) .
- to compare and to evoke changes.
- to talk about a love relation.
- to look for a job, to apply for a job.
- to give an advice.
- to talk about professional activities and professional experiences.

Grammar

- Relative pronouns : *qui, que, à qui*.
- Structures to define : *c'est + infinitive, c'est + nom + relative pronouns* .
- Passé composé and past participle agreement..
- Indirect speeches using present tense.
- Imparfait and present tenses.
- Structures for comparison.
- Indirect object pronouns : *me, te, lui, nous, vous, leur*.
- Imparfait and passé composé tenses.

- Time indicators (1) : *il y a, pendant, dans.*
- Time indicators (2) : *en, pendant, depuis, de...à...*
- Structures to give advice : imperative, si + present, future, devoir, il faut que + subjonctif
- Subjunctive mood to express necessity
- Adverbs.
- Indefinite pronouns : *quelqu'un, personne, quelque chose, rien, quelque part, nulle part.*

Culture

- Friendship and love.
- Working in France.

9. Teaching Methods

Lecture;
Practical exercises and activities.

10. Teaching Media

Textbooks: *Alter Ego 2*, Annie Berthet & alia, (Hachette, 2007);
Teacher's CD, Students CD and computerized audiovisual materials.

11. Course Achievement

MUIC standard grading criteria: 85% and above will have grade A.

12. Course Evaluation

1. 2 quizzes + oral evaluations + projects	60%;
2. Final Examination	40%.

13. References

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, http://www.coe.int/T/DG4/Linguistic/Default_en.asp

14. Instructors

Mr. Bruno Mahon & Agnieszka Atthasit

15. Course Coordinator

Mr. Bruno Mahon

16. Course Outline

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture / Seminar	Hours	
1.	Elementary level review Elementary level review	1h50 1h50	<i>assigned section instructor</i>
2.	Elementary level review Elementary level review	1h50 1h50	"
3.	Elementary level review Elementary level review	1h50 1h50	"
4.	Elementary level review Evaluation 1	1h50 1h50	"
5.	Alter Ego 2. Unit 1, section 1 Alter Ego 2. Unit 1, section 2	1h50 1h50	"
6.	Alter Ego 2. Unit 1, section 3 Alter Ego 2. Unit 1, section 4	1h50 1h50	"
7.	Alter Ego 2. Unit 1, section 5 Alter Ego 2. Unit 1, section 6	1h50 1h50	"
8.	Evaluation 2 Alter Ego 2. Unit 2, section 1	1h50 1h50	"
9.	Alter Ego 2. Unit 2, section 2 Alter Ego 2. Unit 2, section 3	1h50 1h50	"
10.	Alter Ego 2. Unit 2, section 4 Alter Ego 2. Unit 2, section 5	1h50 1h50	"
11.	Alter Ego 2. Unit 2, section 6 Oral Evaluation	1h50 1h50	"
	Total	40h	

N.B. The coordinator reserves the right to change topics when appropriate.

17. MUIC library French resources : Language section (P), shelf 254, PC1-PC2999

• **Oral activities : comprehension and expression**

Communication progressive du français & 2 CD audio. C. Miquel, Clé.
Exercices d'oral en contexte. Niv.déb. Akyüz, Bazelle, Clé.

• **Cultural facts**

Civilisation progressive du français. Niveau débutant. C. Carlo, M. Causa, Clé.

• **Grammar**

Grammaire progressive du français. Niv.déb. M. Grégoire, Clé.
La grammaire des premiers temps. T.1. Abry et Chalandon, PUG.
La grammaire en dialogue. Niv.déb. Claire Miquel, Clé.
450 nouveaux ex.de grammaire. Niv.déb. E.Sirejols,G.Tempesta, Clé.
CD-Rom des 450 nouveaux ex.de grammaire. Niv.déb. E.Sirejols,G.Tempesta, Clé.
Conjugaison progressive du français. Niv.déb. M.Boularès, Clé

• **Written activities : comprehension and expression**

Le français par les textes I (niv.déb.) M.Barthe, B.Chovelon, PUG.

• **Dictionaries**

Dictionnaire Fr-Ang / Ang-Fr. Robert & Collins senior. (1 dic. + 1 CD).
Harrap's French Pocket Dictionary.
Le Robert Junior illustré.

18. Useful websites

• **French steps.** This BBC website will help you to review your Elementary French course.

➔ <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/lj/syllabus.shtml>

• **TV5. 7 jours sur la planète.** French and international news for oral comprehension.

➔ <http://www.tv5.org/TV5Site/7-jours/>

• **RFI. Le journal en français facile.** Radio news for oral comprehension.

➔ http://www.rfi.fr/lffr/statiques/accueil_apprendre.asp

• **20 minutes. Articles sur l'actualité.** Activities for written comprehension.

➔ <http://www.20minutes.fr/>

• **Le point du FLE.** A comprehensive website for French language.

➔ <http://www.lepointdufle.net/cours-de-francais.htm>

• **Dictionnaire multifonction de TV5**

➔ <http://dictionnaire.tv5.org/dictionnaires.asp?Action=4¶m=&che=1>