

Course Syllabus

1. **Name of Curriculum:** French Minor Program
Faculty/Institute/College: *Mahidol University International College*
Mahidol University
2. **Course Code:** ICLF 311 **Course name:** Intermediate French I
3. **Number of Credits:** 4 (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite:** ICLF 213
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 an intermediate level of proficiency. Emphasis is placed on developing listening, speaking, reading and writing skills through an integrated approach. The second aim of this course is to prepare students to the DELF exam B1 which will take place in the Alliance Française de Bangkok.

8. **Course Objectives:**

At the end of the course, the students will master the following new skills:

Language skills

- to express an opinion and to take a stand.
- to understand a manifest and to encourage people to act.
- to talk about the different steps of an event.
- to talk about readings.
- to express feelings.
- to compare and to talk about differences.
- to understand arguments when expressing an opinion
- to understand and comment an issue concerning modern societies.
- to understand and to write a petition.
- to complain.
- to report the main elements of a discussion and to express reserves.

Grammar

- Subjunctive mood to express necessity (2).
- Subjunctive mood to express an opinion (2).
- Time connectors: *à partir de, dès, dès que, depuis, depuis que, jusqu'à ce que*
- Connective words to express contrast : *par contre, alors que, d'un côté, de l'autre côté.*
- Double pronouns: use and place
- Expressing causes and consequences (2).
- Expression concession: *bien que + subj.* and opposition: *pourtant, cependant.*

Culture

- The Frenchs and the environment.
- Equality between men and women
- Education system in France.
- Cultural events in French cities.
- Poems.

9. Teaching Methods

Lecture;
Practical exercises and activities.
Special projects on portfolio
Group discussion and oral presentations

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 + special 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

15. Course Coordinator

Mr. Bruno Mahon

16. Course Outline:

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

• **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>