



Syllabus

Basic Course Information:

Course Prefix/Number: FRNC 101 – 01
Course Title: Introduction to French 1
Elective Course
Class Meeting Times: 9:00 am to 9:50 am
Instructional Modality: Online/Onsite
Class Location: Science BLDG / A104

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AUK Mission Statement:

The American University of Kuwait is a liberal arts institution based on the American model of higher education. It is dedicated to providing students with knowledge, self-awareness, and personal growth experiences that can enhance critical thinking, effective communication, and respect for diversity. AUK seeks to create leaders and lifelong learners who aspire to the highest standards of moral and ethical responsibility in their societies.

Department/College Mission Statement:

The Department of Arabic and Foreign Languages aims to develop the skills of students in Arabic, French, and Spanish. It seeks to introduce students to the extraordinarily rich Arabic literary heritage and to develop skills of close reading, critical thinking, and creative writing. It furthermore strives to encourage creativity, analytical skills, and research capacity, as well as to motivate students to become active members of their larger communities. The Department offers courses to satisfy the general education requirements for Arabic language and Arabic culture. It also offers a minor in Arabic for those who wish to delve more deeply in the study of the language of this region and its literature. Furthermore, the department offers courses in French and Spanish for students drawn to European languages and who wish to strengthen the international component of their education. The Department of Arabic and

Foreign Languages recognizes the importance of proficiency in languages besides English for citizens of the modern world. It aims to develop skills that will enable students to function better in our increasingly interconnected and global society

Catalog Course Description:

This course is designed to help beginner students who haven't already studied French before. This course will provide the acquisition of the four skills: reading, speaking, listening and writing as well as the integration of French and global Francophone culture. The class will be almost entirely conducted in French.

This course will prepare the students and offer them the opportunity to take the A1 DELF certificate (Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française), the official qualification awarded by the French Ministry of Education to certify the competency of candidates from outside France in the French language.

Course Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)
CLO1: Speaking The student is expected to communicate, interact, ask and answer questions in a simple way with native speakers on familiar topics.
CLO2: Listening The student can recognize basic words and simple phrases about himself, his family and familiar subjects in the target language.
CLO3: Reading The student can read authentic materials such as posters, short stories, catalogues, etc... and comprehend facts in authentic texts and communications with simple sentences, basic words and familiar names.
CLO4: Writing The student can write a simple note or fill in forms. He can communicate by writing simple facts and/or ideas.
CLO5: Culture The student can learn about French culture. He is also able to compare local culture and the

culture of the target language.

Course Delivery/Methodology:

This is a hybrid course, it will combine in person, synchronous and asynchronous course delivery, so students will alternate between studying online and on campus. we will be meeting in-person 3 days per week and material will be presented through lectures/videos/readings done ahead of time. All course material/lecture slides/readings will be posted on Moodle, which can be accessed at www.lms.auk.edu.kw. All assignments must also be submitted through Moodle. You will be completing the following evaluations for this course: short papers submitted on group work, exams, etc.. To successfully complete this course, you must complete readings ahead of time, actively participate in class discussions, etc.by the posted due dates and times.

Required Textbook/Required Readings:

- Exercise book / PDF format Totem 1. The audio files are available on Moodle.
- Review and practice with Learningapp <https://learningapps.org/user/layalj>
- Download the free dictionary app Wordreference. It's the most reliable dictionary and translator. www.wordreference.com
- Use additional (optional)application : www.duolingo.com / www.babbel.com

Evaluations and Grading:

Evaluation Type	Weight
Participation	25 %
Classwork (presentations, assignments, quizzes, tests)	25 %
Oral assessments	25 %
Written assessments	25 %
Total	100%

Participation:

Your participation grade will be based on your attendance, your work in class, your netiquette if the course is online: your camera should be activated, being on time, being engaged, etc..

Classwork:

- Assignments must be submitted through Moodle by the posted due date and time.
- Test, quizzes are given during the regular class meeting time. They consist of the following parts: listening, comprehension, reading comprehension, writing and culture as well as grammar questions.
- Presentations can be as an audio-presentation or a written presentation, more instructions will be provided during the semester.

Oral assessment: will be in the format of a moderate discussion/interview with the instructor.

Written assessment: will be in the format of a composition. It must be your own work, using online translation will not be tolerated.

AUK Official Grading Scale:

Letter Grade	Percentage	University Points
A	94-100	4.0
A-	90-93	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	84-86	3.0
B-	80-83	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	74-76	2.0
C-	70-73	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	64-66	1.0
D-	60-63	0.7
F	0-59	0.0

AUK Attendance Policy:

Any student who misses more than 15% of class sessions of any course during a semester should expect to fail, unless she/he submits documented evidence to the course instructor of inpatient medical care, death of an immediate family member, academic instructional activities, or national athletic activities. If excused, students are required to satisfy all coursework due or assigned during their absence as determined by the course instructor. If a student does not submit documented evidence for her/his absence exceeding the limit, it is the student's responsibility to withdraw from the course by the specified deadline, as indicated on the academic calendar. Students who withdraw from a course receive a grade of "W". Students who do not withdraw from a course nor submit supporting documents for excessive absences will receive a grade of "FN" (failure for non-attendance).

Code of Academic Honesty and Integrity:

Upon admission to the American University of Kuwait, students agree to act responsibly in all areas of academic, personal and social conduct and to take full responsibility for their individual and collective action. Such regulations are found in the American University of Kuwait Catalogue, Student Handbook, and the AUK website at www.auk.edu.kw. Any question of interpretation regarding the code of academic honesty and Integrity shall be reported to the appropriate academic dean. The Code shall be reviewed annually at the discretion of the academic deans. Any student or student organization found to have committed the cited violations or misconduct, either on or off campus, is subject to the disciplinary sanctions outlined in adjudication procedures.

Plagiarism:

The term "plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, an attempt of an individual to claim the work of another as the product of his or her own thoughts regardless of whether that work has been published. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, quoting improperly or paraphrasing text or other written materials without proper citation on an exam, term paper, homework, or other written material submitted to an instructor as one's own work. Plagiarism also includes handing in a paper to an instructor that was purchased from a term paper service or downloaded from the Internet and presenting another person's academic work as one's own.

Cheating:

The term “cheating” includes but is not limited to, copying homework assignments from another student; working together with another individual on a take-home test or homework when not approved by the instructor, looking at and/or copying text, notes or another person’s paper during an examination when not permitted to do so. Cheating also includes the giving of work information to another student to be copied and/or used as his or her own. This includes but is not limited to giving someone answers to exam questions either when the exam is being given or after having taken an exam; informing another student of specific questions that appear or have appeared on an exam in the same academic semester; giving or selling a term paper, report, project or other restricted written materials to another student.

Academic Support:

Learning Support Services focuses on empowering students to become independent and successful learners by developing their literacy skills, enhancing their understanding, and helping them improve their academic and study skills. Learning Support Services is comprised of two centers: the Tutoring Center and the Writing Center. The Tutoring Center provides free academic support in various subjects to AUK student. Email: tutoringcenter@auk.edu.kw.

The Writing Center provides multilingual support (English, Arabic, French, and Spanish) through individual or small-group consultations. Email: writingcenter@auk.edu.kw

Disability Accommodations:

Disability services include identifying strategies to accommodate the learning requirements of students with disabilities. The Counseling Center at AUK offers services that include personal counseling and disability services. Their mission is to support students as they overcome what inhibits their success and prepare them for lifelong learning and development. For questions regarding accommodation services, please contact the Counseling Center at Counseling@auk.edu.kw.

Course Policies/Student Responsibilities:

- Be on time to zoom meetings and make sure you attend and participate regularly
- Check your AUK email regularly to receive all relevant announcements and communication
- Be engaged
- Practice the newly learned expressions daily
- Complete the written and oral assignments and submit them on time
- Contact the professor for extra help and review

Late and Missing Work Policy: Not accepted.

Make-Up Work Policy: *None*

Communication Policy:

Please be sure to use your official AUK email account, write your full name, and indicate which class and section you are taking (Class ###, DAY/TIME section) when you send me an email. If you have a question, please check the syllabus first and if your question is not answered there, then please feel free to send an email and I will be happy to clarify. I respond to questions via

email within 24 hours of receiving them; if I do not respond within 24 hours, please re-send the email. Please note I normally respond during these working hours: [UTR – 11 am to 1:00 pm](#). Emails sent on weekends will be responded to on Sunday.

Technology Issues:

All assignments must be submitted through Moodle. However, you may experience trouble submitting an assignment due to technology or internet issues. If such a situation does arise and you are unable to submit your assignment through Moodle, please send me an email at ljaber@auk.edu.kw and include the **completed** assignment. Please make sure that you email me the assignment **before** the deadline as this documents that you did finish everything by the due date and time, but that you just had a technology issue. This will ensure that your assignment will be accepted, and you will not [receive a late penalty](#). Once the technology or internet issue is resolved, please upload the assignment to Moodle. In general, always be sure to frequently save your files and keep backups of your assignments.

Course Schedule:

Week	Topic	Assignments and Readings
1		Unit 1
2		
3	<i>holiday</i>	<i>No class (National liberation days)</i>
4		
5		Test 1
6		Unit 2
7		Oral /written assessment
8		Oral /written assessment
9		
10		
11		Test 2
12	<i>Break</i>	<i>Eid el-Fitr</i>
13		Unit 3
14		
15		Test 3
16		Revision
17		Oral/written assessment

- This course schedule doesn't show other assignments such as homework, projects, presentations and quizzes which are given throughout the semester.

Syllabus Changes:

There may be changes to the schedule and syllabus during the semester. When this happens, I will inform you in class and over email.