FREN 302.02: French Civilization for Study Abroad Students

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Syllabus

French 302, section 2: French civilization for study abroad students

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Texts:  Steel, St. Onge and St. Onge,  La civilization française en évolution I: Institutions et culture avant la V République. (Boston : Heinle & Heinle) 1977
Steel, St. Onge and St. Onge,  La civilization française en évolution II: Institutions et culture de la V République. (Boston : Heinle & Heinle) 1977

Goals: Successful students of this course can expect to learn the underlying principles of French culture today, including the historical and cultural (institutions, art and architecture) givens that constitute the cultural baggage of most French people. Furthermore, students will be prepared for the rigor of university-level study in France, which will constitute the largest part of the study abroad program in France 2002. This course should be viewed ideally as an apprenticeship in the understanding of and adaption to life in a new culture.

Methods: The focus of this course will be on the readings from the above-mentioned textbooks, with additional materials provided by the instructor. The class will be conducted entirely in French. Class discussions will focus on the readings and questions of adaptation to living with a French family. Some required exercises will be to correspond with French families in Burgundy. Knowledge of French culture and history will be assessed through bi-weekly quizzes, a mid-term exam and a final exam. You will have a number of writing assignments that will require library research that expands upon materials in the text. In addition, each student will be required to present a research project orally to the class.

Your responsibilities: Active participation in class discussions is required. This means that reading assignments must be completed before class, and questions and comments formulated previous to each class. One good way to prepare for class is to keep a journal summarizing the essential elements of your readings, and noting what you don’t think you understand fully as well as what you may want to explore in more detail. Papers must be turned in on the due date in order to receive a grade, and oral reports must be given on the day assigned.

My responsibilities: Assure a high level of discussion centered on the texts at hand, devise paper topics and test questions that will further your learning, apply the same grading standards to all, and, when necessary, make myself available to you for individual instruction during my office hours.
Reading Schedule

Week 1
January 29               Introduction to course
January 31               Lcfee l, panorama, Dossier un, pp. P1-P7; 1-48

Week 2
February 5               Lcfee l, Dossier deux, pp.49-88
February 7               Lcfee l, Dossier deux, pp. 89-110 quiz: Dossiers 1 & 2

Week 3
February 12            Lcfee l, Dossier trois, pp. 111-157
February 14            Lcfee l, Dossier trois, pp 158-170

Week 4
February 19           Lcfee l, Dossier quatre, pp. 173-213
February 21           Lcfee l, Dossier quatre, pp. 214-228, quiz Dossiers 3 & 4

Week 5
February 26           Lcfee l, Dossier cinq, pp. 229-263
February 28           Lcfee l, Dossier cinq, pp 264-282

Week 6
March 5               Lcfee l, Dossier six, pp. 283-310
March 7               Lcfee l, Dossier six, pp. 311-341

Week 7
March 12             Lcfee l, Dossier six, pp. 342-387
March 14             Midterm Exam

Week 8
March 19, 21         Spring Break, no classes

Week 9
March 26             Lcfee II, Dossier un, pp. 1-40
March 28             Lcfee II, Dossier un, pp. 41-56

Week 10
April 2  *Lcfee II*, Dossier deux, pp. 57-85
April 4  *Lcfee II*, Dossier deux, pp. 86-116, **quiz Dossiers 1 & 2**
Week 11
April 9  *Lcfee II*, Dossier trois, pp. 117-166
April 11 *Lcfee II*, Dossier trois, pp. 167-180

Week 12
April 16 *Lcfee II*, Dossier quatre, pp. 181-214
April 18 *Lcfee II*, Dossier quatre, pp. 215-236 **quiz Dossiers 3 & 4**

Week 13
April 23 *Lcfee II*, Dossier cinq, pp. 237-272
April 25 *Lcfee II*, Dossier cinq, pp. 273-301

Week 14
April 30 *Lcfee II*, Dossier six, pp. 301-329
May 2 *Lcfee II*, Dossier six, pp. 330-358 **quiz Dossiers 5 & 6**

Week 15
May 7  La Bourgogne, Dijon, Beaune
May 10  Le Val de Loire, Angers

May 13-13 **Final Exams**: see class schedule, Spring 2002, for exam date and time.