

Description of the Courses offered by the Department of French

2202101 French for Beginners I (3 credit hours)

In this course, the students acquire the four language skills: listening comprehension, reading, writing and oral skills. It covers the following fields:

greeting, introducing oneself, asking for a vacation, buying tickets, specifying

time and place, in addition to basic grammar issues: present tense of most verbs, definite and indefinite articles, negation, gender, possessive pronouns and numbers.

2202102 French for Beginners II (3 credit hours)

P. R.: 2202101 French for Beginners I

In this course, the language is taught in depth. French for Beginners II develops the skills acquired in French for Beginners I, i. e. listening comprehension, reading, writing and oral skills. It covers other new fields such as inviting, describing one's home, giving one's opinion, describing people's appearance and personality and the weather. In addition, new grammatical issues will be covered, such as past tenses, future tense and pronouns.

2202107 French for Beginners III (3 credit hours)

P. R.: 2202102 French for Beginners II

In this course, the language is taught still more in depth, French for Beginners III develops the skills acquired in French for Beginners I and II, i. e. listening comprehension, reading, writing and oral skill. It covers other new fields such as asking for one's way, explaining the way to someone, giving orders, advices, ordering in a restaurant, comparing, expressing quantity, expressing one's wishes, proposing something, judging, defining, etc.

2202103 French for Specialization I (6 credit hours)

This course is based on a textbook that enhances the main skills of listening comprehension, reading, writing and oral skills. French for Specialization I covers the following grammatical content: present tense, the main rules concerning nouns and adjectives, possessive pronouns, numbers, negation, prepositions, demonstrative, relative and personal pronouns.



2202104 French for Specialization II (6 credit hours) P.R: 2202103 French for Specialization I

This course insists on the basic skills in French: Listening comprehension, reading, writing and oral skills. French for Specialization II covers the following grammatical content: past tense (passé composé/imparfait), future, conditionnel, imperative and indirect speech.

2232105 Language Skills (French I) (3 credit hours)

This course is to taken during the same semester as French for Specialization I.

It aims at improving pronunciation and additionally focuses on the grammatical skills discussed in French for Specialization I through the use of additional exercises. Moreover, this course focuses on dictation and the four language skills.

2202106 Language Skills (French II) (3 credit hours)

P.R: 2202103 French for Specialization I

This course is to taken during the same semester as French for Specialization II.

It aims at improving pronunciation and additionally focuses on the grammatical skills discussed in French for Specialization II through the use of additional exercises. Moreover, this course focuses on dictation and the four language skills.

2232211 French Grammar I (3 credit hours)

P.R: 2202104 French for Specialization II

This course provides students with the basic rules of French grammar, which will be studied systematically. It covers all tenses, especially the different past tenses, the passive voice, the indirect speech and conditional clauses. Text of varying lengths will be studied carefully.

2232212 Writing (French I) (3 credit hours)

P.R: 2202104 French for Specialization II.

In this course the student learns how to write simple texts like personal letters, formal letters, petitions and short stories, by imitating models of texts. Text of varying lengths will be studied with the purpose of illustrating good writing.



2242213 Listening & Reading Comprehension (French I) (3 credit hours)

P.R: 2202104 French for Specialization II

This course improves the comprehension skill by using tapes containing conversations dealing with different subjects of French life. This will help the students to get used to ways of expressing themselves in different situations and to improve their pronunciation. Furthermore, the course aims to give the student the necessary skills to understand authentic written texts, to enrich his vocabulary and to teach him to understand texts globally.

2232214 French Grammar II (3 credit hours)

P. R.: 2232211 French Grammar I

This course provides students with the basic rules of French grammar. It will cover personal and relative pronouns, participles and gerund and the skill of nominalization. Oral and written text will be studied for purpose of illustrating grammatical usages.

2232215 Writing (French II) (3 credit hours)

P. R.: 2232212 Writing (French I)

This course teaches how to analyze, to think logically, to organize ideas in a text and to express oneself clearly. It also teaches how to summarize texts.

Various authentic texts will be studied to developition and vocabulary.

2242216 Listening and Reading Comprehension (French II) (3 credit hours)

P. R.: 2242213 Listening & Reading Comprehension (French I)

By using tapes of an advanced level of language, this course improves the comprehension of oral French texts in the different situations of life. Furthermore, the course aims to give the student the necessary skills to understand authentic written texts, to enrich his vocabulary and to teach him to understand texts globally.

2232217 Oral Skills (3 credit hours)

P.R: 2202104 French for Specialization II

This course trains oral expression by the means of different and interesting activities. Vital subjects will be discussed, permitting the students to express their personal opinions and enabling them to improve their capacity of discussion in French.



2232218 French for Specialization III (3 credit hours) P.R: 2202104 French for Specialization II

This course insists on the basic skills in French: Listening comprehension, reading, writing and oral skills. French for Specialization III covers the following grammatical content: revision of the different past tenses, systematization of the subjonctif, comparison and conditional clauses.

2202221 Analysis of Literary Texts (3 credit hours)

This course is the first in French Literature. It provides the students with the means they need for literary analysis. The characteristics of the literary texts in general will be discussed as well as those of the different literary genres, in particular. The student will get to know the important stylistic figures and techniques and he learns to recognize them.

2232311 Translation I (3 credit hours)

P.R: 2232214 French Grammar II

The course provides the student with the skills of translating from French into clear and correct Arabic, and vice versa. This is done through authentic and varied texts written in French and Arabic (journalistic, cultural, scientific, etc.).

The student is taught how to avoid literal translation while concentrating on the comprehension of the source language.

2232312 Translation II (3 credit hours)

P. R.: 2232311 Translation I

This course gives the student the capability of translating authentic varied texts (journalistic, scientific, cultural, etc.) from Arabic into French. It insists on the vocabulary and structures of each field. Writing in French should be clear avoiding literal translation.

2232313 Advanced Writing (French) (3 credit hours) P. R.: 2232215 Writing (French II)

After Writing I and Writing II, the student is expected to be able to write short texts in simple and clear French. In Advanced Writing, we move to a higher level; the student learns to express his ideas, to discuss, comment and criticize different ideas. He learns how to write articles and essays.



2232314 Commercial French (3 credit hours)

This course teaches the language (vocabulary and structures) used in the field of business. Written and oral texts and dialogues reflecting every day business situations are used. It teaches how to write business letters and teaches principles of book keeping and business administration through case studies.

The course requirements include an internship in a company; and the grade given for the internship report will be included in the final evaluation.

2232315 French for Tourism (3 credit hours)

This course teaches vocabulary and professional skills in the field of tourism.

By doing practical exercises, the student improves his written and oral language and learns necessary skills for the different professions in the field of tourism.

The course requirements include an internship in a hotel, a travel agency, the ministry of tourism or with a tourist guide; and the grade given for the internship report will be included in the final evaluation.

2202322 French Literature I (3 credit hours) P. R.: 2202221 Analysis of Literary Texts

This course deals with French literature from its beginning till 17th century. It will briefly present French history of this period, focus on the renewal of the 16th century and then concentrate on classical literature of the 17th century by studying representative literary extracts.

2212323 Contemporary French Culture I (3 credit hours)

The course introduces French culture through different kinds of texts chosen in the French press, advertising, films, etc., which show French society, its daily life, problems of the young and of the elder generation, women's issues, the situation of foreigners in France and the demographic evolution. The students will write and present a research paper in the field of contemporary French culture; the grade of the paper will be included in the final evaluation.



2232324 French Literature II (3 credit hours)

P. R.: 2202221 Analysis of Literary Texts

The course deals with the period of Enlightenment (18th century) and the important literary movements of 19th century: Romanticism, Realism, Naturalism and Symbolism. After a historical introduction to each period, representative literary extracts of each movement will be studied.

2232325 Contemporary French Culture II (3 credit hours) P. R.: 2212323 Contemporary French Culture I

This course aims at thoroughly examining various aspects of French culture and focusing on different political, educational, and administrative institutions. It will be using various documents, such as films, French media, and books on French culture. In the course the students analyze the cultural differences between Jordan and France by placing each of them in its socio-political and geographical context. The students will prepare a research paper on contemporary French culture, and the grade of the paper will be included in the final evaluation.

2242331 French Linguistics (3 credit hours) P. R.: 2232332 French Syntax

This course introduces French linguistics, its different branches and terminology. It incites students to think about language, its nature and functions while insisting on phonetic, syntactic and lexical characteristics of French and their usage.

2232332 French Syntax (3 credit hours)

P. R.: 2232214 French Grammar II

This course helps the student to pass gradually from the short to the long text by concentrating on the complex sentence (relation of time, cause, effect, concession, etc.), that guarantees the coherence of any text. It will help the student to improve his competence in writing.

2232411 Presentation and Debating (French) (3 credit hours) P. R.:2232217 Oral Skills

This course helps students to become active speech communicators and critical listeners. Students will learn how to speak confidently and enthusiastically and how to be motivating and persuasive on the platform. Creative training techniques and methods of reasoning will be examined and studied in depth.

Some appropriate written and audio-visual material is to be used.



2232422 French Literature III (3 credit hours) P. R.: 2202221 Analysis of Literary Texts (French)

This course presents the leading tendencies of 20th century French literature, considering the different genres, the new intellectual ideas and the search for new forms. These different aspects will be studied by analyzing representative literary extracts.

2232423 French Literature IV (3 credit hours) P.R.: 2202221 Analysis of Literary Texts (French)

This course is a detailed and in depth study of a special subject in literature that has not been -covered by the study plan. This course content is described in the course plan distributed to student at the beginning of the semester.

2202424 Jordan through History (in French) (3 credit hours)

This course studies the ancient and the modern history of Jordan in French to give the student the historical knowledge he needs as a tourist guide. It is at the same time a language course proposing exercises where the student has to use the historical information he studies.

2242431 French Linguistics II (3 credit hours) P. R.: 2242331 French Linguistics I

This course is a deepening and application of the knowledge acquired in French Linguistics I. It insists, through practical exercises, on lexicology, semantics and pragmatics of French. Various aspects of linguistic matters will be studied at length.

2232432 Special Subject in French Language (3 credit hours) P. R.: 2242331 French Linguistics I

A special subject in language that is not covered by the study plan will be studied in some detail and depth. The exact content of the course will be defined in the course description distributed to the students at the beginning of the semester.



2232433 Teaching French as a Foreign Language (3 credit hours)

This course provides students with the main approaches in teaching French as a foreign language, in particular the communicative approach. It insists on the analysis of the text books used in the Jordanian schools where French is taught.

The course requirements include an internship in a school; and the grade given for the internship report will be included in the final evaluation.

2202434 Evaluation (3 credit hours)

In this course, students learn to understand and develop tests to assess language skills in French, in reading, writing, listening and speaking. The course also familiarizes students with French language proficiency certificates such as DELF (Elementary certificate in French Language) and DALF (Advanced Certificate in French Language). The course requirements include an internship in a school; and the grade given for the internship report will be included in the final evaluation.

2202435 History of French Language (3 credit hours)

This course prepares student to acquire a sufficient knowledge about the emergence of the French language as well as the different stages of its development. This course also deals with the development of phonetic, semantics and the syntactic system.

2202436 History of Teaching Foreign Languages (in French) (3 credit hours)

This course aims at exploring the different methods of language teaching used through history, as well as comparing between methods of teaching native and foreign languages. There will be a focus on the methods used in Jordanian schools. The course requirements include an internship in a school; and the grade given for the internship report will be included in the final evaluation.