

## Department of World Languages and Cultures

### University of Nevada Las Vegas

#### FREN 402: Advanced French Composition & Conversation II

##### Course Description

FREN 402 is a 3-credit advanced stylistics class with emphasis on writing, vocabulary building, rhetorical figures and analysis of texts. The content is thematically organized around contemporary issues and events. Throughout this course, learners will 1) enhance their understanding of contemporary French and Francophone cultures; 2) hone their presentational, interpretive, and interpersonal skills in French; 3) participate in activities designed to cultivate critical thinking. Class is conducted entirely in French. All assignments are to be completed in French. This course fulfills the UNLV International Core Requirement. Prerequisites: FREN 301, 302 or equivalent.

##### Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course:

- Learners will be able to demonstrate effective command of the French language using various registers, turns of phrase, and context-specific vocabulary;
- Learners will be able to engage critically with a variety of texts in French, distinguish nuances, and express subtle nuances in their analysis;
- Learners will have a wider and deeper understanding of contemporary issues related to the French and Francophone world.

##### Required Material

- Liakin, Liakina, Michaud, Olivry, *Tendances C1/C2, méthode de français*. Clé international: 2019. ISBN: 9782090385373
- Brito, Bucher, *Tendances C1/C2, cahier d'activités*. Clé international: 2019. ISBN: 9782090385380

##### Course Expectations

###### a) Classroom policies

- The use of electronic devices is only permitted at the discretion of the instructor.
- No food allowed in classroom.
- Students are expected to behave respectfully. The Classroom Conduct policy at UNLV states that “Students have a responsibility to conduct themselves in class...in ways which do not interfere with the right of other students to learn or of instructors to teach.” Non-compliant students will be referred to the Student Code Office. They may be dropped administratively.

###### b) Presence & Make-up policies

After eight unexcused absences, students may be dropped administratively. Students who represent UNLV at any official extracurricular activity shall have the opportunity to make up assignments, but the student must provide official written notification to the instructor no less than one week prior to the missed class(es). Assignments will only be permitted to be made-up or rescheduled for extraordinary circumstances (e.g. jury duty) for which formal original documentation will need to be furnished. *This does not include parking difficulties, halted traffic, family reunions, work obligations, travel plans, etc.* Be advised you will not be given the opportunity to make-up an assessment if you do not contact your instructor prior to the graded assessment being returned to the class. Official and original documentation must be provided the day you return from the absence(s). Make-up opportunities are contingent upon timely receipt of proper documentation.

###### c) Preparation & Participation: This course is intellectually challenging and requires a gradual buildup of skills and knowledge, which is difficult to achieve without regular study and practice.

***To succeed in this course, you should prepare no less than 4 hours for every class meeting.*** You are expected to do the assigned homework so that you can participate actively in all class activities, group work, etc. Classroom time is for clarification rather than for presentation of the material. A special emphasis will be put on speaking. Factors that will influence your participation grade are the following:

- Your active participation in group discussions;
- Your ability to answer questions from the professor regarding the material;
- The depth and breadth of your interpretation, analysis and treatment of the material.

- d) **Testing:** There will be four graded assignments in class during the semester in the form of “préparation au DALF C1”. The **DALF** (Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française) is a French diploma administered by the **CIEP** at the C1 and C2 levels. The DALF evaluates all four skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing). In the context of this course, each “préparation” will focus on one or more of these skills. More details about these assignments will be given in class.
- e) **Final exam:** the final exam is comprehensive in nature and will consist of two parts: a written comprehension of a text with questions, and an essay portion on a topic linked to the ones discussed in class. More details about the final exam will be given in class.

All announcements, grades, and handouts will be posted on WebCampus.

**Grading Scale & Criteria**

Class discussions	10%	Préparations DALF	40%
Homework	30%	Final exam	20%

A	93% and above	B <sup>-</sup>	80-82%	D <sup>+</sup>	68-69%
A <sup>-</sup>	90-92%	C <sup>+</sup>	78-79%	D	63-67%
B <sup>+</sup>	88-89%	C	73-77%	D <sup>-</sup>	60-62%
B	83-87%	C <sup>-</sup>	70-72%	F	59% and below

Dr. Beck neither gives extra credit nor curves grades. No late work will be accepted without a valid excuse (see makeup policies).

**Important dates**

Monday, 27 January	Last day to drop with 100% refund
Friday, 3 April	Final day to drop or withdraw

Additional dates are listed on <https://www.unlv.edu/registrar/calendars/2019-2020#spring>

**Language Resource Center** – You are encouraged to take advantage of the study area and computer aids in the Language Resource Center (FDH 240; M-R 9am-8pm, F 9am-1pm, closed on the weekend).

**French Club** – UNLV has an active French Club. Please join through MyUNLV (My Involvement Center → “F”) <https://unlv.collegiatelink.net/>

**Study-Abroad** – Information on Spring and Summer 2020 Study Abroad programs and scholarships in Pau and Lyon, France can be found at: <https://www.unlv.edu/internationalprograms/events#scholarship>

## Semester Overview

		IN CLASS	AT HOME
<b>Week 1</b>	1/20 1/22	<b>MLK Day, No Class</b> Introductions, U1L1 pp. 10-16	CA pp. 4, 5, 6 + “Rédiger une fausse nouvelle” pp. 8-9
<b>Week 2</b>	1/27 1/29	U1L1 pp. 10-16 U1 L2 pp. 20-24	CA pp. 10, 11, 12 CA pp. 13, 14, 15
<b>Week 3</b>	2/3 2/5	U1 L2 pp. 20-24 U1 L3 pp. 26-31	CA pp. 16, 17, 18 CA pp. 19, 20, 21
<b>Week 4</b>	2/10 2/12	U1 L3 pp. 26-31 <b>Préparation au DALF C1</b>	CA 2 p. 24 + “outils culturels” pp. 24-25 Pas de devoirs
<b>Week 5</b>	2/17 2/19	<b>Presidents’ Day, No Class</b> U2L1 pp. 36-42	CA pp. 26, 27, 28, 29 (ex. 4) CA pp. 29, 30, 31
<b>Week 6</b>	2/24 2/26	U2L1 pp. 36-42 U2L2 pp. 44-50	CA pp. 32, 33, 34 CA pp. 35, 36, 37
<b>Week 7</b>	3/2 3/4	U2L2 pp. 44-50 U2L3 pp. 52-57	CA pp. 38, 39, 40 CA pp. 41, 42, 43
<b>Week 8</b>	3/9 3/11	U2L3 pp. 52-57 <b>Préparation au DALF C1</b>	CA “Outils culturels” pp. 46-47 Pas de devoirs
<b>Week 9</b>	3/16 3/18	<b>Spring Break, No Class</b> <b>Spring Break, No Class</b>	Pas de devoirs CA pp. 54, 55, 56, 57 (ex. 3, 4, 5)
<b>Week 10</b>	3/23 3/25	U3L1 pp. 62-68 U3L1 pp. 62-68	CA pp. 57, 58, 59 CA pp. 60, 61, 62 (ex. 2, 3, 4)
<b>Week 11</b>	3/30 4/1	U3L2 pp. 70-76 U3L2 pp. 70-76	CA pp. 62, 63, 64, 65 CA pp. 66, 67, 68
<b>Week 12</b>	4/6 4/8	U3L3 pp. 78-83 U3L3 pp. 78-83	CA pp. 69, 70, 71 CA pp. 74-75
<b>Week 13</b>	4/13 4/15	<b>Préparation au DALF C1</b> U5L1 pp. 114-120	CA pp. 104, 105, 106 CA pp. 107, 108, 109
<b>Week 14</b>	4/20 4/22	U5L1 pp. 114-120 U5L2 pp. 122-128	CA pp. 110, 111, 112 CA pp. 113, 114, 115
<b>Week 15</b>	4/27 4/29	U5L2 pp. 122-128 U5L3 pp. 130-135	CA pp. 116, 117, 118, 119 (ex. 5) CA pp. 119, 120, 121
<b>Week 16</b>	5/4 5/6	U5L3 pp. 130-135 <b>Préparation au DALF C1</b>	CA pp. 124-125 Pas de devoirs

**Final Exam: May 11 or 13 (TBD) from 1:00 to 3:00PM in the regular classroom**

### UNLV PROVOST POLICIES:

**Academic Misconduct** – Academic integrity is a legitimate concern for every member of the campus community; all share in upholding the fundamental values of honesty, trust, respect, fairness, responsibility and professionalism. By choosing to join the UNLV community, students accept the expectations of the Student Academic Misconduct Policy and are encouraged when faced with choices to always take the ethical path. Students enrolling in UNLV assume the obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with UNLV’s function as an educational institution. An example of academic misconduct is plagiarism. Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of another, from the Internet or any source, without proper citation of the sources. See the *Student Academic Misconduct Policy* (approved December 9, 2005) located at: <http://studentconduct.unlv.edu/misconduct/policy.html>.

You are free to study together outside of class. However, all written work should be done entirely by you, as grades must represent your proficiency in French. Asking a tutor or friend to read and correct your work is considered cheating, as is the use of online translators. If you have any questions regarding what is acceptable, ask Dr. Beck. Cheating will be dealt with according to the UNLV guidelines for academic misconduct.

**Disability Resource Center (DRC)** – The UNLV Disability Resource Center (SSC-A 143, <http://drc.unlv.edu/>, 702-895-0866) provides resources for students with disabilities. If you feel that you have a disability, please make an appointment with a Disabilities Specialist at the DRC to discuss what options may be available to you. If you are registered with the UNLV Disability Resource Center, bring your Academic Accommodation Plan from the DRC to **the instructor** during office hours so that **you** may work together to develop strategies for implementing the accommodations to meet both your needs and the requirements of the course. Any information you provide is private and will be treated as such. To maintain the confidentiality of your request, please do not approach **the instructor** before or after class to discuss your accommodation needs.

**Religious Holidays Policy** – Any student missing class quizzes, examinations, or any other class or lab work because of observance of religious holidays shall be given an opportunity during that semester to make up missed work. The make-up will apply to the religious holiday absence only. It shall be the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor no later than the end of the first two full weeks of classes, 9 September 2019, of his or her intention to participate in religious holidays which do not fall on state holidays or periods of class recess. For additional information, please visit: <http://catalog.unlv.edu/content.php?catoid=6&navoid=531>.

**Incomplete Grades** – The grade of I – Incomplete – can be granted when a student has satisfactorily completed three-fourths of course work for that semester/session but for reason(s) beyond the student's control, and acceptable to the instructor, cannot complete the last part of the course, and the instructor believes that the student can finish the course without repeating it. The incomplete work must be made up before the end of the following regular semester. If course requirements are not completed within the time indicated, a grade of F will be recorded and the GPA will be adjusted accordingly. Students who are fulfilling an Incomplete do not register for the course but make individual arrangements with the instructor who assigned the I grade.

**Library Research** – The University Libraries offer free, brief clinics, and workshops to help you increase your research skills and save time searching. Bring your topic to a Research Clinic for in-depth, one-on-one consultation with a research expert, or attend one of the more structured workshops on topics such as finding books and articles, successful search strategies, Internet research, and other specialized topics. Check out the schedule online at [www.library.unlv.edu/inst/events.html](http://www.library.unlv.edu/inst/events.html) or call 895-2123 for more information.

**Rebelmail** – By policy, faculty and staff should e-mail students' Rebelmail accounts only. Rebelmail is UNLV's official e-mail system for students. It is one of the primary ways students receive official university communication such as information about deadlines, major campus events, and announcements. All UNLV students receive a Rebelmail account after they have been admitted to the university. Students' e-mail prefixes are listed on class rosters. The suffix is always [@unlv.nevada.edu](mailto:@unlv.nevada.edu). **Emailing within WebCampus is acceptable.**

**Final Examinations** – The University requires that final exams given at the end of a course occur at the time and on the day specified in the final exam schedule. See the schedule at: <http://www.unlv.edu/registrar/calendars>.

If have any questions or concerns about FREN 402 please contact Dr. Beck. Please contact Dr. M. Harp with any further concerns (margaret.harp@unlv.edu).

**Bon semestre!**