

FRE 2905A – French Studies: Language and Reading Fall 2022

1. Course Information

French Studies: Language and Reading, FRE 2905A [550]

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Office Hours: Monday 3.30 to 5.30 pm

Class Location: **W102**

Scheduled Class Times (including lab or tutorial hours): M: 11.30 to 12.30 pm, W: 11.30 to 1.30 pm

Antirequisites: FRE 2101, FRE 2900

Prerequisites: French 1900E or French 1910 or permission of the Department of French Studies.

2. Course Description

Intensive grammar review with an emphasis on textual analysis and understanding various forms of writing.

Every Monday, we'll review a grammar point, correct exercises and address any difficulties with the material. A dedicated "wild card" space will be available for the students to bring a French language topic of their choice to the table. Each grammar topic will be summarized in a Power Point document (available on owl).

Every Wednesday, students will explore a text from the Francophone world or discuss a piece taken from a French speaking newspaper and/or TV news reports from French Speaking channels from around the globe (Canada, Europe, Africa...). We will cover specific grammar or vocabulary skills found in the material.

Also, we will follow the adventures of Axelle, a reporter who investigates the origins of a mysterious smartphone, found on a bench in Paris. This mystery/thriller called "Ava et Marilyn", written by Alexandra Schwartzbrod, will be a feature of this term.

<https://www.radiofrance.fr/franceculture/podcasts/fictions-samedi-noir/ava-et-marilyn-d-alexandra-schwartzbrod-4110476>

On Wednesdays (except on test days), there may also be a dictée, based on an excerpt taken from a novel, a play or a poem. This will be assessed by students themselves.

Assignments will consist of, quizzes, tests, and a final paper where students will discuss the column or the story that they enjoyed the most during the term.

3. Course Learning Outcomes

FRE 2905A aims to improve your ability to speak and write in French while exploring French and Francophone texts and current affairs from a French language-based perspective.

Plus spécifiquement, dans cette classe :

1. Les étudiants auront l'opportunité d'améliorer leurs expressions orale et écrite en français.
2. Ils/elles pourront parfaire leur compréhension et renforcer leur capacité à analyser des contenus oraux (podcast et dictée), audiovisuels (reportages télévisés) et écrits (textes littéraires et journalistiques).
3. Ils/elles pourront résoudre des difficultés grammaticales en lien avec les contenus spécifiques étudiés.
4. Ils/elles se familiariseront avec une large sélection de vocabulaire et de concepts en français.

4. Textbooks and Course Materials

All materials will be provided by the instructor and available on OWL.

A good French dictionary is always useful. Students are also encouraged to check <https://www.wordreference.com/fr/>.

Also, <https://www.antidote.info/fr/> is a required app/software that you'll be able to use in this class as well as other French classes at Huron.

5. Methods of Evaluation

Evaluation

Présence et participation active en classe : 10%

Tests de grammaire en classe : 40% (2x20%)

Test 1 : 12 octobre

Test 2 : 16 novembre

A short review/Soyez le journaliste : 20% (2X10%)

Short Review 1 (made in class on October 19th)

Short Review 2 (made in class November 23rd)

Travail Final/Take Home final: 30% (5% oral presentation, 25% for the essay)

Présentation du brouillon/rough draft presentation: 7 décembre

Take home exam: date to be determined according to the official exam schedule

Attendance and Active Participation: Active participation and attendance is required for this course. **5%**

Grammar Tests: There will be two 90 minute in-class tests per term. Tests will cover material studied in class and a review class will be held before each test. **2 tests = 40%**

Short Review/Soyez le journaliste : Students may pick any material seen in class and write their short review. Soyez le journaliste! **2 reviews = 20%.**

Travail final à la maison/Final take home exam : Length 1800 to 2000 words. Student will be able to select an article from a newspaper or a literary text studied in class for their essay. Students will have to present a draft and discuss it individually during the last class of the Fall term (December 7) in an oral presentation. The essay will feature some mandatory rules such as the use of certain tenses. A more detailed description will be provided on owl. **The Due date for the take home exam is to be determined according to the official exam schedule. 30% (5% for the oral presentation and the rough draft, 25% for the final paper).**

6. Tentative Class Schedule/ Syllabus

**SEMAINE (FALL TERM MONDAY (1H)
2021)**

WEDNESDAY (2H)

SEMAINE 1	12 Septembre : Présentation de la classe	14 septembre : La dictée de la Semaine. Podcast « Polar/Roman policier au féminin : <i>Ava et Marylin</i> ». Texte journal ou les nouvelles en français (vidéo).
SEMAINE 2	19 septembre : Les articles.	21 septembre : Podcast « Polar/Roman policier au féminin : <i>Ava et Marylin</i> ». Texte littéraire francophone.
SEAMINE 3	26 septembre: L’adjectif. Corrections. Wild Card.	28 septembre : La dictée de la Semaine. Podcast « Polar/Roman policier au féminin : <i>Ava et Marilyn</i> ». Texte journal ou les nouvelles en français (vidéo).
SEMAINE 4	3 octobre : Les Négations. Corrections. Révisions	5 octobre : Podcast « Polar/Roman policier au féminin : <i>Ava et Marylin</i> ». Texte littéraire francophone.
SEMAINE 5	10 octobre : Thanksgiving.	12 octobre : Test 1
SEMAINE 6	17 octobre : Les Temps de l’indicatif. Corrections. Wild Card.	19 octobre : Short Review 1
SEMAINE 7	26 octobre : Le Subjonctif. Corrections. Wild Card.	28 octobre: La dictée de la Semaine. Podcast

		« Polar/Roman policier au féminin : <i>Ava et Marilyn</i> ». Texte journal ou les nouvelles en français (vidéo).
SEMAINE 8	Fall Reading Week	Fall Reading Week
SEMAINE 9	7 novembre : Le conditionnel. Corrections. Wild Card.	9 novembre : La dictée de la semaine. Podcast « Polar/Roman policier au féminin : <i>Ava et Marilyn</i> ». Texte littéraire francophone.
SEMAINE 10	14 novembre : Révisions	16 novembre Test 2
SEMAINE 11	21 novembre : La forme passive. Corrections. Wild Card.	23 novembre : Short Review 2
SEMAINE 12	28 novembre : La forme pronominale. Corrections. Wild Card	30 novembre : La dictée de la Semaine. Podcast « Polar/Roman policier au féminin : <i>Ava et Marilyn</i> ». Texte journal ou les nouvelles en français (vidéo).
SEMAINE 13	5 décembre : Questions sur le travail final (Atelier/workshop).	7 décembre: Présentation du travail final (5%).
(DEADLINE TO BE CONFIRMED ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL EXAM SCHEDULE)	Travail à la maison/Take Home Exam. Fall Term (25%).	



Appendix to Course Outlines: Academic Policies & Regulations Fall/Winter 2022

Pandemic Contingency

Huron will continue to follow the guidance of public health and government officials. It is anticipated that there will be no further disruptions to in-person instruction. This is subject to change.

Student Code of Conduct

Membership in the community of Huron University College and Western University implies acceptance by every student of the principle of respect for the rights, responsibilities, dignity and well-being of others and a readiness to support an environment conducive to the intellectual and personal growth of all who study, work and live within it. Upon registration, students assume the responsibilities that such registration entails. While in the physical or online classroom, students are expected to behave in a manner that supports the learning environment of others. Please review the Student Code of Conduct at:

<https://huronatwestern.ca/sites/default/files/Res%20Life/Student%20Code%20of%20Conduct%20-%20Revised%20September%202019.pdf>.

Prerequisite and Antirequisite Information

Students are responsible for ensuring that they have successfully completed all course prerequisites and that they have not completed any course antirequisites. Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

Attendance Regulations for Examinations

A student is entitled to be examined in courses in which registration is maintained, subject to the following limitations:

- 1) A student may be debarred from writing the final examination for failure to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year.
- 2) Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course will be reported to the Dean of the Faculty offering the course (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the Department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean of that Faculty, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course. The Dean of the Faculty offering the course will communicate that decision to the Dean of the Faculty of registration.

Review the policy on Attendance Regulations for Examinations here: [Academic Calendar - Western University \(uwo.ca\)](#)

Statement on Academic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following website: [Academic Calendar - Western University \(uwo.ca\)](http://www.uwo.ca/academiccalendar/). The appeals process is also outlined in this policy as well as more generally at the following website:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/appealsundergrad.pdf.

Turnitin.com

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

Statement on Use of Electronic Devices

It is not appropriate to use electronic devices (such as, but not limited to, laptops, tablets, cell phones) in the classroom for non-classroom activities. Such activity is disruptive and distracting to other students and to the instructor, and can inhibit learning. Students are expected to respect the classroom environment and to refrain from inappropriate use of technology and other electronic devices in class.

Statement on Use of Personal Response Systems (“Clickers”)

Personal Response Systems (“clickers”) may be used in some classes. If clickers are to be used in a class, it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the device is activated and functional. Students must see their instructor if they have any concerns about whether the clicker is malfunctioning. Students must use only their own clicker. If clicker records are used to compute a portion of the course grade:

- the use of somebody else’s clicker in class constitutes a scholastic offence
- the possession of a clicker belonging to another student will be interpreted as an attempt to commit a scholastic offence.

Academic Consideration for Missed Work

All students pursuing academic consideration, regardless of type, must contact their instructors no less than 24 hours following the end of the period of absence to clarify how they will be expected to fulfill the academic responsibilities missed during their absence. **Students are reminded that they should consider carefully the implications of postponing tests or midterm exams or delaying submission of work, and are encouraged to make appropriate decisions based on their specific circumstances.**

Students who have conditions for which academic accommodation is appropriate, such as disabilities or ongoing or chronic health conditions, should work with Accessible Education Services to determine appropriate forms of accommodation. Further details concerning policies and procedures may be found at: <http://academicsupport.uwo.ca/>.

Policy on Academic Consideration for a Medical/ Non-Medical Absence

- (a) Consideration on **Medical Grounds** for assignments worth *less than 10%* of final grade:
Consult Instructor Directly and Contact Academic Advising

When seeking consideration on **medical grounds** for assignments worth *less than 10%* of the final course grade, the student should contact the instructor directly. The student need only share broad outlines of the medical situation. The instructor **may** require the student to submit documentation to the academic advisors, in which case she or he will advise the student and inform the academic advisors to expect documentation. If documentation is requested, the student will need to complete and submit the [Student Medical Certificate](#). The instructor may **not** collect medical documentation. The advisors will contact the instructor when the medical documentation is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the medical challenge as expressed on the Student Medical Certificate and in any other supporting documentation. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified of the presence of medical documentation, and will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation.

b) Medical Grounds for assignments worth 10% or more of final grade: Go Directly to Academic Advising

University Senate policy, which can be found at [Academic Calendar - Western University \(uwo.ca\)](#) requires that all student requests for accommodation on medical grounds for assignments worth 10% or more of the final grade be made directly to the academic advising office of the home faculty (for Huron students, the “home faculty” is Huron), with supporting documentation in the form (minimally) of the Senate-approved Student Medical Certificate found at:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf.

The documentation is submitted in confidence and will not be shown to instructors. The advisors will contact the instructor when the medical documentation is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the medical challenge as expressed on the Student Medical Certificate and in any other supporting documentation. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified of the presence of medical documentation, and will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation. The instructor will not normally deny accommodation where appropriate medical documentation is in place and where the duration it describes aligns with the due date(s) of assignment(s). Before denying a request for accommodation on medical grounds, the instructor will consult with the Dean. The instructor’s decision is appealable to the Dean.

c) Consideration on Non-Medical Grounds: Consult Huron Support Services/Academic Advising, or email huronsss@uwo.ca.

Students seeking academic consideration for a **non-medical** absence (e.g. varsity sports, religious, compassionate, or bereavement) will be required to provide appropriate documentation. All consideration requests must include a completed [Consideration Request Form](#). Late penalties may apply at the discretion of the instructor.

Please review the full policy on Academic Consideration for medical and non-medical absence at: [accommodation medical.pdf \(uwo.ca\)](#). Consult [Huron Academic Advising](#) at huronsss@uwo.ca for any further questions or information.

Support Services

For advice on course selections, degree requirements, and for assistance with requests for medical accommodation, students should email an Academic Advisor in Huron’s Student Support Services at

huronsss@uwo.ca. An outline of the range of services offered is found on the Huron website at: <https://huronatwestern.ca/student-life/student-services/>.

Department Chairs, Program Directors and Coordinators are also able to answer questions about individual programs. Contact information can be found on the Huron website at: <https://huronatwestern.ca/contact/faculty-staff-directory/>.

If you think that you are too far behind to catch up or that your workload is not manageable, you should consult your Academic Advisor. If you are considering reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses, this must be done by the appropriate deadlines. Please refer to the Advising website, <https://huronatwestern.ca/student-life/student-services/academic-advising/> or review the list of official Sessional Dates on the Academic Calendar, available here: <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm>.

You should consult with the course instructor and the Academic Advisor who can help you consider alternatives to dropping one or more courses. Note that dropping a course may affect OSAP and/or Scholarship/Bursary eligibility.

Huron Student Support Services: <https://huronatwestern.ca/student-life/student-services/> Office of the Registrar: <https://registrar.uwo.ca/>
Student Quick Reference Guide: <https://huronatwestern.ca/student-life/student-services/#1> Academic Support & Engagement: <http://academicsupport.uwo.ca/>
Huron University College Student Council: <https://huronatwestern.ca/student-life/beyond-classroom/hucsc/>
Western USC: <http://westernusc.ca/your-services/#studentservices>

Wellness and Health Supports at Huron and Western

University students may encounter setbacks from time to time that can impact academic performance. Huron offers a variety of services that are here to support your success and wellbeing. All Huron staff and faculty have received training on responding to disclosures of Gender-Based Sexual Violence (GBSV); students should know that the Community Safety Office is a resource for survivors, providing support and, if desired, guidance while referring them to the further supports that they may require. Please visit <https://huronatwestern.ca/student-life-campus/student-services/wellness-safety> for more information or contact staff directly:

Wellness Services:

huronwellness@huron.uwo.ca Community

Safety Office: safety@huron.uwo.ca

Additional supports for Health and Wellness may be found and accessed at Western through, <https://www.uwo.ca/health/>.

Western Calendar - Policy Pages -

[Academic Calendar - Western University \(uwo.ca\)](#)